

PART's Perspective:

Call for a Moratorium Against Genocide & Apartheid

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During the era of the US war on Vietnam, the peace, antiwar and internationalist solidarity movements in the US and globally came with a wide diversity of tactics and actions that persisted, grew and intensified in tandem with the US escalation of that war through successive Democratic and Republican administrations. Resistance spread to all quarters of society, reflected in the leading role of revolutionary-minded movements from Black, Chicano/Mexicano, Indigenous, Asian Pacific Islander, Puerto Rican and other anti-colonial liberation movements. An understanding that Vietnam was fighting not just for its own liberation but for all of us as the leading edge of struggle against the empire was also widespread through high schools and colleges, in rank and file labor organizing and within faith-based communities. It manifested itself within the ranks of the US military as well.

One manifestation within the US of that ferment that was of global proportions was the Moratorium, an effort to develop a consciously escalating “No Business As Usual” manifestation of resistance and unrest that would grow and intensify around the demand to end the war and withdraw the US occupation troops. The concept was that it would grow from month to month as a kind of strike action on campuses, in work places, and in the streets. It grew in part out of sense of frustration with marches and peaceful rallies that had no apparent impact on policy-makers or the actions of the US government or complicitous corporations or campuses (apart from an increase in repression).

It never quite fulfilled its potential at the time but did provide a framework that stimulated and coordinated a host of grassroots actions around the country. I was part of a working class organizing collective in Hayward CA, an industrial suburb south of Oakland, that carried out plant gate leafleting and labor-focused anti-war organizing and outreach efforts at various factories in the area, for example, as well as high school organizing and work at Cal State Hayward.

The time is at hand for an international Moratorium effort against US-backed and financed Israeli genocidal war crimes against Gaza and Palestinians, demanding an immediate unconditional and permanent Israeli cease fire and withdrawal, and reciprocal release of all prisoners held by Israel and the Palestinian resistance forces.

National liberation in Palestine is an Indispensable Step Towards Degrowth

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We write these words from the student encampment for the liberation of Palestine at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. On Thursday, May 30th, the legislative body of the administration approved an academic boycott of Israel. This milestone is just the next step in a broader campaign to sanction Israel for the never-ending Nakba it inflicts on the Palestinian people.

Whatever the long-term solution for peace and justice in historic Palestine, the Palestinian demand for national liberation is one that the degrowth movement must amplify. Indeed, in Palestine and beyond, political sovereignty is a necessary condition for the economic transformation which degrowth requires.

Since October 7th, the attention of many of our activists has shifted away from discussions of social-ecological transformation to focus on halting the ongoing genocide. This is as it should be, as the data suggest that the scale of suffering is unlike anything the world has witnessed this century. Proponents of degrowth should not see the struggle for Palestinian liberation as a distraction, however, but rather integral to achieving a just and sustainable future for all.

The ecocide that accompanies imposed starvation and violence in Gaza and the West Bank is well documented, as is the ecological cost of the Israeli military. Nonetheless, Palestine should remain at the forefront of concerns within degrowth [not only] because of its immediate ecological toll, but rather, as we will illustrate, because the Palestinian question represents the sharpest contradiction within the existing capitalist world order.

The last eight months have shown that we do not live in a liberal rules-based international order. Instead, we inhabit a biosphere driven towards collapse by capitalist imperialism. Nowhere is the brutality of our global economic system and the moral depravity of its backers – chief among them the United States – as clear as in the existing settler-colonial occupation and destruction of Palestine and its people. To understand why Palestinian resistance represents the sharp edge of anti-colonial struggle today, we must first clarify why the region holds such importance for the United States and its allies.

The colonization of Palestine is inextricable from the history of Zionism. This ideology is often associated with intellectuals such as Theodor Herzl, who argued in favor of the establishment



The Vietnam Moratorium was a global anti-imperialist, antiwar effort; we need its like for Palestine today. No to genocide, apartheid, colonialism and imperialism! Pictured above, Melbourne.

Campus occupations and other actions have exposed and undermined US complicity and political support, and contributed to the election withdrawal of Joe Biden, just as anti-war organizing contributed to the similar decision by Lyndon Johnson not to seek re-election. But this has not brought an end to the killing or to Israeli efforts to widen and intensify the fighting throughout the region, augmented by US and UK attacks on Yemen, or the prospects of the war spreading to Lebanon and Iran.

FREE, FREE PALESTINE! FREE US ALL!

Anti-war and international solidarity forces need to continue to deepen, strengthen and sharpen our resistance and increase the political and material costs of the Israeli and US/NATO war crimes until the dynamic of our resistance becomes the over-riding complement to the Palestinians' own resistance.

Such a moratorium can incorporate a renewed and broadened Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement that demands that religious institutions and denominations, labor unions, corporations, universities, and financial institutions including public employees

of a Jewish state in Palestine. While the spread of Zionist ideas was fuelled by widespread European anti-Semitism, the project has been controversial, even among the Jewish community, since the nineteenth century.

Some of the earliest proponents of Zionism in the first half of the 19th century were non-Jewish British imperialists who sought the creation of a Zionist entity in what was then the Ottoman Empire. Britain would go on to become Zionism's primary sponsor in the 20th century until the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

In *Dying to Forget: Oil, Power, Palestine and the Foundations of U.S. Policy in the Middle East*, Irene Gendzier recounts what led the US to take over from the British. By 1948, the decisive argument against supporting the rights of Palestinians was that their victory would embolden Arab self-determination in the rapidly decolonizing region, whereas crushing any hope of national liberation would open up new markets for Western companies.

Through this process, Israel became the most important outpost of the US empire in the Middle East. As Joe Biden famously declared as far back as 1986: “There is no apology to be made for Israel. None! Israel is the best 3-billion-dollar investment we make. Were there not an Israel, the United States of America would have to invent an Israel to protect our interests in the region.” The global empire that Biden now leads has interests of its own in the territory of historic Palestine.

The Middle East is not the world's most war-torn region because of the power of the Israel lobby in the US, nor because of any ancient hatreds that occupy the imaginaries of today's orientalist, but because of its centrality to polarized capital accumulation on a global scale. The region's economy is largely structured around oil.

By using Israel as an effective military base over the last 70+ years, the US ensures fossil capital accumulation – denominated in US dollars and often reinvested in the US economy, particularly in its military-industrial complex. The geopolitical importance of the Middle East is reflected in US determination to maintain, at devastating human cost, its control in the region – through military bases in Iraq and Syria, through Israel, and through its other allies from Egypt to the Persian Gulf. The Abraham Accords normalizing relations between these countries are just the latest step in a cold peace designed to stabilize polarized capital accumulation. Yet the events that began on October 7th have brought a hard stop to this process of normalization while re-centering the struggle for Palestinian liberation.

retirement systems as well as mutual funds bring their economic weight to bear on ending the unjust, genocidal attacks on the Palestinians and uphold their national rights by ending Israeli apartheid.

The protests about to happen at the Democratic Convention in Chicago can be the launching pad for an escalating series of Moratorium actions that will grow month by month, day by day, overwhelming the repression, the false charges of antisemitism, and the obstinate refusal of the Israelis and their US and European imperialist backers and enablers to stop their war crimes. The solidarity expressed with Palestine in every corner of the globe by other anti-colonial and anti-capitalist movements in the global South must be matched by a similar resistance within the bellies of the various beasts.

When monthly, weekly, daily protests in dozens of Western capitals, at workplaces as well as campuses, begin to match the size and consciousness of the rallies of a million-plus Yemenis who protest in solidarity with Palestine, it will shake the edifice of Western imperialism and settler colonialism to the rafters.

Palestine is the spearpoint of anti-imperialist struggle in the world and demands no less of us.

Since October 7th, Israel has failed on its own terms to defeat the guerrilla fighters of the Palestinian resistance movement — the coalition between Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and others. In addition, it has laid bare the violence inherent in its colonial project for the world to see.

The aforementioned groups may or may not embody the values that degrowth espouses. But our movement should think back to the closing ceremony of last year's Beyond Growth conference in Brussels, during which Anuna De Wever reminded us that “there is no degrowth without decoloniality.”

We know that decolonization is not a metaphor. As such, we do not have the right to dictate to the Palestinian people what form their struggle should take. This stance does not mean that we must condone every single action taken in the name of Palestinian resistance; indeed, we mourn the suffering of every civilian in this century-old conflict. Nonetheless, if degrowth is to be anti-colonial, it owes its solidarity to the Palestinian fight for national liberation.

Why national liberation? First and foremost, this demand is core to the Palestinian fight for self-determination. The focus is no coincidence, however, because fulfilling the needs of the local population – in Palestine and beyond – requires sovereign control over national economies.

Imperialism cannot tolerate this level of autonomy, and Western powers have repeatedly foiled it. Neo-colonial arrangements ensure the appropriation of labor, resources, and energy from the Global South. Achieving developmental convergence between North and South, not to mention the large-scale planning necessary for social-ecological transformation on a global scale, requires an end to this exploitative relationship. In Palestine, the nature of national liberation is complicated by the pluri-ethnic composition of society, but the importance of a break with colonialism remains.

Fred Moten has described the ongoing Israeli settler-colonial project as a “dam against the motion of history.” We feel that this metaphor captures the centrality of Israel to imperial violence the world over. Since its creation, Israel has supported rightwing groups everywhere, from the Contras in Nicaragua and Pinochet in Chile, to Mobutu in the present-day Democratic Republic of Congo. Israel also tests its repressive technologies in the Palestine Laboratory and exports them to neo-fascist regimes.

Israeli officials regularly lean into discourse that frames the Israeli project as an outpost of Western civilization in a barbaric region. It's Israel & the West who are truly barbaric.

Free Kanaky, Free Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa

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Te Pāti Māori stand with the people of Kanaky who are fighting for their independence and their lives against oppressive French occupation.

The colonisation of the Pacific relies on the manufactured disconnection of Aotearoa from our Pasifika whanaunga. The moana does not separate us, it connects us.

Just as our whakapapa is entwined with the Kanak people so is our Mana Motuhake.

Colonisation and genocide is happening in the Pacific right now.

Aotearoa will not have freedom until Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa is free. Free Kanaky. Free Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa.

Calling for a Free Kanaky

by Tina Ngata

The deadly violence that erupted in Kanaky-New Caledonia a few weeks ago has its roots in colonialism and the recent actions of the French government, writes Tina Ngata, who argues that we should be standing in solidarity with Kanaks against colonialism in the Pacific.

I first learned about our ancient connection to Kanaky (New Caledonia) when I discovered that it was the home of Lapita pottery. These patterned shards that date back to nearly 2000 BC are some of our region's oldest material culture — they're a physical reminder of our ancestral presence in Te Moananui a Kiwa, the Pacific Ocean.

Lapita is also a crucial part of the whakapapa of our own visual arts here in Aotearoa, which evolved as our voyaging tūpuna moved out across Te Moananui a Kiwa. And, of course, Kanaky is a part of our Moana region, and where much of our renewed ocean voyaging science and skill derives.

It's through learning this history that I came to evolve my own understanding of what it is to be a part of an Indigenous collective of Moana peoples: That we could be Indigenous not only to land, but to waters, and that the concept of "here" could exist in multiple spaces at one time. Here can be the land you're standing on, the island you're on, and also the waters that surround you and connect you to other lands and distant Moana relations.

Before that, all I'd heard about Kanaky was that there was political unrest in the 1980s, and that it was the home of "Club Med". I guess that's a testament to how readily we accept the contradictions of a tourist resort in the middle of the Pacific Ocean named after a sea on the other side of the planet. Being the age I was at the time, I didn't connect how these two factors were bound by the cord of colonialism.

It's through these two contexts — our ancient Moana ties and our common experience of colonialism — that the Māori and Kanak struggles have come together and stood in solidarity with one another over the years.

So we have longstanding relationships with our Kanak relations, and since the conflict broke out in Kanaky in May, some of us in Aotearoa have been provided with first-hand accounts from inside Kanaky, about exactly what was happening on the ground — even as the French government attempted to control the narrative. The reports are grim, and include killings by settler militia, unarmed Kanaks being shot at while fleeing for safety, police brutality, and the throwing of Kanak bodies into the ocean.

To understand the background to this conflict, we must start, of course, by looking back to its colonial underpinnings.

Kanaky was illegally annexed under Napoleon rule in 1853, and used by France as a penal colony. Even in these early stages, convicts were persuaded by French authorities to remain in Kanaky to support the colonisation process. From that point forward, French settlers have dispossessed Kanak peoples of their lands and usurped their political authority. Kanaks are now just 41 percent of the population. Like everywhere European colonialism has been imposed, it has resulted in an Indigenous population that is oppressed in every social and economic context imaginable.

France is a signatory to the 1960 United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which is, comparatively, a rather brief document. There are only a handful of articles, which can be summarised as:

The subjection of peoples to colonialism is a denial of fundamental human rights and contrary to the Charter of the United Nations.

All peoples have the right to self-determination.

Inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never delay independence.

All armed action against colonised peoples should cease.

Immediate steps shall be taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of colonised territories.

Compared to more recent declarations such as the Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, it's very simple. The preamble, which is longer than the articles, includes this statement from the final two paragraphs:

Convinced that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory

... [The General Assembly] solemnly proclaims the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

But, despite these commitments, France has continued to exercise colonial domination.

Global movements for social justice and liberation across



the 1960s, '70s and early '80s were reflected by Kanaks who collaborated with broader pan-Pacific movements (like the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement) against European colonialism and militarism.

A legacy of this relationship rests with our now famous resistance anthem "Ngā Iwi E", which was originally a Kanak song adapted by Hirini Melbourne, Mereana Pitman, the Topp Twins and others, in preparation for the 1984 Festival of Arts in Kanaky.

And throughout these decades and into the 2000s, Kanak Liberationist Susanna Ounei united the anti-colonial causes of Free Kanaky, Free West Papua, Free Palestine and Mana Motuhake Māori.

The French commitment to militarism in the Pacific was clearly evidenced in their infamous bombing of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior, which had been supporting the nuclear free Pacific movement against French militarism and weapons testing in our Moana region.

By the time New Caledonia was re-scheduled for decolonisation in 1986, under the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, Kanaks were fed up with French double-talk.

The Kanak uprising of the 1980s, like the recent uprising, occurred within a context of France stating its commitment to decolonise under the 1960 UN declaration, while stating elsewhere their clear intention to retain Kanaky within the republic. As always, France's actions speak more loudly of its true intentions: it has continued to shore up a settler population hostile to Kanak independence by deploying military forces in Kanaky and financially incentivising French nationalists to move there.

Unsurprisingly, after decades of such practices, there now exists a violent and armed French nationalist settler militia, responsible for much of the killing in Kanaky these past weeks.

It's important to note that the right to self-determination is declared as an inalienable right — not only in those provisions in the 1960 declaration that France signed up to, but also in multiple other human rights documents. The UN doesn't play with their words; a single word can take up days of debate there. "Inalienable" is an important word here, because it means it can't be denied even by referendum.

I don't point all of this out to diminish the work done by Kanak communities to secure the pro-independence vote, but to emphasise how incredibly generous the Kanaks were already being within the Noumea Accord, which was signed in 1998 after a significant period of Kanak resistance to French colonialism.

Under the Accord, the French republic promised to grant increased political power to Kanaky and the Kanak people over a 20-year transition period.

Sadly, Kanak generosity being repaid by French abuse is the recurring theme of this history, and French attempts to undermine the very generous Noumea Accord have been repeatedly exposed and criticised.

This includes the release of the French president Emmanuel Macron's Indo-Pacific Strategy which outlines the persisting economic and military ambitions of France in the Pacific; Macron's own statements that he intends to unilaterally ditch and replace the Noumea Accord; and the unilateral decision to pull forward a referendum during the Covid pandemic, in conflict with Kanak protocols for their dead.

Most brazenly, and at the root of the recent unrest, the French government has moved to push through legislation which would "unfreeze" immigration protections under the Noumea Accord, granting voting rights to some 25,000 new settlers, largely white French people, many of whom are far-right nationalists who will never support Kanak independence.

After months of peaceful Kanak resistance to the move, and repeated warnings to the French government that continuing with the bill would lead to widespread civil unrest (all ignored), the predictable, and completely preventable, occurred. Kanak youth are, as Kanak activist Jessie Ounei observed, simply fed up with the lies, inaction, and betrayal. Since last year, Kanak leaders have declared France unfit to engage with in the absence of independent oversight.

It's infuriating, to say the least, to see the French Ambassador to the Pacific make repeated statements that brazenly ignore the misconduct of France under both the UN declaration and the Noumea Accord; that ignore the peaceful, diplomatic and dignified political means by which Kanak have already tried to resolve these issues; and that invisibilise the extreme violence visited largely upon Kanak peoples in the past weeks.

At the same time, it's so very recognisable to those of us engaged in anti-colonial work. It mirrors the colonial audacity of Israel before the world now, and the language and actions of all colonial governments around the world — the New Zealand

government included.

When footage surfaced earlier this week showing French security forces kicking an unarmed and restrained Kanak youth in the head, it followed a pattern that we've seen in Standing Rock and Ihumātao, where the state tries to control the narrative, demonising the innocent as a precursor to carrying out state violence. Even after lifting the state of emergency, further footage surfaced of Kanak youth being shot at from helicopters.

Macron's fleeting 18-hour visit to Kanaky did very little to quell Kanak concerns, and after saying that the voting change "won't be pushed through with force today in the current context", he had barely landed back in France before making clear statements that he still intends to do so, and could also trigger a referendum, in France, to decide the way forward for Kanaky.

All of this amounts to simply more of the French double-talk that created the tension in the first place, which means that an end to the crisis is not likely in the near future.

It shouldn't surprise us that the New Zealand response has largely centred on evacuating tourists, rather than making it clear to France that, as Kanaky's closest neighbour, and as a nation with deep historical ties to the issue of French colonialism in the Pacific, we expect France to protect the interests of peace in our region. Particularly by honouring its commitments under both the 1960 UN declaration on decolonisation and the Noumea Accord. That's the kind of diplomacy we would've expected from a foreign affairs minister under a Tiriti-centred government.

Whatever the New Zealand response is, we can be assured that Kanak people will never stop reaching for justice on their own lands.

In many ways, the Kanak resistance is highlighting the regional tensions arising out of the military and economic rivalry in the Pacific between China and the US. These tensions exist not only in Kanaky, but also in Guahan, Okinawa, Hawai'i, Tahiti, and, yes, here in Aotearoa as well.

The strategic geopolitical importance of Kanaky to the global colonial project cannot be overstated here; it is very much connected to the broader concerns for Indigenous existence and planetary wellbeing.

AUKUS will build on numerous other military relationships between Australia, the UK and US (and often Canada as well) — an alliance referred to as the Core Anglosphere, forged in the interests of preserving colonialism, and maintained through military agreements.

If that term sounds familiar, it's because Christopher Luxon and Winston Peters have made repeated references to returning to our "traditional partners", which are not the Moana relationships we've held for over 3000 years but the colonial relationships we've had for 180.

Militarism across the Pacific — with its associated issues of war games and weapons testing (for example, RIMPAC), toxic weapons-waste dumping, nuclear waste dumping, increased sexual assaults and human trafficking, increased strategic risk, hyper-surveillance and armed oppression — has been roundly condemned by Pacific communities for generations.

So, too, economic exploitation. Kanaky is one of the world's leading producers of nickel, a metal with increasing value for its importance in e-batteries. It also has a flourishing maritime economy that includes seabed mining, maritime transport and industrial fishing. The incomes from these flow back into the larger French economy as well as Kanaky — but even the money that remains in the country does not flow to Kanak households.

It's just all so recognisable to Indigenous eyes. Once again, it is Indigenous rights, as Sina Brown-Davis puts it, that are the roadblock to militarism and exploitation in the Pacific.

Once again, Indigenous peoples are all that stand between violent, rapacious colonial greed and Papatūānuku. Once again, we see the audacity and complete lack of integrity by European colonisers. Over and over again, we see the tired colonial tactics of attempting to control the narrative, making invisible its own criminality, and abusing its privilege to evade accountability.

We don't just stand in solidarity with our Kanak relations. We stand in awe of them.

May their courage ignite the flame in all of us to reach for justice no matter the size of the bully in front of you. May we all stand up to colonialism, and stand firmly in the way of militarism. May we all say enough is enough to the colonial fictions that continue to be spewed at us.

And may we all call for a Free Kanaky.

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HANDS OFF UHURU! FIGHTBACK COALITION STANDS WITH PALESTINE: COLONIALISM MUST GO! ALL OUT FOR FREEDOM SUMMER - DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST THE UHURU THREE!

Hands Off Uhuru! Fightback Coalition stands in deep unity with the Palestinian people's historic anti-colonial counteroffensive against the U.S.-backed, colonial-settler state of Israel.

The African, Indigenous, Mexican, Filipino, Cuban, Venezuelan and other oppressed peoples of the world stand together with Palestine in a united front against colonialism, our common enemy.

Our unity with Palestine goes beyond well-wishing. We recognize that their struggle and ours are interwoven in our shared global anti-colonial project to overturn the parasitic, bloodsucking colonial mode of production, built on the stolen labor and lives of enslaved Africans and on the stolen land and genocide committed against the Indigenous people.

From St. Louis, Missouri to Gaza, it is clear: A new day in history has arrived. The colonial world order built on our suffering and exploitation is coming to an end. Evidence of this new era of anti-colonial resistance is exploding throughout the world, in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Palestine, and in African, Mexican and Indigenous communities throughout the U.S.

The colonial powers know the oppressed peoples are breaking free of their stranglehold. On July 29, 2022 they deployed hundreds of militarized FBI forces on seven homes and offices of the African People's Socialist Party and Uhuru Movement including its founder and leader Chairman Omali Yeshitela, sparking the formation of the Hands Off Uhuru! Fightback Coalition.

These raids and the subsequent indictment of Chairman Omali and the rest of the Uhuru 3 on bogus charges revealed not the strength of imperialist white power, but its weakness and decline in the face of a rapidly changing world, of which Gaza is another shining example.

We denounce all of the brutal, desperate acts by the global counterinsurgency to try to stop the forward motion of human progress. This includes Israel's ongoing barbaric, genocidal slaughter of the Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli military has launched over 1000 air strikes in the past three days killing over 900 Palestinians and obliterating mosques, hospitals and other health facilities, medical teams, and ambulances.

Palestinian bloodshed, extracted brutally by Zionist thugs, is what birthed the state of Israel. Israel was formally established in 1948 as the culmination of a genocidal process known as the "Nakba," in which Zionist terrorists slaughtered Palestinians, burned their villages and expelled nearly a million of them from their homeland. In 1967 Israel expanded its occupation of Arab land to include Gaza, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Golan Heights.

The founding of Israel on Palestinian land was the initiation of a constant, unending state of warfare against the Palestinian people for the past 75 years. Over 200 Palestinians were killed by Israel in the past year alone. Thousands of Palestinians are locked down in Israeli prisons where they are starved and tortured.

Israel has announced a "complete siege" of Gaza, cutting off all access to electricity, food, water and fuel in the densely populated open air prison where 2.1 million Palestinians, more than half of them children, have been suffering under an enhanced vicious blockade for the past 16 years.

We reject the U.S. ruling class media's slanderous designation of the Palestinian people's resistance organizations as "terrorists." The Palestinian people have the right to resist! While the U.S. media claims that Hamas waged an "unprovoked attack" on Israel, the truth is that the mere existence of Israel itself is a provocation against the Palestinians.

Throughout its more than 50 years of existence the African People's Socialist Party has united firmly with the Palestinian people. Chairman Omali Yeshitela has consistently stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the Palestinians in their just and righteous struggle for national liberation.

This stand by the APSP represents the continuum of anti-colonial unity demonstrated by the Black Liberation Movement historically, as embodied by the great Malcolm X who visited the Gaza Strip in 1964, just one year before he was assassinated by the FBI and U.S. government.

As Chairman Omali has stated, what is known as "Israel" is in fact a white nationalist, illegitimate,



colonial-settler state built on pillage, land theft, and genocide—no different from the colonial-settler states of the U.S., Canada, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand.

Israel receives more U.S. funding for weapons than all other countries combined. Israel operates as a military outpost of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East, facilitating access to resources and serving as a tool for U.S. colonial policy in the Arab world and in Africa.

The courage of the Palestinian people to stand up and fight back is an inspiration to colonized peoples everywhere. As this statement is being written the U.S. is sending more ships, aircrafts and munitions to the Israeli military, but no amount of bombs will succeed in annihilating the will of the Palestinian and oppressed and colonized peoples of the world to fight and win our liberation and independence.

Hands Off Uhuru! Fightback Coalition calls for freedom-loving people in the U.S. and around the world to join in the emergence of the anti-colonial free speech movement and uphold the leadership and demands by Africans, Indigenous people, Palestinians and all who fight and resist colonial oppression.

Drop the charges against the Uhuru 3, Chairman Omali Yeshitela and Uhuru solidarity leaders Penny Hess and Jesse Nevel, who face bogus "foreign agents" charges for fighting against genocide of African people and for reparations.

We demand the release of all political prisoners including Mumia Abu Jamal, Leonard Peltier, and the Holy Land Five, the Palestinian men imprisoned by the U.S. on false charges of "material support for terrorism."

Beneath The Mountain: An Anti-Prison Reader

edited by Mumia Abu-Jamal & Jennifer Black (City Lights 2024) from \$20.00

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Beneath The Mountain: An Anti-Prison Reader (City Lights, 2024) is a collection of revolutionary essays, written by those who have been detained inside prison walls. Composed by the most structurally dispossessed people on earth, the prisoner class, these words illuminate the steps towards freedom.

Beneath the Mountain documents the struggle — beginning with slavery, genocide, and colonization up to our present day — and imagines a collective, anti-carceral future. These essays were handwritten first on scraps of paper, magazine covers, envelopes, toilet paper, or pages of bibles, scratched down with contraband pencils or the stubby cartridge of a ball-point pen; kites, careworn, copied and shared across tiers and now preserved in this collection for this and future generations. If they were dropped in the prison-controlled mail they were cloaked in prayers, navigating censorship and dustbins. They were very often smuggled out. These words mark resistance, fierce clarity, and speak to the hope of building the world we all deserve to live in.

"*Beneath the Mountain* reminds us that ancestors and rebels have resisted conquest and enslavement, building marronage against colonialism and genocide."

—Joy James, author of *New Bones Abolition: Captive Maternal Agency*

"Who stands beneath the mountain but prisoners of war? Mumia Abu-Jamal and Jennifer Black have assembled a book of fire, each voice a flame in captivity... Whether writing from a place of fugitivity, the prison camp, the city jail, the modern gulag or death row,

All out to the Freedom Summer RALLY "Not One Step Backwards" - August 31st, St. Pete, FL and to the Uhuru 3 Trial - September 3rd, Tampa, FL - Put the State on Trial!

The 2024 Freedom Summer project includes critical events and peoples' mobilizations building up to the bogus September trial of Chairman Omali Yeshitela along with African People's Solidarity Committee Chair Penny Hess and Uhuru Solidarity Movement Chair, Jesse Nevel, two white people organized under the leadership of African People's Socialist Party.

Every day the Uhuru Movement is mobilizing the community and bringing forces into St. Petersburg from around the country for a Freedom Summer of full-out activity, including door-to-door organizing, political rallies and Sunday mass meetings and mass political education sessions. In the style of the 1960s Freedom Summer movement, we will also be organizing mass transportation to and from the Sept. 3rd trial and other direct community work that includes phone banking and street-corner meetings.

With Freedom Summer we will do everything necessary to bring our people and others back into active political life in defense of our rights to organize and speak out for the freedom of speech to advocate and organize for our total liberation from colonialism, based on the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. Like SNCC during the Freedom Summer in 1964 we will fight for the right to participate in elections to advance our legitimate struggle.

<https://handsoffuhuru.org/>

**Hands Off Uhuru! Hands Off Africa!
Free, Free Palestine! Colonialism Must Go!**



these are our revolutionary thinkers, our critics and dreamers, our people. The people who move mountains." —Robin D.G. Kelley, author of *Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination*

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the opportunity to encounter people's understanding of the fight for freedom from the inside out." —Ruth Wilson Gilmore, author of *Golden Gulag* and *Abolition Geography*

These are the words each writer dreamed as they sought freedom and they need to be studied by people inside and read in every control unit/hole in every prison in America. We can send this book for you to anyone who you know in prison currently living, struggling, and fighting. "Who better to tell these stories than those who have lived them?"

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Running Down the Walls - September 15

LA-ABCF is Running Down the Walls again! This September 15th, the Political Prisoner support community will come together to Run Down the Walls! - marking the 25th anniversary of this event.

The Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross will host a 5K Run/Walk/Jog around the Echo Park Lake. This Run is designed to raise much-needed funds for the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's Warchest program; we are attempting to reach the goal of \$5,000.

You are, invited to come out and show your support for our political prisoner comrades. Come to hang out or get some exercise, either way your presence is welcomed. The contributions to the struggle given by PP/POWs imprisoned for their pursuit of liberation is an important reminder to the next generation of freedom fighters who will be pounding the pavement in solidarity with us all.

WHEN & WHERE :

Sunday, September 15th, 2024 at 10:00am
At Echo Park Lake,
(751 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026)

•Be a participant: As people participate in the run, we ask that people post videos and photos on their social media, using the hashtags #RDTW, #RunningDowntheWalls, #FreeAllPoliticalPrisoners.

• Sponsor a participant: This can be done through a flat donation to the runner/walker/jogger of your choice.

• Sponsor Running Down the Walls: Any amount helps. Contact la[at]abcf.net if you wish to simply donate money. Organizations can donate and be added to the list of sponsor organizations on the website and fliers/posters.

• Donate to the Warchest: If you can't make it to this event but would still like to participate, you can donate here: <https://fundrazr.com/RDTW2024ABCF>

Other ways to donate:
Check or money order: made out to Tim Fasnacht and send to Tim Fasnacht, P.O. Box 8682, Lancaster, PA 17604.

CashApp: \$timabcf

PayPal: www.paypal.me/abcfwarchest (or send your donation to timABCF@aol.com)

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ABCF Warchest:
The ABCF Warchest program was created in November of 1994. Its purpose is to send monthly financial support to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POWs).

The Warchest funds are divided and distributed through monthly stipends to political prisoners who receive little or no financial aid. Prisoners use this money to cover the basic necessities of everyday living. These funds have been used by prisoners to pay for stamps, shoes, clothes, as well as assisting their families with what little they can.

Every year we get runners who are unfamiliar with Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, and the movements they came from. We read statements of solidarity from PP/POWs before each run begins because we want people to run with PP/POW's issues on their minds.

Solidarity Runs will take place in New York NY, Lowell MA, Chicago IL, Philadelphia PA, Portland OR, Eugene OR and by the time you read this we will hopefully have added a few more. The solidarity runs will hit the pavement, dirt roads, grassy paths, or whatever trails will lead us to the 5K marker with a unified goal of supporting our comrades behind enemy lines. The money raised will go to the ABCF Warchest program. For more information, check out <https://abcf.net>.

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Crisis and Opportunity at Pacifica Radio

by a KPFFK volunteer

There's a lot going on this month at KPFFK and Pacifica radio. The non-profit Foundation, which holds the licenses for non-commercial educational radio stations in five of the largest metro areas in the US, including KPFFK here in Southern California, is in severe financial distress as the media landscape has changed, and audiences and memberships have aged and decreased in number. Factional elements that have been stymied in an effort to remake the Foundation and to centralize and control the programming and management so as to dovetail more closely with Democratic Party goals and policies, to the exclusion of more radical, grassroots voices, have been withholding funding.

The Pacifica National Board plan to reduce some debt and raise funds for modernization and promotion efforts has hit a roadblock, as the proposed sale of the building in Studio City that houses KPFFK, the national office and the Pacifica Radio Archives unit is being held up by liens on the property that have been difficult to clear, repeatedly delaying the close of escrow and the payment of funds.

As a result, KPFFK has had to incur expenses for the move, including the rental of space and the construction of an entirely new broadcast facility in the rented space. The station's recent ability to operate in the black by reducing expenses has been set back by the costs of the move and the need to pay rent.

Meanwhile, the staff of the Pacifica Radio Archives, a separate business unit of the Foundation, have all been laid off. At sister station WBAI in New York, the General Manager and Program Director were placed on administrative leave and replaced by unpaid interims. (KPFFK has had an unpaid General Manager and Program Director for almost two years, and has trimmed its payroll dramatically, not filling positions as they have come open through retirement, resignation or death.)

Simultaneously, the Foundation is in the midst of elections for delegates of the listener and staff members at all five stations. Each station's members elect 9 listener delegates and 3 staff delegates (from the two separate constituencies) to serve on the station and foundation governance bodies.

Starting August 19 at 5 AM, KPFFK will be offering

special coverage of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago IL, and of related protests and community organizing efforts. Amy Goodman and Democracy Now! will air an extra hour live at 5:00 AM Monday-Friday, along with its different regular hour at 8:00 AM.

In the evening, Pacifica is offering and KPFFK will carry an additional two hours of coverage from the floor, behind the scenes, and from the streets and communities in Chicago, as national demonstrations are planned by the Poor Peoples Army and other groups and coalitions. That coverage will run Aug. 19-22, Mon-Thursday, from 5-7 PM.

The last week of the month of August (which is also being commemorated by the station as "Black August," with special coverage of Black community resistance and resilience), will feature a celebration of the 50th anniversary of IMRU, the longest-running LGBTQIA+ radio program in the country and probably the world, with three nights of special programming, Mon-Wed 09/26-28/2024, from 7-8 PM.

Grassroots Community Radio Coalition Endorsements for KPFFK Listener and Staff Delegate on the LSB

Listener Candidates

Jack Neff
Marisol Bielma
Gina DeBaca
JJack Artz
Roberto Diaz
Paul Pereira
Denis P. Recendez
Todd Williams
Bella De Soto - disqualified by the National Election Supervisor due to suspension by PNB
Diana Parmeter
Sasha Karlik
Ahjamu Makalani
Ian Johnston

Staff Candidates

Ninel Centeno
Brenda Martinez
Jeanine Rohn

All this will take place during the station's late summer on-air membership and fundraising drive. You can donate and become a sustaining member with a regular monthly subscription to the station online at <https://kpfk.org>, click on donate, or on the front page banner for the on-air drive, or call 818-985-5735 (K-P-F-K).

As outlined above, this is a critical moment for the station and foundation to cover a budgetary shortfall because of the expenses of the move. The world would be a poorer and more dangerous place if KPFFK were to fall or be turned into a repeater station with exclusively syndicated content and nothing produced locally. If you have ever considered donating to the station, now is the time to do it. They are also seeking volunteers to work on social media promotion and outreach, program evaluation, and other tasks. There are links on the website to a listener survey and a volunteer application form.

These are candidates who, in our estimation, support a community orientation, non-partisan political independence, a commitment to peace and to racial, social, economic and environmental justice, and to the preservation of KPFFK and Pacifica as democratic media institutions capable of providing a platform for diverse radical voices of labor and Black, Indigenous and people of color community solutions that the corporate media suppress. They do not constitute a "slate" or collective body, and may not agree with each other or support each other.

Learn more about these and other candidates at the other Pacifica stations at a national Zoom town hall sponsored by Pacifica Fightback for Democracy and Accountability on August 24, featuring Penny Hess of the Uhuru 3 (see article on p. 3).
Aug 24, 2024 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/98512345678>
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email

100X100 Campaign to Increase Publication Frequency of Turning the Tide

Over its 35+ year publishing history, *TTT* has been published in magazine format, as a 24-page tabloid, and from time to time on a bi-monthly basis, six issues a year. For the last few years, economic necessity has dictated that we guarantee four 8-page issues a year. To restore bi-monthly publication, we launched a fund-raising campaign we've dubbed "100X100."

We are still looking for one hundred people who will donate \$100 a year, or \$10/mo, to make it possible for *TTT* to resume publishing six issues a year, and continue mailing about 1700 copies of each issue into the prisons. Donate at https://ko-fi.com/anti_racist_action_la Help it go viral!

Turning the Tide doesn't print itself, or mail itself. Some prisoners who get the paper contribute a few stamps. Often, they pass the copy of *TTT* that they received from hand to hand, cell to cell, or they send in the names and addresses of half-a-dozen or more other prisoners. **Prisoners, if you can find donors or subscribers outside prison to subsidize your sub, that would help a lot!**

If you'd like to see *Turning the Tide* more frequently, if you want to contribute to breaking down the walls of isolation and separation imposed by the prison system, please contribute. If you can't manage \$100 all at once, you could donate \$10 a month. But any donation you make can help. Postage costs alone for a single issue of *TTT* are \$1200 and climbing. If you can't donate yourself, please help spread the campaign via your social media, to your Facebook friends, Twitter followers, and email contacts. Everybody helps. Nobody makes a dime from working on *TTT*.

If the campaign is successful, we will resume publishing every other month in 2025. Postage is our biggest expense. Nobody gets paid at *TTT*. But the Postal Service is not so generous. We have a handful of people who are sustainers, making a monthly donation, a larger number of people who subscribe once a year or so. Right now, we are at about 10% of our goal. LA area supporters could set up house meetings, where the editor will pitch to your friends for support. The future of *Turning the Tide* is in your hands. Now, while you're thinking about it,

go to: https://ko-fi.com/anti_racist_action_la and donate, or use paypal to antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com if you prefer. Then share it with your contacts. With your help, *Turning the Tide* can step up to the "urgency of now" -- the necessity for radical organizing, educating and analyzing to respond to the growing crisis of the Empire -- endless war, police terror with impunity, mass incarceration, colonialism, ecological devastation that will shortly become irreversible.

If you think *TTT* is a useful tool in the struggle for people's power and a new world, please donate today. If you wish, you can also just send cash, check or money order to

Anti-Racist Action, PO Box 1055, Culver City CA 90232.

TX Billionaire Funds Neo-Fascist New Columbia Movement

On Thursday, August 8th, Chris “Big Tex,” was found not guilty by a jury in a criminal trial on charges of “assault on a police officer,” following a mobilization in the spring of 2023 in defense of a drag event at a brewery in Fort Worth, Texas in response to threats from fascist groups.

In a message to supporters on the Free Tex website, Chris wrote:

“On April 23, 2023 the Fort Worth Police attacked me and beat me for standing on a corner and preventing Nazis from filming people entering a drag show. Hours after my arrest the police in partnership with the district attorney spuriously developed a claim that I assaulted them, a claim they did not mention across 24 reports and supplemental reports. The chief integrity officer of the county took a case that spanned 2.5 seconds of my life, to invent the largest of conspiracies: that I am a terrorist, the leader of a criminal street gang, that I paid people to engage in unlicensed security, that cleaning water off my umbrella was a “secret antifa signal,” you name it. She tried to cloud 2.5 seconds with two years of lies and the jury saw through it from the start.

“I don’t want to mince words here. We watched for days as cops took the stand to lie, consistently contradicting each other and more wildly often misrepresenting and lying about the very things we were all watching together on screen. We watched as the accusations that Christian-fascists have long levied against me were methodically broken down to the lies they were.

“After four full days of enormous tension Tarrant County sealed their fate when they marched a wall of cops into the courtroom to stare down the jury while they read my charge. After less than 45 minutes, I heard those beautiful words: Not Guilty.

“I am eternally grateful to my legal team who saw this blatant political persecution for what it was from the start and their ferocious commitment to justice while helping me feel like a person who mattered throughout. I will never forget their righteous anger and commitment to the truth. I am so grateful to my wife and family both blood and chosen, whose unending well of hope and strength pulled me through the darkest days. I am so grateful to the journalist who spent every moment of those long four days in the courtroom alongside my family so my story could be told. And I am so grateful to the Quakers for standing at my side from beginning to end and keeping me level and centered.

“I never wanted this to be about me, never wanted the attention or the soapbox, but I’m grateful for all that listened and pleased more than I can articulate to have the next twenty years of my life back.

“The lawsuit against me by New Columbia Movement financed by their billionaire donor is still very real and in that suit I am defending myself. I will be back in civil court on August 13th to defend myself once again and as before, the truth will set me free.

“I am beset with an overwhelming amount of expenses to recover from two extra days of trial, investigative prep, and expenses related to fighting the civil suit. If you’re able to help, please send a few bones my way.”

One of the leading bigots who came out to protest the event was Kelly Neidert, a self-described “Christian fascist” who has called for “rounding up” people who attend Pride celebrations and reportedly is a member of the fascist group, the New Columbia Movement. Neidert has organized a variety of anti-LGBTQ+ protests, which have been attended by both Trump supporters and outright neo-Nazi groups that have waved swastika flags. According to the Daily Beast, “Kelly has also received support from former Proud Boys lawyer Jason Lee Van Dyke,” who as VICE reported, attempted to join the paramilitary neo-Nazi group the Base, only to be rejected.

Testifying during trial proceedings was Kyle Randle, a former member of the New Columbia Movement, who took part in the far-Right rally outside of the brewery in Fort Worth, TX. According to Alexandra Edwards, who reported from the trial, Kyle is also suing Chris and “his co-plaintiffs are Joshua Finecy and Anthony Long...[also former] members of New Columbia [Movement]...”

Edwards went on to report that during the trial, it was revealed that billionaire real estate mogul and Republican mega-donor Monty Bennett, publisher of The Dallas Express, is in fact funding the fascist group’s lawsuit. Beyond massive donations to Donald Trump and Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Bennett is most well known for getting tens of millions in PPP loans during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and pushing a variety of attacks on the LGBTQ+ community and public education.

The New Columbia Movement is known for melding European fascism with authoritarian Catholicism and American nationalist symbolism. As Steve Monacelli wrote, the group embraces a form of “Carlism, a semi-fascist Catholic pro-monarchist ideology, [that] emerged in 1800s Spain and played a part in Franco’s brutal regime.”

As Political Research Associates reported: In a manifesto published on its website, the group...calls the notion of equality — or at least what they consider “unnatural equality” — “evil,” describes democracy as a “failed experiment” and advocates for a “Roman” model as the solution to “America’s cultural diversity,” in which “Subjugated peoples” would be allowed to “retain their personal culture,” but only under “a High American Culture” based on “Christian morality, rule of law, and the common good.”

In YouTube videos, New Columbia Movement leaders have referred to Elliot Rodger, the incel mass shooter who killed six people in Santa Barbara in 2014, as “the supreme gentleman”: a self-aggrandizing term Rodger



Members of a neo-fascist group bankrolled by TX billionaire.

used in his last pre-massacre video, which has since become a common term of endearment on far-right forums like 4chan. Leaders also traffic in antisemitism, as when one leader asserted on a 2021 livestream entitled “The Sexual Revolution and its Consequences” that Jews “do in fact have a very tight stranglehold on the porn industry” as well as “a huge hold on Hollywood.” Another leader then added, “This can turn into a ‘J.Q.’ podcast real fast!” — a reference to the alt-right and neo-Nazi abbreviation for “the Jewish Question.” Movement social media posts also regularly denigrate Jewish religious texts such as the Talmud, and one Instagram post captioned an image of ancient Israelite Jews as “the most dangerous enemy in the world.”

In the group’s first livestream broadcast in July 2020, its co-founders, SK Nicholas Chimera Jr. and Nicholas



Haas — both of whom claim to be fourth-degree members of the Catholic fraternal organization Knights of Columbus — detailed their ideological journey to the far right. When the two met in college, Haas explained, SK “was borderline national socialist wignat” — a reference to an online neo-Nazi subculture — and frequented neofascist online forums, while Haas described himself as “basically the definition of a Three Percenter militiaman.” SK, who professed his admiration for the former fascist regimes in Italy and Spain, added that “both of our positions lacked God. That’s the thing. Once we introduced God into it, we were fine.”

Members of the New Columbia Movement routinely rally alongside neo-Nazi groups which openly flaunt Nazi imagery. Social media posts made by the New Columbia Movement push anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and directly attack Jews. In January of 2024, members of the New

Columbia Movement were filmed shaking hands and rallying alongside members of the neo-Nazi group Patriot Front at an anti-abortion march in Washington DC. Patriot Front is a re-brand of Vanguard America, a group which marched in Charlottesville in 2017, where a member of the group murdered antifascist protester Heather Heyer after driving a car into a mass of protesters. Members of Patriot Front have called for “ethno-state rape gangs” and filmed themselves giving Nazi salutes.

The fact that a billionaire capitalist and GOP mega-donor is backing a self-identified fascist group which pushes anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and rallies alongside neo-Nazi groups shows the degree in which the elites want to crush grassroots opposition to their anti-working-class and white supremacist policies.

Bennett’s funding of the New Columbia Movement’s lawsuit is also only the latest example of the Republican Party in Texas having direct links to neo-Nazis and white supremacists. In the fall of 2023, the Texas Tribune reported that “Jonathan Stickland, the ultraconservative leader of a group that has donated millions of dollars to high-profile Texas leaders, hosted prominent white supremacist Nick Fuentes and other right-wing activists [such as Kyle Rittenhouse] for several hours...” In May of this year, Texas governor Greg Abbott also pardoned Daniel Perry, a far-Right Trump supporter found guilty for the murder of “Garret Foster...in Austin, Texas, during a Black Lives Matter demonstration following the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.”

This whole ordeal also exposes how the various forces, ranging from street level fascists, to the governor of Texas who tweeted his praise of the police for arresting Chris, all the way to billionaires like Bennett who are financing a lawsuit for a literal fascist group and employing journalists at the Dallas Express who write pieces attacking antifascists — are all working towards the same goal: crushing communities standing together. It’s up to us to push back, showing that our solidarity is indeed, a weapon.

For more info on how to support Chris in his continued fight in court, and more updates on the upcoming lawsuit brought on by the fascist group the New Columbia Movement, go to <https://freetex.noblogs.org/>. Another comrade, Aeshna, is also fundraising for another case stemming from the same protest. More info on how to support, here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/drag-defense-legal-fees>.

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PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS SIGN UNITY ACCORD IN BEIJING

On July 23, 2024, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi attended in Beijing the closing ceremony of the reconciliation talks of Palestinian factions and witnessed the signing of the Beijing Declaration on Ending Division and Strengthening Palestinian National Unity by 14 Palestinian factions.

In his remarks, Wang Yi noted that since entering the new era, President Xi Jinping has put forward proposals and propositions on addressing the Palestinian question, contributing Chinese wisdom and solution for addressing the question. Now, 14 Palestinian factions are gathering in Beijing with the greater good of their nation in mind. This is an important historical moment in the Palestinian liberation cause. China commends the reconciliation efforts made by all the factions, and congratulates them on the success of the Beijing dialogue and the signing of the Beijing Declaration.

Wang Yi pointed out that only when Palestinian factions speak as one can the voice of justice be loud and clear, and only when they join hands and march forward shoulder to shoulder can they succeed in their national liberation cause. The most important consensus from the Beijing talks is to achieve the reconciliation and unity among the 14 factions; the core outcome is the affirmation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of all Palestinian people; the biggest highlight is the agreement on establishing an interim government of national reconciliation focusing on the post-conflict reconstruction of Gaza; and the strongest call is for truly establishing an independent State of Palestine in accordance with relevant U.N. resolutions.

The key to the Palestinian reconciliation process is to bolster confidence, keep to the right direction, and make incremental progress. Only by making continuous efforts to build consensus and put it into practice can the reconciliation process yield more and more substantive progress and greater unity. Reconciliation is the internal affair of Palestinian factions, and cannot happen without international support. On the path toward reconciliation, China shares the same direction and destination with Arab and Islamic countries.

Wang Yi noted that the Palestinian question is at the core of the Middle East issue. China never has any selfish interests on the Palestinian question. China was among the first countries to recognize the PLO and the State of Palestine. China all along firmly supports the Palestinian people in restoring their legitimate national rights. We value fairness and advocate for justice. At present, the Gaza conflict drags on, its spillovers continue to spread, and multiple regional conflicts are interconnected. To help get out of the current conflict and predicament, China proposes a three-step initiative:

The first step is to achieve comprehensive, lasting and sustainable ceasefire in the Gaza Strip as soon as possible, and ensure access to humanitarian aid and rescue on the ground. The international community should build more synergy for ending the hostilities and establishing a ceasefire.

The second step is to make joint efforts toward post-conflict governance of Gaza under the principle of "Palestinians governing Palestine." Gaza is an inseparable, integral part of Palestine. Restarting post-conflict reconstruction as soon as possible is an urgent priority. The international community needs to support Palestinian factions in establishing an interim national consensus government and realizing effective management of Gaza and the West Bank.

The third step is to help Palestine become a full member state of the U.N. and get down to implementing the two-State solution. It is important to support the convening of a broad-based, more authoritative, and more effective international peace conference to work out a timetable and road map for the two-State solution.

Ceasefire and humanitarian rescue are pressing priorities. "Palestinians governing Palestine" is the basic principle for the post-conflict governance of Gaza. The two-State solution is the fundamental way forward. The international community should support the parties in taking the three steps in real earnest.



Wang Yi noted that intra-Palestinian reconciliation will bring hope and a future to the Palestinian people. It is an important step toward resolving the Palestinian question and achieving peace and stability in the Middle East. Unwavering efforts must be continually made in this direction. China sincerely hopes that Palestinian factions will achieve reconciliation and, on that basis, realize independent statehood at an early date. We will strengthen communication and coordination with the relevant parties and make joint efforts for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration.

Head of the Fatah delegation Mr. Mahmoud al-Aloul and head of the Hamas delegation Mr. Musa Abu Marzouk delivered remarks on behalf of the Palestinian factions. They noted that China holds an important place in the heart of Palestinian people, and expressed

sincere appreciation for President Xi Jinping and China's unchanging, firm support and selfless assistance to Palestine over a long period of time. They spoke highly of China's acting as a responsible major country and upholding justice for Palestine in international fora. They expressed deep appreciation for China's strong support for intra-Palestinian dialogue and reconciliation. They stated their readiness to implement the consensus, strengthen unity among factions, advance the reconciliation process, and work for an early solution to the question of Palestine.

Diplomatic envoys to China or their representatives from Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Russia and Türkiye as well as representatives from 14 main Palestinian factions attended the closing ceremony.

Canadian state apparatus conspires with Zionist vigilantes to doxx and spy on pro-Palestine community

A web of spying and doxxing is being laid upon the pro-Palestine community in Canada.

<https://www.thecanadafilms.com/articles/canadian-state-apparatus-conspires-with-zionist-vigilantes-to-dox-and-spy-on-pro-palestine-community>

Former leader of the Canadian chapter of an FBI-recognized terrorist organization (Jewish Defense League) Meir Weinstein and far-right vigilante organization ShomRim have converged to spy on the pro-Palestine community. Their latest target is Tara, a woman whom they doxxed by revealing her LinkedIn information, phone number, and address. They have even threatened to engage in illegal revenge porn against her and doxx her in front of the whole pro-Palestine community. Zionist Conservative MP Melissa Lantsman has engaged in separate doxxing towards the pro-Palestine community, and is connected to ShomRim as well.

The far-right, pro-colonial forces that embody the inherent nature of Canada are now engaging in targeted offensives against the pro-Palestine community. They have started at vulnerable targets such as Tara, in order to send chills down the spine of the less committed, and perhaps less principled. When that fails, due to strong leadership, they will simply arbitrarily detain and concoct pretexts for other forms of pro-colonial repression and violence.

The Case of Tara

The Canada Files reached out to Tara after learning of her doxxing by Meir Weinstein and his associates. According to Tara, as a single mother, she began to advocate for Palestine after seeing the horrors involved in Israel's genocidal bombing campaign and siege. She then converted to Islam. Afterwards, she found herself in an online 'flame war' with Meir Weinstein, Joe Warmington, and a doctor from Texas named Gary Branfman, after she posted a video denouncing Meir Weinstein's slander about Tara's previously posted protest safety videos, and his generally violent, "every Jew with a .22" terror-linked history.

The most controversial events happened shortly after the illegal settlement sales controversies and exposes on the actions of the Zionist community during those protests.

Meir Weinstein had posted Tara's full name, his followers posted her phone number, private email, and he thanked another account that posted her LinkedIn details online, while openly suggesting to his audience that she was a viable target for personal harassment. Unfortunately, the extent of the doxxing did not end there.

Tara had tried to clean up her history online and delete all compromising information concerning her pre-Muslim past. She told The Canada Files that she used facial recognition tools to remove every compromising post that could have been found online. However, due to the resources available to Israel Now, an associate of Meir Weinstein, Gary Branfman, who subscribes to the Jewish Defense League on his YouTube page, has explicitly threatened to engage in illegal revenge porn against her in an email:

ShomRim, Melissa Lantsman, and Israel Now

ShomRim (Guardians in Hebrew), a self-described "neighborhood watch", is an international vigilante Zionist organization with chapters in the US, UK, and Canada. The ShomRim Toronto branch's activities extend throughout the York Region and Toronto. ShomRim Toronto includes shameless avowed white supremacists, members of the far-right terrorist organization formerly known as the Jewish Defense League, rebranded in Canada as Israel Now, and Israeli "Defense" Forces veterans.

Israel Now was co-founded, according to Tara, by Gary Branfman and Meir Weinstein. Meir Weinstein was the leader of the Canadian Chapter of the terrorist Jewish Defense League until 2021, when he left and rebranded the new organization as Israel Now. Conservative MP Melissa Lantsman openly endorses ShomRim, endorsed it when it was launched, and is regularly caught taking photos with the terrorist associated organization.

ShomRim gained infamy when the police were compelled to arrest multiple members during the illegal settlement sales protests, including IDF Veteran Meir Richter for kicking a protester in the pelvis, and Kevin Haas for stalking protesters with a knife. Tara said Kevin Haas was repeatedly threatening to kill protesters and shouted "white power", but the police refused to make note of this publicly or lay hate crime(s) charges.

Note from TTT: A similar group in Los Angeles, Magen Am, a private security firm staffed by ex-IDF soldiers, is at the center of a controversy over LA City Council efforts to subsidize them after attacks on a Palestine protest outside a synagogue in Los Angeles where an illegal sale of land in the Occupied Palestinian Territories was taking place, advertised as being in "Anglo neighborhoods." This was falsely accused of being an antisemitic attack on a house of worship. The City Council dropped the effort in favor of funds from the state of California.

On-Line Resources for Turning the Tide & ARA-LA/PART:

You can find archives of *Turning the Tide* at www.antiracist.org that go back more than 15 years.

In addition, there are several Facebook pages, such as facebook.com/tideturning, and facebook.com/intercommunalsolidarity.

You can follow @ara_losangeles on Twitter, and the De-Colonize LA! blog at ara-la.tumblr.com.

RESISTING THE NEW GREEN COLONIALISM

by Saber Ammar

<https://braveneweu.com/saber-ammar-resisting-the-new-green-colonialism>

A proposed green hydrogen project in Tunisia prioritises European energy needs over local sovereignty.

In recent months, discussions about green hydrogen in Tunisia have dominated the media, particularly concerning the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on May 28, 2024, between TotalEnergies (a French multinational integrated energy and petroleum company), Eren Groupe (a French company specializing in renewable energy and resource efficiency), Verbund (Austria's leading electricity company), and the Tunisian government. This MoU aims to explore the implementation of a large green hydrogen project named "H2 Notos." The project is intended for export to Central Europe via the "SouthH2 Corridor" pipelines, which run from the Northern African coast in Tunisia through Italy, Austria, and Germany; it aims to produce 200,000 tons of green hydrogen annually during its initial phase, with the potential to scale up production to one million tons per year in South Tunisia. This infrastructure enables the supply of low-cost renewable hydrogen produced in the South to key European demand clusters and is expected to be fully operational as early as 2030.

Shortly thereafter, on May 31, 2024, another MoU was signed with the Saudi company ACWA. This agreement plans to produce 600,000 tons of green hydrogen annually in three phases, also for export to Europe. Tunisia is now experiencing a surge of interest in hydrogen. On July 29, 2024, Industry, Mines, and Energy Minister Fatma Thabet Chiboub signed six new MoUs with various foreign corporations from Britain, France, Belgium, and Germany. It's as if the country is being swept up by a hydrogen fever.

Tunisia aims to position itself as a hub for green hydrogen production, with ambitions to export six million tons annually by 2050, as outlined in the Tunisian Hydrogen Strategy. Despite its renewable-energy potential, Tunisia currently faces a significant energy deficit, which stood at approximately 50 percent in 2022. Tunisian Secretary of State for Energy Transition Wael Chouchane has emphasized the potential of green hydrogen to address the country's energy deficit and generate substantial employment opportunities.

However, rather than prioritizing domestic renewable-energy investments to generate green electricity to close this gap, the government plans to use this electricity to produce green hydrogen for export to the EU. This approach, while central to Tunisia's energy transition strategy, mirrors similar initiatives in other African nations, such as Namibia, South Africa, Egypt, and Morocco.

Critics argue that the EU's push toward a green hydrogen economy, touted as mutually beneficial for both the EU and exporting countries from the Global South, neglects several critical issues. These include the potential negative impacts on water resources, energy access, as well as concerns over land grabbing and displacement. Moreover, the economic gains for Southern countries may be limited, as they continue to import high-added-value technologies while exporting raw materials with lower-added value, reinforcing unequal trade relationships.

Despite EU Commissioner Ursula von der Leyen's assertion in her speech on June 16, 2022, that "the idea of spheres of influence are ghosts of the last century," it appears that Africans are still operating within the sphere of the EU. It is clear that the EU, especially Germany, is pushing for a green hydrogen economy where they dominate the value chains and technologies while externalizing the socio-environmental costs to the peripheries (i.e., the Global South). This can be seen as a new form of energy imperialism, where European countries, or more broadly, the imperial cores, aim to use the continent as a battery for their needs.

There is nothing new here; it strongly echoes the colonial past. EU countries continue to have an essential need to extract resources and wealth from their peripheries, especially from Africa. The raw materials these regions possess, combined with an undervalued and disciplined labor force, continue to sustain the so-called developed world while causing a massive flow of wealth and resources from Africa to Europe. This pattern of exploitation and economic constraint is not new and strongly resonates with the arguments made by Walter Rodney in *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. In this book, Rodney explains how European colonialism systematically extracted wealth from Africa and imposed structures that hindered the continent's capacity for self-sustained development. The ongoing extraction of resources under the guise of projects like the green hydrogen initiative in Tunisia risks perpetuating this cycle of dependency and exploitation, undermining local energy sovereignty and development.

The green hydrogen pipedream was introduced to Tunisia by Germany following the signing of a MoU in December 2020. During the last four years, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) funded and shaped the national hydrogen strategy. By mid-2024, the first MoU for the production and export of green hydrogen by the private companies mentioned above was signed.

However these foreign-dictated neocolonial green hydrogen projects are not passively accepted by Tunisians but are questioned and scrutinized. There is even popular resistance. On April 24, coinciding with World Anti-Colonialism Day, a small protest took place in front of

the GIZ Energy Cluster in Tunis. The protest was organized by a coalition of organizations, including the Stop Pollution Movement, trade unions, student unions, political parties, and pro-Palestine activists. These activists joined the protest as they wanted to highlight that Germany not only is pursuing neocolonial projects in Tunisia but is also complicit in and actively supporting the genocide in Gaza by being the largest European supplier of weapons to Israel, providing 30 percent of Israel's weapons between 2019 and 2023.

During the protest, one of the main demands focused on blocking and stopping the planned water and land-intensive green hydrogen projects and denouncing the German organization's control and influence over the Tunisian energy agenda. This explains the target and place of the protest in front of the GIZ Energy Cluster, rather than the nearby Ministry of Industry, Mines, and Energy. Protestors believe that GIZ is the main decision-maker when it comes to renewable energies and green hydrogen.

The protestors called for energy sovereignty that is people-centric and a just energy transition that serves the country's needs first.

According to the Tunisian national hydrogen strategy supported by GIZ, the plan is to use 248 million cubic meters of desalinated water by 2050, which equals the consumption of five million Tunisian citizens—approximately half the current population in a country considered one of the most water-scarce in the world. The planned green hydrogen production in Tunisia is also land-intensive, requiring 500,000 hectares (twice the area of Greater Tunis) to produce the renewable energy necessary for hydrogen production that will be exported. This land, referred to as the "hydrogen valley," is located in the southern part of Tunisia, a region already suffering from severe water scarcity and some land conflicts.

The southern region is known for its communal land belonging to Tunisian tribes and locals who use it for pastoralism and small-

Project 2025, Agenda 47, and Conflicts within the Right

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It would be wrong to assume that Donald J. Trump's distancing himself from Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation-produced "Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise", is only an electoral ploy. It is true that the Project 2025 playbook and plan for an incoming "conservative" administration to hit the ground running has become a target for Democrats, and a potentially-damaging target on Trump's back, as many of the proposals it puts forward are widely unpopular with broad swaths of the public, not just Dems or independents.

But in fact there are serious contradictions within the Project 2025 proposal itself, and between it and Trump's official "Agenda 47," which has taken the place of an official Republican Party platform for the presidential campaign, a far cry from when Newt Gingrich's "Contract on America" served as a rallying cry for a GOP takeover of the House of Representatives. The Republicans in the House, despite having a razor thin majority, have been engaged in internal warfare, papered over only by their fealty to Trump. Trump is also genuinely piqued about Project 2025's critique of his tariffs on China, which they say did nothing to restore manufacturing jobs generally in the US, or to rebuild the US steel industry.

It's important to understand the fault lines within Project 2025 itself, as well as between and among the various elements of Trump's base and coalition, especially given the possibility that Trump will regain the presidency with all the additional power the office continues to accrue with the backing of the Supreme Court and the obeisance of the GOP.

It's also vital to understand that the Democratic Party is no bulwark against fascism. As Project 2025 itself points out, many aspects of Trump's first term agenda, including tariffs and a trade war with China, the militarization of space, and restrictions on asylum and immigration, have been continued under Biden.

What has come to be called "fascism" has been baked into the US settler colonial, white supremacist state, economy and society from the start, including all the key aspects, such as hyper-nationalism, glorification of war and violence, slave labor, targeting of unions and the left, and genocide. Yet that is a system in perpetual crisis, and in an irreconcilable contradiction with the planet and with the people it exploits.

Different factions within the corporate parties, whether Democratic or Republican, will inevitably contend with each other over the best way to overcome the decay and decline in US hegemony and imperialism. We need to strengthen the forces of liberation, equality, peace and justice through independent political action. This includes self-determined struggle and service to the people. We need political education and dialogue



scale farming. The hydrogen strategy fails to address how this land will be acquired, raising concerns about land grabbing. An article by the Working Group for Energy Democracy discusses this particular issue occurring in South Tunisia by profit-driven energy corporations, highlighting the disconnect between the strategy's goals and the needs of local communities. Besides, it seems absurd that a country that imports its own food uses its land and water for hydrogen production to serve another country's energy needs. After the signing of the two MoUs mentioned above, several social movements, including the Stop Pollution Movement and the Tunisian Forum for Social and Economic Rights, published statements. They consider green hydrogen production and export to be another mechanism of plunder that primarily serves the EU's energy needs.

It is worth mentioning that the Tunisian parliament has been tasked to discuss a new draft law to encourage green hydrogen. However, this draft law primarily offers foreign investors harmful tax incentives and advantages. This means there is a pressing need to engage with parliamentarians on this issue as well. When there is resistance, there is hope. A just transition is possible for Tunisia and the entire African continent. Given the recent legislative developments, creating a movement opposed to the new green hydrogen colonialism is becoming urgent and necessary, not just at the country level but across the entire continent. Such a decolonial Pan-African movement is needed to defend our lands, water, food, and energy systems. We Africans must prioritize our needs and work toward achieving energy and food sovereignty. The priority in our continent is to provide cheap green electricity to the 600 million people currently lacking access to it, rather than rushing to produce green hydrogen for the EU. It is crucial to follow and support these dynamics against green hydrogen and connect the struggle from South Africa to Namibia and up to the North African countries.

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that unearths and exposes the true nature of the system we live under with an eye towards dismantling it.

We must expose Trump's and Vance's commitment to the "deep state" of counter-insurgency, endless war, and privatized cradle to grave surveillance through such corporate entities as Palantir, owned by Vance mentor and bankroller Peter Thiel. That can't be done from the vantage point of the Democratic Party, which is also in the pocket of similar interests.

Similarly, critiquing the Dems' majority support for genocide and rearming US cats-paw Israel cannot let the Republicans off the hook for their similar crimes, including Trump's recognition of the illegal Israeli annexation of Syria's Golan Heights and moving the US embassy to occupied Jerusalem.

Some of Trump's supporters see the Heritage Foundation as the right wing of the "globalists" trying to control and trim Trump's "America First" inclinations, no better than the supposedly left wing globalists in the Democratic coalition. This is an echo of the Nazi and neo-Nazi "third position" politics that claim to denounce both communism and capitalism.

Yet there are also points of convergence between Trump's official "Agenda 47" and the Heritage prescriptions in Project 2025, including concessions to the white Christian nationalist culture war on "woke," the scapegoating of migrants, and the intensification of a war footing against China. While paying lip service to the general GOP opposition to regulatory agencies, Heritage's Project 2025 simultaneously maps out how an incoming "conservative" president can use them to pursue his policy goals.

This is particularly evident in Project 2025's explicit attack on Pacifica radio (as well as NPR and PBS), calling on the next president to appoint an FCC chair and commissioners who will not only defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, but use its power to strip Pacifica and other stations of their non-commercial educational licenses. The aim is to end the last vestiges of a commons in the broadcast spectrum, forcing all stations into the privatized commercial marketplace to seek advertising support and merchandise their content.

If we are to shape a different humane and sustainable eco-socialist future by 2047, a generation from now, we must build our capacity to resist, to create alternative social, political and economic arrangements that meet human needs and protect the planet, and to deepen the contradictions within the reactionary, racist and fascist movements, driving wedges between them and the base of identification with and complicity with empire that characterizes many people in the US, whichever of the capitalist parties they identify with.

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