

Queens, N.Y., Jan. 25: Rally to end the U.S. war on Yemen

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WORLD SAYS NO TO THE WAR ON YEMEN

**Rally to end U.S. Support
for the War on Yemen**

**1/25/21 at 11AM
Representative Meeks Office
153-01 Jamaica Ave
Jamaica, NY 11432**



Monday, January 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM EST

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NEW YORK RALLY FOR YEMEN:

The war is only possible because Western countries — and the United States and Britain in particular — continue to arm Saudi Arabia and provide military, political and logistical support for the war.

The disaster in Yemen is man-made. It is caused by the war and blockade. It can be ended.

Over 115 organizations from the US, UK, Yemen, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, India, Italy, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and across the world, are coming together to call for an end to the war in Yemen and solidarity with the people of Yemen. We demand that right now our governments:

- *Stop foreign aggression on Yemen
- *Stop weapons and war support for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates
- *Lift the blockade on Yemen and open all land and seaports
- *Restore and expand humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.

We call on New Yorkers to join our rally against the war on January 25, 2021, just days after the U.S. presidential inauguration and the day before Saudi Arabia's "Davos in the Desert" Future Investment Initiative.

We are rallying at Gregory Meeks office. Representative Gregory Meeks has called for ending U.S. support for the war in the past. Now, as the newly-appointed head of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, we are asking Representative Meeks to take a leading role in seeing an end to all U.S. involvement in the conflict.

We ask that the representative Gregory Meeks:

- Release a statement on January 25, 2021, just days after the U.S. presidential inauguration and the day before Saudi Arabia's 'Davos in the Desert' Future Investment Initiative in support of our Global Day of Action and the demands of the Global Day of Action.

- Co-sponsor and fast track the existing War Powers Resolution that calls for an end to U.S. support for the Saudi led coalition which include political, material and logistical support and ban weapons sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab

Emirates.

-Introduce or fast track legislation restoring and expanding humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.

-Pledge to reverse the decision by the Trump administration to designate Ansar Allah (also known as Houthis) as a “terrorist organization”. Designating the Houthis as terrorists by the US State Department will make an already catastrophic humanitarian crisis even worse by endangering aid activities and prohibit interacting with the Houthi government inside of Yemen which is critical to reach a negotiated settlement to end the war.

Please sign this petition.

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/nyc-says-no-end-us-support-for-the-war-on-yemen
?fbclid=IwAR1APbwlap9uAHVKFlMCvziGMRL_eYMOglWd4J2ciGQZnqwFNSKK-SaFNaE](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/nyc-says-no-end-us-support-for-the-war-on-yemen?fbclid=IwAR1APbwlap9uAHVKFlMCvziGMRL_eYMOglWd4J2ciGQZnqwFNSKK-SaFNaE)

Please wear masks and practice social distancing!



Organize workers and oppressed to fight the fascist movement

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In April 1967, one year before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at a protest in New York against the Vietnam War. He said: "The security we profess to seek in foreign adventures we will lose in our decaying cities. The bombs in Vietnam also explode at home; they destroy the hopes and possibilities for a decent America."

Since Dr. King's death, the U.S. military, police and prisons have swollen beyond belief. The Congress and the presidents, both Republicans and Democrats, have used murderous, racist, fascist movements to seize power in many countries, from Libya to Ukraine to Bolivia. Today, just as Dr. King said in 1967, those violent forces unleashed abroad have returned to haunt poor and working people here.

The rich and powerful are playing a dangerous game with fascist, white supremacist movements around the world. They want to use them to crush the workers and oppressed, to get their hands on more profits and spread their military power. But

sometimes, they get out of control. And sometimes, one faction of the rich ruling class uses these modern day klansmen against the other factions, as we saw on Jan. 6 at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

The growth of military and police power has fueled the growth of fascist movements in the U.S. Those who led the attack on the Capitol were not the buffoons we see on the news, but retired and active duty military and police.

Many of those who march with heavy weapons on state capitals or come out to threaten Black Lives Matter protests were trained by the U.S. military. Many of those in Congress, whose lives were threatened on Jan. 6, and those who will enter the White House on Jan. 20, including President-elect Joe Biden, have a long history of supporting and funding military and police expansion.

We cannot stand aside when white supremacists and neo-Nazis march through the streets of Washington, a Black city, or anywhere else. We cannot rely on the military and police, who are the breeding ground for fascism, to protect our communities. We cannot trust politicians to fight fascism when they have used the military against our sisters and brothers abroad to help Wall Street get its way.

So what can we do? We must take a lesson from Dr. King, from Malcolm X, from the Black Panthers and the Young Lords. We must organize the grassroots: our communities, our fellow workers and students, our unions and tenant organizations. We must unite and rely on ourselves rather than looking to politicians to save us. We must organize ourselves to effectively fight back against the bosses, the military and the fascists. We must organize to defend ourselves.

If we make this our goal, as a movement; if we share a vision of a future based on cooperation and solidarity, a socialist future — then we can push back the white supremacists, the police and the war makers. We can win gains for our class and help people around the world get the U.S. boot off their necks.

Jail Trump, his fascist mob and killer cops! Impeach the military and police state!



Harlem remembers Dr. King the fighter

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A hundred people braved cold winds to honor the fightback legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Harlem on Jan. 18. People gathered at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building plaza.

A car caravan had earlier started from the Audubon Ballroom, where Malcolm X was allowed to be assassinated by the CIA and New York Police Department on Feb. 21, 1965. The event was organized by the People's United Front, a new activist coalition initiated by the People-Pueblo Party.

Starting off the rally was Roger Wareham, a member of the International Secretariat of the December 12th Movement. He pointed out how the wealthy and powerful have tried to "McDonaldize" King into a harmless ornament.

Wareham was at New York City's Riverside Church on April 4, 1967, when King denounced the U.S. war against Vietnam. King was attacked for speaking out and, as Wareham said, told to "stay in his own lane."

Exactly a year later, Dr. King would be assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

The rally speakers stood next to the statue of the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell. In the 1930s, the future congressperson led marches in support of Ethiopia after it was invaded by the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

Later, as chairman of the Education and Labor Committee of the House of Representatives, Powell pushed through increases in the minimum wage. Racist members of Congress retaliated by expelling Powell in 1967 — just a few months before Dr. King spoke at Riverside Church.

Across from the rally was the building that housed the old Hotel Theresa, where Fidel Castro met with Malcolm X in 1960.

Police attack marchers

Other speakers at the rally included Betty Davis and Ralph Poynter from the New Abolitionist Movement. Both warned people not to trust the incoming Biden administration.

Baba Zayid Muhammad urged everyone to remember the political prisoners that are still being held in dungeons. He pointed out the case of 84-year-old Sundiata Acoli, who is now in his 47th year of imprisonment.

Acoli was arrested along with Assata Shakur, who is being protected by the people of Cuba from a \$1 million bounty placed on her head by the FBI.

Roger Wareham spoke later on the fight for reparations. He led the crowd in

chanting “They stole us! They sold us! They owe us!”

Later that evening, New York cops arrested dozens of people near City Hall. People were [surrounded by the Strategic Response Group](#) goons almost immediately after they had marched across the Brooklyn Bridge.

This was the cops’ answer to being sued by New York State Attorney General Letitia James for their brutality during the Black Lives Matter demonstrations.



U.S. engaged in 30-year futile war in Middle East

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An American political commentator has said that the United States has been engaged in a 30-year long futile war in the Middle East to regain the monopoly on the world's energy reserves.

Bill Dores, a writer for Struggle-La Lucha and longtime antiwar activist, made the comments in an interview with Press TV on Monday.

"Today we celebrate the life of great Black leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who fought for peace and justice and was likely murdered by agencies of the U.S. government," he said.

"Dr. King pointed out the bombs the United States was then dropping on Vietnam also explode at home, destroying the possibility of a decent life for millions here, especially for working class and oppressed people. Washington's wars and sanctions still have that effect today," he added.

"For the past 30 years, the United States has been engaged in a long and futile war to try and regain the monopoly that U.S. oil companies once had on the world's energy reserves. This is only for the benefit of a handful of multibillionaires not the majority of people," the analyst said.

"We do not benefit from sanctions on other countries, or giant war fleets roaming the seas thousands of miles away, or the endless stream of arms and aid to Israel, which occupies Palestine and bombs and shells Gaza and Syria, on an almost daily basis," he stated.

Iran's ambassador to the United Nations says the United States should stop its hostility toward Iran and recognize the Islamic Republic as a regional power in order to improve its image in the eyes of its own and world people.

"Americans must stop hostility toward Iran and understand that Iran is a definite reality and a powerful country in the region, which intends to live in peace with its neighbors within framework of the international law," Majid Takht-Ravanchi said on Monday.

Iran's UN envoy made the remarks in an exclusive interview with IRNA when asked about the possible impact of a change in the U.S. foreign policy apparatus under the new administration of president-elect, Joe Biden.

"The ambassador said that the United States should recognize Iran as a regional power. Iran is part of the region. It has helped other nations in West Asia to develop their economies, and defend themselves. The United States intervention there has been purely destructive. The sanctions have killed millions on top of the bomb. These cruel and inhumane sanctions must end right now," Dores said.

"The United States has no business trying to dictate to the people of the region. Endless wars and sanctions enrich the few and prevent the possibility of a better

world for people everywhere. The U.S. should get all its military forces out of that region, out of the so-called Middle East and stop funding the Israeli occupation of Palestine. It should engage in peaceful trade and relations with Iran and the other countries in the region," he noted.

Source: [Press TV](#)



Was Trump ousted from the military chain of command?

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An unprecedented development took place during the Jan. 6 coup attempt at the Capitol building in Washington and in the days immediately after. It has big implications for people's democratic rights, as well as the expansion of U.S. military power in relation to civilian government bodies, and thus great importance to all workers and oppressed people fighting for their rights here and around the world.

Yet it has been carefully hidden from public view, with only a few veiled mentions in

the most authoritative capitalist media.

It was first reported in a bulletin on the New York Times website's scrolling "Live Updates" on the Capitol attack. At 8:31 p.m. on Jan. 6, a short, four-paragraph article written by White House correspondent Maggie Haberman and Pentagon reporter Helene Cooper said, "[Trump rebuffed initial requests to deploy the National Guard to the Capitol. Pence gave the go-ahead.](#)"

That day, pro-Trump white supremacists, led by a cadre of retired and off-duty military and police personnel, invaded the halls of Congress, egged on by President Donald Trump's call to overturn the results of November's election. The attempted coup sent elected officials inside scrambling for safety, including Vice President Mike Pence.

"President Trump initially rebuffed and resisted requests to mobilize the National Guard to quell violent protests at the Capitol, according to a person with knowledge of the events," Haberman and Cooper wrote.

"In the end, it was Vice President Mike Pence, defense and administration officials said, who approved the order to deploy. It was unclear why Mr. Trump, who is still technically the commander in chief, did not give the order.

"The order was initiated with the help of Pat A. Cipollone, the White House counsel, among other officials, according to the person with knowledge of the events.

"The Army activated 1,100 troops of the D.C. National Guard, an Army official said Wednesday, and Virginia's governor dispatched members of the Virginia Guard along with 200 Virginia State Troopers to quell the violence in the nation's capital. The troops were sent to the D.C. Armory to be deployed to the Capitol and to other points around Washington."

Congress reconvened after the attackers were dispersed. They ratified Joe Biden's

election victory in the wee hours of Jan. 7.

Given the day's dramatic events, most readers wouldn't have noticed Haberman and Cooper's fleeting update, or have given it a second thought if they had. But the implications for the U.S. political system are great.

Why? Because Vice President Pence, whose own life was put in danger by his boss, had overruled Trump on deploying National Guard troops in the capital city.

In U.S. states, it is the governor that calls the shots when deploying the National Guard. But the city of Washington, D.C. — a majority Black, super oppressed city — is akin to a colonial possession, not a state. Washington's mayor, city council and other local officials do not have any say in deploying the National Guard. The only person with that power is the commander in chief of the U.S. military: the U.S. president.

How then was it possible for Pence to deploy the troops, in opposition to Trump?

More evidence emerges

Sometime after the initial report was posted, the Times' bulletin was updated to include this additional paragraph, which has the character of a blatant attempt to explain away what happened:

"Kash Patel, the chief of staff to Chris Miller, the acting defense secretary, responded: 'The acting secretary and the president have spoken multiple times this week about the request for National Guard personnel in D.C. During these conversations, the president conveyed to the acting secretary that he should take any necessary steps to support civilian law enforcement requests in securing the Capitol and federal buildings.'"

But the following day, more details emerged about the seeming break in the military

chain of command. This information was buried deep in a Washington Post article under the headline, ["After inciting mob attack, Trump retreats in rage. Then, grudgingly, he admits his loss,"](#) written by the Post's White House Bureau Chief Philip Rucker and two other reporters.

"As a mob of Trump supporters breached police barricades and seized the Capitol, Trump was disengaged in discussions with Pentagon leaders about deploying the National Guard to aid the overwhelmed U.S. Capitol Police, according to two people familiar with the talks.

"Vice President Pence worked directly with acting Defense Secretary Christopher C. Miller and the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Mark A. Milley, as well as with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), concerning the unrest at the Capitol and military deployments, the people said.

"As for Trump, one of the people said, 'he was completely, totally out of it.' This person added, 'He made no attempt to reach out to them.'"

This is important because it indicates that not only Vice President Pence and Pentagon officials, but also Democratic Party congressional leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer and Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell were involved.

In a decision to break the military chain of command mandated by the U.S. Constitution, this makes sense. As speaker of the House of Representatives, Pelosi would be next in line as acting president if Pence were incapacitated.

Hidden from the masses

That Trump should be removed as commander-in-chief of the world's most powerful imperialist military machine is indisputable. It should have happened long ago.

But the problem, from the point of view of the class interests of the workers and oppressed, and of people's democratic rights generally, is how it was done.

Rather than invoke the 25th Amendment of the Constitution, which allows the vice president and a majority of the Cabinet to remove the president if they are unable to carry out their duties, the chain of command was broken behind the backs of the people, in secret.

Was there time to invoke the 25th Amendment during the crisis? Of course, we are not privy to the details. But it is indisputable that by the time the National Guard was mobilized on Pence's orders, the immediate danger was over and various local and federal police agencies had successfully cleared the far-right mob from the Capitol.

Even if the situation was so dire that the authoritative elected officials felt that it was impossible to follow constitutionally mandated procedure, they could have explained this publicly afterward while moving ahead to officially remove the president. But this didn't happen either.

Instead, Pence, Pentagon and White House officials, and congressional leaders of both capitalist parties have covered up what really happened.

The impeachment show

Two days later, on Jan. 8, [Trump made a statement](#) condemning the Capitol attack, in which he falsely stated that "I immediately deployed the National Guard and federal law enforcement to secure the building and expel the intruders." Unusual for Trump, he read from a carefully worded script prepared for him in advance.

The same day, House Speaker Pelosi [wrote a letter](#) to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and spoke with its head, Gen. Mark Milley, about "available precautions" to prevent Trump from unilaterally ordering a nuclear strike or other military attack during his

last two weeks in office.

Milley was said to reassure Pelosi of the many safeguards in place by which military personnel could refuse to carry out such an order if they felt it was illegal.

On Jan. 12, the House of Representatives formally requested that Pence invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office. As expected, Pence refused, and the following day the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump for “incitement of insurrection.” His impeachment trial in the Senate is not expected to begin until after Joe Biden’s inauguration on Jan. 20.

All of these developments amount to a show put on for public consumption and to assuage the anger of Congress members and others whose lives were endangered on Jan. 6.

The available evidence clearly indicates that Trump was removed from his role as commander in chief by the evening of Jan. 6, with the involvement of the Pentagon generals, Vice President Pence and congressional leaders.

A widely reprinted Jan. 15 Los Angeles Times article appeared under the title, [“Trump retreats from his job, and Pence fills the void as ‘acting’ president.”](#) While the article doesn’t explicitly address the military chain of command, it reports how Pence has taken on the role of visiting and thanking the thousands of National Guard troops deployed in the capital ahead of the Inauguration.

What’s the quid pro quo?

Why was Trump allowed to remain president for two weeks after the coup attempt, until his term expires at noon on Jan. 20?

Because, as Struggle-La Lucha has previously explained, Trump doesn’t only represent himself, but a significant and increasingly desperate group within the

capitalist ruling class that has deep roots in the state apparatus — that is, in police agencies and the military itself.

In removing Trump from the military chain of command, it was necessary to make a deal — not only with Trump, but with the class forces he represents. This is what makes the behind-the-scenes character of the events especially dangerous.

Some aspects of the deal are obvious. Trump read a scripted statement condemning the Capitol attack and didn't publicly expose his removal from the chain of command. In exchange, he was allowed to serve out the rest of his term without being removed under the 25th Amendment, which could have immediately subjected him to arrest for his role in the coup attempt.

Trump will instead be seen off with pomp and circumstance on the morning of Jan. 20 before flying to his base of operations at Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

The bigger question is: What guarantees and deals were made with the fracking billionaires and other Trump backers, who have been pushing for war with Iran to drive up their profits?

Whatever deal was made to subvert the military chain of command could paradoxically increase the danger of a U.S. war with Iran, Venezuela or other oil producing countries, to appease the pro-Trump bosses.

Militarism breeds fascism

It's also important to ask what the Pentagon brass got out of the deal.

Trump appointed several loyalists to key positions in the "Defense" Department and National Security Agency after his election loss. No doubt they played key roles in various coup schemes and scenarios, including the Capitol attack. But so far, no one is officially asking questions about that — only about [individual military personnel](#)

[and police](#) who participated in the assault.

There is instability inside the Pentagon, just as there is in all U.S. capitalist political institutions. The year 2020 saw the greatest mass uprising against racism in generations after the police murder of George Floyd. Then came a violent racist backlash by the police and neofascist groups, which culminated in the events of Jan. 6.

Trump and his backers pushed hard to involve the military in domestic repression, beyond the militarization of local police that has gone on for decades under Republicans and Democrats alike. His first [coup attempt on June 1, 2020](#), included direct involvement by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Milley, who later got cold feet.

At the same time, the global capitalist economic crisis, in tandem with the pandemic, is pushing the bosses toward ever more desperate measures to save their system. Historically, military expansion and war is their go-to solution.

That a struggle ensued inside the Pentagon for days after the Jan. 6 coup attempt is shown by the fact that it took another six days — until Jan. 12 — for the [Joint Chiefs to issue a statement](#) condemning the Capitol attack, affirming Joe Biden as the incoming commander-in-chief and reminding military personnel of their obligation to uphold the Constitution.

Only then, when the Pentagon had spoken, did the FBI and other sources begin to reveal the true intentions of the leaders of the Capitol assault to capture and execute Pence and members of Congress, the key role of military and police personnel, etc.

This was also the cue for an extraordinary military occupation of Washington by [25,000 National Guard troops](#), repressive agencies and police departments from across the U.S. While this massive armed presence may deter another fascist incursion at the Inauguration, it could also expose the ongoing instability within

these state forces — perhaps violently so.

The occupation certainly poses a threat to the oppressed residents of D.C. It is unlikely that the military will retreat from the streets after Biden is sworn in.

The colossal expansion of the U.S. military, police and prisons over the last 40 years has been the breeding ground for the growth of the fascist movement in the U.S. Further expansion of military power won't stem the tide of fascist violence. It will hasten it.

An independent people's investigation of the Jan. 6 coup attempt is urgently needed. At the top of its agenda must be to uncover and expose the deals that were cut behind the backs of the masses to stave off the collapse of the crisis-ridden U.S. political system.

Impeach the Pentagon and the police state!



Video: Steadfastness and resistance - the Palestinian prisoners' movement and the case of Ahmad Sa'adat

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On Saturday, 16 January, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network organized a webinar as part of the [Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian prisoners](#). The webinar, “Steadfastness and Resistance: The Palestinian prisoners' movement and the case of Ahmad Sa'adat,” focused on the imprisonment of Palestinian leader Ahmad Sa'adat and the revolutionary legacy and ongoing struggle of the Palestinian prisoners' movement. The video is also available on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

Samidoun international coordinator Charlotte Kates introduced the program, which included simultaneous French translation for online attendees, provided by [Collectif Palestine Vaincra](#), with a brief introduction to Sa'adat's case.

The General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Sa'adat is currently serving a 30-year sentence in Israeli prisons; he was kidnapped in a violent attack by occupation forces on the Palestinian Authority prison where he was held under "security coordination" with the Israeli occupation, with the involvement of U.S., British, Canadian and Turkish guards. Therefore, his case reflects the devastating role of the Palestinian Authority and the Oslo process for the Palestinian cause, as well as the direct involvement of imperialism in the subjugation and repression of the Palestinian people.

Hadeel Shatara, the coordinator of Samidoun Network in Occupied Palestine, spoke first on the program, addressing the ongoing reality of PA security coordination with Israel and how this is reflected in political repression and imprisonment directed at Palestinian resisters and activists, including student organizers, women's movement organizers and community leaders. She addressed the types of charges levied by the PA in political cases, including false allegations of "sectarian practices" and fomenting social division, or defamation of political officials and those in high positions. She emphasized that these repressive practices were directly tied to the PA's role as an intercessor for Israeli colonialism and Zionist domination, tied to the Israeli security forces and directly sharing information about Palestinian organizers and resistance movements.

She was followed by Lena Meari, noted Palestinian scholar of decolonization, resistance and political captivity, and the author of "[Sumud: A Palestinian Philosophy of Confrontation in Israeli Prisons](#)." An assistant professor of Anthropology at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Institute of Women's Studies at Birzeit University, she was born in Haifa to a refugee family

from Al-Birweh village.

In her incisive presentation, Lena Meari addressed the resistance, self-organization and anti-colonial struggle of Palestinian political prisoners and detainees, highlighting the history, development and present situation of Palestinian hunger strikes, resistance to interrogation and refusal to confess as part of the practice of *sumud* within Israeli prisons and under interrogation. She emphasized the political and anti-colonial leadership of Palestinian prisoners, emphasizing that solidarity campaigns must not represent these strugglers as victims in need of aid, but as freedom fighters in a liberation movement.

The concluding speaker was Mohammed Khatib, coordinator of Samidoun in Europe, who spoke about the importance of supporting Palestinian resistance and upholding Palestinians' right to resist, return and liberate their land. He read a statement issued by Ahmad Sa'adat about the case of Omar Nayef Zayed, emphasizing once again the connections between Israel, the Palestinian Authority and imperialist powers in repressing Palestinian struggle. He noted the importance of Palestinian organization and pursuit of an alternative path of resistance for liberation, calling for a [boycott of the PA elections](#) earlier called for by PA president Mahmoud Abbas.

The engaging and wide-ranging discussion addressed a number of topics, including the growing call to return to the full boycott of the Knesset elections in the Israeli colonial project, scheduled for March 2021, the need to center the right to return and the right to resist in boycott campaigns, and the history of the Palestinian revolutionary movement alongside anti-colonial and anti-imperialist movements, especially those in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Lena Meari concluded the event with a stirring call for "radical solidarity" that embraces resistance and revolutionary politics, emphasizing that "solidarity with the Palestinian cause is also solidarity with yourself," against all forms of exploitation and oppression.

On 15-23 January 2021, join Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network in a collective call for the freedom of Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian prisoners, with action and global solidarity to escalate the boycott of Israel, end aid and support to Israel, organize for justice in Palestine and resist imperialism and colonialism.

- [Upcoming Actions and Events](#)
- [Read the Call to Action](#)
- [Download materials and images in 11 languages](#) (and additional materials in [German](#), [Danish](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#), [Swedish](#) (2))
- [Watch the video calling for the week of action \(English, Spanish and French\)](#)
- [Background and materials on Ahmad Sa'adat](#)

Upcoming Events

Join these events and actions for the Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and send your events to us at samidoun@samidoun.net!

Sunday, 17 January - Manchester, Britain: Street Stall - Free all Palestinian prisoners! Free Issam Hijjawi! 12 Noon, Outside Morrisons, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester M21 0UA. More info: <https://samidoun.net/event/manchester-street-stall-free-all-palestinian-prisoners-free-issam-hijjawi/>

Saturday, 23 January - Online Event - Liberation vs Dependency: Strategies to Defeat Neoliberalism and Colonialism in Algeria, South Africa, and Palestine. 11 am Pacific - 2 pm Eastern - 9 pm Palestine. Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/722789698392609/>

Sunday, 24 January - Paris, France - Protest to free Ahmad Sa'adat, Georges Abdallah, and all Palestinian prisoners! 3:00 pm, Place Jean Ferrat - Metro L2

Menilmontant, Paris, France

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1135211573605908>

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Women accounted for all jobs lost in December

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The U.S. Labor Department's December 2020 jobs report, released on Jan. 8, was staggering in terms of lost jobs for women. Bosses cut 140,000 jobs in December. Overall, women accounted for all of those job losses, losing 156,000 jobs in total, while men gained 16,000.

Black and Latinx women were the most impacted. Latinx women currently have the highest unemployment rate [at 9.1%](#), followed by Black women [at 8.4%](#), while white women have the lowest unemployment rate [at 5.7%](#).

Women, especially Black and Latinx women, work in the jobs hardest-hit by the pandemic and the capitalist recession. They are often the lowest paid, without paid sick leave or the ability to work from home. With schools and daycare centers closed, many women are forced to leave their jobs to parent children.

Of course, these are just statistics and numbers. What's lost in them are the real

lives of women and their children who are now on the brink of homelessness, hunger and despair.

In many states, the unemployment benefit system is filled with entanglements and is in disarray. Many workers have yet to see any relief. But there is no despair amongst the very rich, as described in [“Wall Street’s New Years party: Dancing on the backs of poor workers.”](#)

The Rev. Annie Chambers, Peoples Power Assembly activist and public housing organizer, told Struggle-La Lucha: “As women, it’s time for us to stand up and fight back. Capitalism ensures that the rich get rich and the poor get poorer. We must demand jobs or income now and much more.” Chambers was also a founder of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization.

What is crystal clear is that the women’s movement must take up the demands of the hardest-hit women, those who are unemployed — especially Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Arab and Asian women.



Pardon Leonard Peltier, not Blackwater war criminals

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Leonard Peltier is an Indigenous political prisoner who has spent over 40 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Peltier, a member of the American Indian Movement, was framed for killing two FBI agents during a government invasion of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Federal agents and prosecutors manufactured evidence against him (including the so-called “murder weapon”), hid proof of his innocence and presented false testimony through torturous interrogation techniques.

People are commonly set free due to a single constitutional violation, but Peltier — innocent and faced with a staggering number of [constitutional violations](#) — has yet to receive justice.

To learn more, visit the [International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee](#).



Message to the World Social Forum from Socialist Unity Party / Partido de Socialismo Unido

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John Parker, Socialist Unity Party / Partido de Socialismo Unido delivers message to the World Social Forum 2021. Global March on January 23, 2021.



Minneapolis J20 Inauguration protest: We demand a people's

agenda

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INAUGURATION DAY PROTEST

WE DEMAND A PEOPLE'S AGENDA!

- NO WAR ON IRAN! END SANCTIONS ON IRAN + VENEZUELA!
- STOP KILLER COPS! COMMUNITY CONTROL NOW!
- END THE MUSLIM BAN + FAMILY SEPARATIONS AT THE BORDER!
- CLOSE THE CAMPS! DEFEND DACA/TPS! LEGALIZATION FOR ALL!
- DEFEND THE RIGHT TO PROTEST! #646DROPTHECHARGES
- CLIMATE ACTION NOW! 2050 IS TOO LATE! NO NEW PIPELINES!
- ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR ALL WORKERS IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC!

RALLY & MARCH

NEW LOCATION → E. 32nd St & 21st Ave S.

MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY 20 @ 5 P.M.



Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

32nd St & 21st Ave, Minneapolis 55407

Join us to rally and march. You can join us on the route as a marcher or in your car.

No War with Iran!

Sanctions Kill! End Sanctions Against Iran and Venezuela!

End Aid to Israel!

Community Control of the Police Now!

No More Killer Cops!

Stop the deportations!

End separating families at the border, no more concentration camps!

End the Muslim Ban!

Defend DACA!

Defend TPS!

Legalization for All!

Immediate Release and Reunification of Separated Families at the Border

Reparations to All Peoples Affected by Inhumane Immigration Practices

Criminal Prosecution of Donald Trump and All Responsible for Illegal Practices at the Border (forced hysterectomies, family separations)

Terminate Border Wall Project

Defend the Right to Protest!

#646DroptheCharges

Fight climate change through action now, we can't wait until 2050!

No new oil or fossil fuel pipelines!

Respect Indigenous sovereignty!

Strengthen the social safety net for those most in need!

No more bailouts for the rich!

We demand immediate economic relief for all workers impacted by the pandemic!

Student loan relief now!

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