

Baltimore: Rittenhouse is Guilty!

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Edward A. Garmatz United States Courthouse

The Peoples Power Assembly will hold a demonstration on November 22nd, 2021, at 5pm outside the Edward A. Garmatz federal courthouse in Baltimore, Maryland, condemning a Kenosha jury's not guilty verdict on all charges against racist murderer Kyle Rittenhouse. The Peoples Power Assembly demands that the Department of Justice press federal hate crime charges against Rittenhouse and pursue a maximum prison sentence.

Rittenhouse faced five charges of first degree homicide and first degree endangering safety with a deadly weapon. The charges originate from last summer when Rittenhouse shot three anti-racist protestors, killing two, Joe Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber. The protestors were attending large scale Kenosha demonstrations condemning the police shooting of Jacob Blake, an unarmed black man. It should be pointed out that there has been no justice for Jacob Blake. The cop that shot Blake in the back was never even charged, let alone convicted.

Rittenhouse traveled across state lines from Illinois to Kenosha supposedly to protect local business and provide medical care. The then seventeen year old Rittenhouse came armed with a semi-automatic rifle and no formal emergency medical training. This was a hateful gung-ho teenager looking for racist glory. As Rittenhouse fled the scene of the crime, local police provided him with snacks and directions. This scene is in stark contrast to that of Tamir Rice, a twelve year old Black boy playing with a toy gun murdered by the Cleveland Police Department. Details later emerged that Rittenhouse had a history of pro-police rhetoric and social media posts threatening anti-racist demonstrators with deadly violence. The message is clear: being black and unarmed is criminal, being a white armed racist is not.

A jury with eleven out of twelve white members passed down the disgraceful acquittal. During the trial, Judge Bruce Schroeder showed a continued bias against the prosecution and in favor of Rittenhouse. Rittenhouse's acquittal demonstrates the importance of people's struggle against the racist and hypocritical American justice system. While progressive figures like Mumia Abu-Jamal and Leonard Peltier rot in prison, fascists like Kyle Rittenhouse walk free.

This double standard is exactly why we must all continue to struggle against racism, mass incarceration, and police brutality. Please join us on November 22nd as we raise our voices against the Rittenhouse verdict and demand justice.



After a year of struggle by farmers, Indian government forced to withdraw farm laws

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After fighting for almost a year, farmers in India finally won a victory against the three farms laws enacted by the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government last year. Prime minister Narendra Modi announced on Friday, November 19, that the three laws would be repealed and all legal processes related to the matter will be completed during the upcoming session of parliament.

The news of the announcement led to celebrations all across the country. People hailed the victory of the farmers' movement and took to the streets and social media to express their joy, while recalling the sacrifices made by the farmers in their year-long agitation. Several called it a victory against the arrogance of power.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is spearheading the farmers' movement, issued a brief statement welcoming the prime minister's announcement. However, it also reiterated that some of its crucial demands are yet to be met and the fate of the ongoing agitation will only be decided after a detailed review later.

SKM also reminds the Prime Minister that the agitation of farmers is not just for the repeal of the three black laws, but also for a statutory guarantee of remunerative prices for all agricultural produce and for all farmers. This important demand of farmers is still pending.

— *Kisan Ekta Morcha (@kisanektamorcha) [November 19, 2021](#)*

The full statement of the SKM can be found [here](#).

Welcoming the announcement, Sitaram Yechury, general secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), [saluted](#) the farmers and their brave struggle against the three farm laws. He called the over 750 farmers who had died during the agitation "our martyrs."

Yechury also demanded that the prime minister apologize to the farmers for causing "hardships and troubles by his dictatorial step of farm law to benefit his crony business partners," and fulfill the other demands of the farmers.

The All India Agricultural Workers Union (AIAWU) also hailed the announcement of the withdrawal of the three laws calling it a victory for the peasants and the patriotic people of India.

Rahul Gandhi, leader of the Congress, the main opposition party, congratulated the farmers in a tweet for defeating the government's arrogance with their struggle for truth.

— Rahul Gandhi (@RahulGandhi) [November 19, 2021](#)

Welcoming the announcement, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation tweeted that farmers will not leave the protest sites until all the formalities of the withdrawal are complete and other demands of the farmers are fulfilled.

"It is a big victory. The movement will continue till anti-farmer three laws are officially repealed in the upcoming parliament session, MSP guarantee law is passed & fabricated cases filed against leaders & members of various farmers' orgs are withdrawn." <https://t.co/ulp9caLjN5>

– CPIML Liberation (@cpimlliberation) November 19, 2021

Reacting to the farmers' victory, author and columnist Vijay Prashad [wrote](#) on Facebook, "first time in seven years the Man with the Saffron Beard had to admit defeat. Modi repealed the farm laws, not because he saw the light of their hideousness but because the farmers & the working-class would not budge.

Partial victory

Reacting to the prime minister's statement, Hannan Mollah, secretary of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), [called](#) it a partial victory as some of the crucial demands of the farmers have not been met yet.

After failing for months to persuade the government to withdraw the three farm laws, the SKM, a platform of more than 500 farmers' unions from across India including the left-oriented AIKS, began its indefinite sit-in at all major border crossings to national capital Delhi on November 26 last year. The SKM argued that the three farm laws enacted promoted corporate interests at the cost of the farmers, and would eventually lead to the destruction of the farm sector in the country by endangering the livelihoods of millions and enabling the corporate takeover of agriculture.

The SKM had also demanded the enactment of a law on minimum support prices (MSP) and the withdrawal of the electricity amendment bill. MSP is a set of basic prices declared by the government in India based on which it procures certain farm products. Though it is expected that the market price of farm produce will not fall below the MSP, it is hardly the case and most of the time, farmers are forced to sell their produce at prices less than the MSP or less than the basic cost of production.

The electricity amendment bill provides for private players in electricity distribution, which farmers think will lead to a rise in the price of electricity and the overall cost of production due to the withdrawal of government subsidies.

Following the protests at the Delhi border, India's Supreme Court had suspended the laws for a year and formed a three-member committee to examine them. The farmers rejected the Supreme Court's intervention and called the committee biased in favor of the government and the laws. Following this rejection by the farmers, some members of the court-appointed committee withdrew from it. However, proving the farmer's apprehensions correct, on Friday, one of the members of the committee, Anil Ghanwat, called the prime minister's announcement "the most regressive step" and accused him of choosing "politics over farmers' betterment," *Press Trust of India* reported.

The SKM took out numerous protest actions through their year-long movement, including the march of tractors on the occasion of Republic Day in January. The farmers also faced numerous oppressive measures from the state, the arrest of several leaders on false charges, and a vilification campaign targeting the agitating farmers as terrorists and accusing them of destabilizing the country.

The BJP has maintained that the three farm laws were in the interest of the farmers and will benefit agriculture in India. In October, the son of one of the ministers in the BJP government was accused of ramming his car into five farmers protesting the farm laws in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district. The SKM has asked for the sacking of the minister, Ajay Kumar Mishra, from the union government and punishment for all the culprits of the heinous crime.

Source: [Peoples Dispatch](#)



Reportaje desde la Habana: A pesar del bloqueo de EE. UU., Cuba ha vacunado al 90% y se abre a visitantes del mundo

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Lars Bertling, Russell McClain y Sharon Black, tres reporteros de Struggle-La Lucha, miembros del Partido Socialismo Unido y representantes de la Asamblea del Poder Popular de Baltimore están participando en la 31^a Caravana de la Amistad USA-Cuba IFCO Pastores por la Paz.

Este es nuestro relato personal. Esperamos poder reportar diariamente.

Habana, 16 de noviembre — Fue dificultoso todo el día el lunes 15 de noviembre en el lado estadounidense. Esperamos en las agotadoras filas de seguridad del aeropuerto y pasamos horas registrándonos. Dos de nuestros representantes a duras

penas obtuvieron sus pasaportes. Tuvimos que levantarnos a las 5 a.m. y conducir hasta la oficina de pasaportes en Miami con la esperanza de obtenerlos.

Pero cuando llegamos a Cuba, todas estas dificultades valieron la pena.

Al aterrizar, nuestro espíritu se aligeró y nuestra energía regresó. El pueblo cubano y sus líderes esperaban en el aeropuerto, junto con un grupo de medios de comunicación. Nuestro grupo fue literalmente la primera delegación en viajar a Cuba tan pronto se dio la apertura, luego de haber estado cerrada a visitantes internacionales debido a la pandemia. El 15 de noviembre fue también la apertura de escuelas y servicios en Cuba además de ser un día de celebración por el aniversario de la Habana.

Cuando llegamos al Centro Cubano Martin Luther King (sí, existe tal centro), jóvenes cantantes y músicos cubanos nos saludaron junto con la comunidad local de Marianao, líderes políticos y representantes del Centro MLK.

Hoy martes, fue nuestro primer día completo de aprendizaje y visitas. Como nuestro grupo era grande, más de 70 personas, nos dividimos.

Memorial de la Denuncia

La mayoría de las personas que viven en los EE. UU. solo equiparan el terrorismo con los ataques del 11 de septiembre. Es una triste hipocresía. Muchos más cubanos, muchos de ellos niños pequeños, han muerto en ataques terroristas. Solo que estos ataques fueron perpetrados por el Pentágono, la CIA, la derecha y el imperialismo estadounidense.

Este moderno museo documenta esos innumerables ataques.

La entrada tiene un recuento rotatorio actualizado del número de personas que han perdido la vida a causa del terrorismo. Esto no incluye a los afectados por el

bloqueo, sino estrictamente a las víctimas de bombardeos y actos violentos de terrorismo. Hoy la cuenta es de 3.476.

Hubo 637 (conocidos) intentos de asesinar a Fidel; 21 ataques aéreos de la CIA; 11 bombardeos de la CIA; y 581 ataques terroristas contra misiones cubanas en el exterior.

Una película especial documenta el bombardeo del carguero francés La Coubre ocurrido el 4 de marzo de 1960 en el puerto de la Habana y la consiguiente pérdida de 110 vidas. Fidel y el Che encabezaron las marchas callejeras masivas para honrar a quienes perdieron la vida y desafiar al imperialismo estadounidense. Las familias de las víctimas aún lamentan su pérdida.

El terrorista y agente de la CIA Luis Posada y sus cómplices, que estaban todos protegidos en los Estados Unidos, se jactaron del cobarde bombardeo del vuelo 455 de Cubana de Aviación el 6 de octubre de 1976, matando a los 73 pasajeros, muchos niños cubanos y los 24 miembros de una organización deportiva juvenil, equipo que acababa de ganar todas las medallas de oro en los Campeonatos Centroamericanos y del Caribe.

Parecía no haber fin a la guerra de Estados Unidos contra Cuba: desde la Operación Peter Pan que secuestró a 14.000 niños cubanos durante un período de dos años desde 1960 a 1963 y más tarde en 2000, el secuestro de Elián González. Estados Unidos también llevó a cabo una guerra biológica contra Cuba, incluida la destrucción de la industria porcina y el sabotaje de cultivos agrícolas.

Estos son solo algunos ejemplos.

El Memorial le conmoverá y cambiará su opinión sobre quiénes son los verdaderos terroristas.

Instituto Finlay de Vacunas

Nuestra siguiente parada fue el Instituto Finlay de Vacunas que ayudó a producir tres vacunas COVID-19 cubanas: Soberana, Soberana 02 y Soberana Plus.

Tantas cosas se destacaron en la discusión y presentación de los representantes del Instituto.

Bajo las condiciones más difíciles debido al bloqueo, Cuba pudo producir estas tres vacunas altamente efectivas, rivalizando con la efectividad de las vacunas estadounidenses. El bloqueo había impedido a Cuba importar los reactivos necesarios para la producción de la vacuna. Y las restricciones internacionales sobre patentes impidieron que los científicos cubanos compartieran información importante.

Además, era casi la primera vez que Cuba tenía que producir una vacuna dirigida a un virus (no a una infección bacteriana) y pudieron hacerlo en muy poco tiempo. Así que se podría considerar un milagro.

Entonces, ¿cómo lo hicieron?

Una de las principales razones aducidas fue la cooperación entre organizaciones cubanas, la falta de competición y lucro personal. De hecho, estas fueron algunas de las mismas razones, junto con algunas otras, de la alta tasa de vacunación en Cuba que ahora ha alcanzado un asombroso 90% de la población.

En este momento los niños menores de 2 años no están siendo vacunados, por lo que dado que el 90% incluye a toda la población, el porcentaje de vacunaciones entre los elegibles es aún mayor.

El pueblo de Cuba confía en las vacunas porque el país tiene una larga historia de atención médica preventiva que está basada en la educación e implementación comunitaria. No hay ningún requisito de lucro para bloquear la atención médica en Cuba.



U.S. charges against Russia about space are the height of hypocrisy

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The U.S. charge that Russia is polluting space with orbital debris is the height of hypocrisy, according to political analyst [Bill Dores](#).

Dores, a writer for [Struggle-La Lucha](#) and longtime antiwar activist, made the remarks in an interview with Press TV on Nov. 18 after the United States called a recent Russian anti-satellite missile test “irresponsible” and “destructive,” claiming that it caused a debris field in space that forced astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) to temporarily seek shelter.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters on Monday that Russia had “recklessly conducted a destructive satellite test of a direct ascent anti-satellite missile against one of its own satellites.”

He said the test “has so far generated over 1,500 pieces of trackable, orbital debris

and hundreds of thousands of pieces of smaller orbital debris that now threaten the interests of all nations.”

Price warned the test “will significantly increase the risk to astronauts and cosmonauts on the International Space Station, as well as to other human spaceflight activities.”

“Russia’s dangerous and irresponsible behavior jeopardizes the long-term sustainability of our outer space and clearly demonstrates that Russia’s claims of opposing the weaponization of space are disingenuous and hypocritical,” Price said.

Russia on Nov. 16 rejected U.S. accusations that its missile test that struck a defunct space satellite potentially put astronauts aboard the ISS at risk.

The Russian Ministry of Defense confirmed that it had “successfully conducted a test” to hit an old Russian satellite launched into orbit by the Soviet Union in 1982, according to reports.

“Ned Price’s charges against Russia are the height of hypocrisy. Before he was with the State Department, Price spent 10 years at the CIA. That agency uses spy satellites to facilitate its covert wars and terrorist activity around the world. Lockheed Corporation, now Lockheed Martin, began building spy satellites under CIA direction in 1959,” Dores said.

“The USSR put the first satellite and the first man and woman in space. Washington was horrified at this advance for science. The U.S. also launched a space program, but its prime focus was military. The Pentagon created the National Reconnaissance Office in 1961,” he added.

“Since then the U.S. has filled space with spy satellites just as it has populated our planet’s oceans with war fleets, our skies with warplanes and the land with its military bases. It has used its spies-in-the-sky to facilitate mass murder in its endless

wars of aggression from Vietnam to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria. They give the U.S. a critical advantage when attacking and invading poorer countries," Dores said.

"A U.S. spy satellite targeted the Amariyeh air-raid shelter in Baghdad in February 1991. The Air Force hit it with two laser-guided bombs, murdering at least 408 children, women and men," he noted.

"Air Force Undersecretary Peter Teets, who headed the National Reconnaissance Office in 2003, claimed the use of satellites made the U.S. invasion of Iraq 'the most integrated and precise military engagement in history.' Much of the intelligence used in that war came from spy equipment the CIA installed on commercial satellites," he said.

"Iraq War Boosts Space Spending,' Reuters reported on June 6, 2003."

'Pentagon seeks to turn space into a battlefield'

Dores said, "Of the 3,372 satellites now orbiting Earth, 1,897 belong to the United States. (China is second, with 412.) Of those 160 are officially military. But most of the commercial and weather satellites also carry spy equipment."

"The United States has also destroyed satellites in space. In February 2008, the U.S. Navy carried out Operation Burnt Frost, destroying a malfunctioning U.S. military satellite that threatened to unleash toxic debris onto our atmosphere," he noted.

"But the Pentagon seeks to go beyond spying. It aims to turn space into a battlefield. In 1984, they created the U.S. Space Defense Command with a view to weaponizing outer space," Dores said.

"In 2019, the Trump regime created the U.S. Space Force. The Pentagon also set up the Space Development Agency that same year," he said.

"Trump was rightly ridiculed for the Space Force. Yet the Biden White House has continued it, even as it battles Congress to fund badly needed infrastructure and social programs," he said.

"On April 26 of this year, Space Force News — yes, there is such a publication — reported: 'U.S., Israel expand cooperation to the space domain.' The article quoted a Space Force colonel who said, 'Israel is one of the U.S. Space Force's strongest partners in the Middle East, and we look forward to increased collaboration with them in the space domain,'" Dores stated.

"The United States and the occupation regime in Palestine share satellite intelligence to direct airstrikes in Syria and Iraq," he explained.

"The U.S. militarization of space is not only a massive theft of resources from human needs in the United States. It forces other countries to divert their own resources in self-defense. And as the Russian test showed, if the U.S. continues to pursue this dangerous course, it will be answered," he said.

"Space exploration should be for the good of humanity and life on earth, not a means to destroy it. It should be an area of cooperation, not armed confrontation. The United States should shut down the Space Force and deactivate its military satellites before it's too late," Dores concluded.

Source: [Press TV](#)



People before patents: Moderna's "Grand Theft Vaccine"

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The [World Health Organization](#) estimates that 5.1 million people have died of the coronavirus. The [Economist](#) magazine claims that the real number of deaths may be three times as many.

Meanwhile [Pfizer expects to rake in sales of \\$36 billion](#) from its covid vaccine in 2021. The collective wealth of Moderna's three top shareholders—Noubar Afeyan, Robert Langer and Timothy Springer — [ballooned to \\$12.7 billion](#) because of vaccine sales.

Moderna didn't create its very effective vaccine by itself. The corporation, which has never brought out a product before, got \$1.4 billion from the U.S. government to develop it. Uncle Sam paid Moderna another \$8.1 billion for a half-billion doses.

More importantly it was scientists from the National Institutes of Health who helped design the genetic sequence used in Moderna's vaccine. These NIH scientists were Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Dr. Barney Graham and Dr. John Mascola.

Yet [when Moderna filed its patent application](#) in July for the vaccine these scientists weren't mentioned. That's particularly rotten in the case of Dr. Corbett, a Black woman.

It's not just a matter of stealing credit. Moderna wanted government money and crucial help from NIH scientists but it didn't want to share any of the profits.

Moderna has only sold a million vaccine doses to poor countries. It charged the African country of Botswana \$29 per dose, [a 79% higher price](#) compared with its deal with the U.S. government.

That's typical behavior for the big drug outfits known as Big Pharma. Every minute BioNTech, Moderna and Pfizer are together collecting \$65,000 in profits from their COVID-19 vaccines, according to the [People's Vaccine Alliance](#).

That amounts to \$93.5 million per day. At the same time [just one out of fifty people](#) in poor countries have been fully vaccinated.

Patent robbery = death

Patents are legal monopolies that are supposed to encourage innovation. The medical-industrial-complex uses them to jack up prices on life saving medications.

Take the [EpiPen](#), which is a brand name for an injectable device that delivers the drug epinephrine to people suffering a severe allergic reaction. Access to EpiPens can mean the difference between life and death.

Mylan Pharmaceuticals, which later merged with Upjohn to form Viatris, [increased the price of EpiPens by over 500%](#) between 2006 and 2016.

Insulin is a life saving medication for millions of people with diabetes. The Canadian Dr. Frederick Banting discovered insulin along with James Collip and Charles Best in 1923.

Banting refused to put his name on [the patent for insulin](#). He wrote that “insulin does not belong to me, it belongs to the world.” Banting’s two co-discoverers sold the insulin patent to the University of Toronto for one dollar.

That doesn’t prevent the drug outfits from [increasing the average annual cost of insulin](#) of over 15% since 2012. That’s an increase of three and a half times in nine years.

By 2016 the average monthly [cost of insulin](#) had risen to \$450 per month. As a result [one in four people using insulin](#) have reduced their dosage. That’s why Minneapolis restaurant worker Alec Smith [died in 2018 because he couldn’t afford insulin’s high cost](#).

It isn't just insulin that's overpriced. The communist activist David Schechter, a former math teacher and computer programmer, suffered a stroke because he couldn't afford his medication. He died eight years later in 2014.

Take over Big Pharma!

The failure to vaccinate billions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America has allowed the coronavirus to mutate into the more spreadable Delta variant. In a world of jet planes and global supply chains, everyone has to be able to be vaccinated.

Cuba and China want to do that. These socialist countries are sharing their vaccines with the rest of the world while capitalist Big Pharma is stalling.

Patents need to be shared and new vaccine plants need to be built in Africa. Don't count on the U.S. government to do so voluntarily.

The Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Sudan was destroyed in 1998 by a U.S. cruise missile. This was the largest medicine factory in Africa and could have produced millions of vaccine doses.

However, when Uncle Sam needed more aluminum for its airplanes in World War II, it broke Alcoa's monopoly on the metal. That's despite the billionaire Mellon dynasty controlling the company. The U.S. Senate Defense Committee and Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes [advocated taking over Alcoa.](#)

In a world of nearly 8 billion people, the Biden Administration's plan to produce a billion more vaccine doses by the end of 2022 isn't enough. To defeat COVID-19, the power of the people has to be mobilized to smash the greed of Big Pharma and take over their patents.



Report from Havana: Despite U.S. blockade, Cuba has 90% vaccinated, opens to world visitors

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Lars Bertling, Russell McClain and Sharon Black, three reporters for Struggle-La Lucha, members of the Socialist Unity Party, and representatives of the Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly are participating in the 31st U.S.-Cuba IFCO-Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan..

Havana, Nov. 16 — It was an all day ordeal on Monday, Nov. 15, on the U.S. side. We waited in grueling airport security lines and spent hours checking in. Two of our representatives barely got their passports. We had to get up at 5 a.m. and drive to the passport office in Miami and keep our fingers crossed.

But when we got to Cuba it was all worth it.

On landing our spirits soared and our energy returned. Cuban people and their leaders were waiting at the airport, along with a bevy of news media. Our group was literally the first delegation to travel to the newly opened Cuba, which had been closed to international visitors because of the pandemic. Nov. 15 was the opening of schools and services in Cuba and is also a day celebrating the anniversary of Havana.

When we got to the Cuban Martin Luther King Center (yes, there is such a thing) young Cuban singers and musicians greeted us along with local Marianao community and political leaders and representatives of the MLK Center .

Today, Tuesday, was our first whole day of learning and visiting. Our entire group was large, over 70 people, so we split up.

Memorial de la Denuncia

Most people living in the U.S. only equate terrorism with the 9/11 attacks. It's a sad hypocrisy. Far more Cuban people, many who are young children, have died in terrorist attacks. Only, these attacks were perpetrated by the Pentagon, CIA, the right wing, and U.S. imperialism.

This state-of-the art, modern museum documents those countless attacks.

The entrance has a revolving, updated count of the number of people who have lost their lives to terrorism. This does not cover those impacted by the blockade but strictly through bombings and violent acts of terrorism. Today the count is 3,476.

There were 637 (known) attempts to assassinate Fidel; 21 CIA air raids; 11 CIA bombings; and 581 terrorist attacks aimed at Cuban missions overseas.

A special film documents the March 4, 1960, bombing of the French freighter La Coubre in the Havana port and the loss of 110 lives. Fidel and Che lead the massive

street marches to honor those who lost their lives and to defy U.S. imperialism. The families of the victims still mourn their loss.

Terrorist and CIA agent Luis Posada and his accomplices, who were all sheltered in the U.S., bragged of the cowardly bombing of Cubana Flight 455 on Oct. 6, 1976, killing all 73 passengers, many Cuban children and all 24 members of a youth sports team that had just won every gold medal in the Central American and Caribbean Championships.

There seemed to be no end to the U.S. war on Cuba: from Operation Peter Pan that kidnapped 14,000 Cuban children over a two-year span from 1960 to 1963 and later in 2000, the kidnapping of Elián González. The U.S. also carried out biological warfare against Cuba, including the destruction of the pig industry and the sabotage of agricultural crops.

These are just a few examples.

The Memorial will grip your heart and change your view on who the real terrorists are.

Finlay Vaccine Institute

Our next stop was the Vaccine Institute which helped produce three Cuban COVID-19 vaccines: Soberana, Soberana 2 and Soberana Plus.

So many things stood out in the discussion and presentation by the representatives of the institute.

Under the most difficult conditions due to the blockade, Cuba was able to produce these three highly effective vaccines, rivaling the effectiveness of U.S. vaccines. The blockade had prevented Cuba from importing the reagents necessary for the production of the vaccine. And international patent restrictions blocked Cuban

scientists from sharing important information.

In addition, it was nearly the first time that Cuba had to produce a vaccine aimed at a virus (not a bacterial infection) and they were able to do it in a very short time. So you might consider it a miracle.

So how did they do it?

One of the major reasons given was the cooperation between Cuban organizations, the lack of competition and personal profit. In fact, these were some of the same reasons, along with a few others, for the high vaccination rate in Cuba that has now reached an astounding 90% of the population.

At this moment children under 2 years of age are not being vaccinated, so given that 90% includes all the population, the percentage of vaccinations among those who are eligible is even higher.

The people of Cuba trust the vaccines because the country has a long history of preventative health care that is steeped in education and community implementation. There is no profit requirement to block health care in Cuba.



Women's Int'l Federation: End the U.S. blockade against Cuba!

#NoMasBloqueo

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Pronouncement

Havana, Nov. 11 — The Regional Office of the Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres / Women's International Democratic Federation (FDIM) for the Americas and the Caribbean, together with the 68 national women's organizations affiliated and associated with FDIM in this area, whose work it coordinates on behalf of the Federation of Cuban Women (FMC), expresses its unconditional support for the firm proposals made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, before the diplomatic corps accredited to Cuba on 10 November, by exposing the new undisguised and abominable warp of the government of the United States and other influential figures in that nation ... with its despicable 29 declarations, applicable around November 15, aimed at trying to show Cuba as a failed state, and to do so, to try to subvert the constitutional order, alter the citizen's tranquility, and damage peace in Cuba, with actions that provoke instability and violence, which include pressures and threats to governments of other countries and diplomats accredited in Cuba to carry out actions requested by the United States to achieve their goals.

All this, while the committed, capable and reliable authorities of Cuba, together with their people of women, men and brave young people, laborious, and courageous, among which the scientific community stands out, have engaged and achieved worthily, the almost absolute control of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, and its effects in all spheres of life of the country, through the mass vaccination of 75% of the adult population with drugs manufactured in Cuba, proven by the relevant authorities, and have won for the country the first place to begin vaccinating its children aged 2 to 18, with the express consent of the beneficiaries.

At the same time, the country has provided the assistance of its doctors and other health workers to more than 40 nations in the world to save human lives, with proven success, in addition to having already shared significant quantities of these

vaccines with several countries.

However, in the face of so much evidence of the protection of life as the main human right of individuals, among other fundamental rights reliably protected by Cuban society throughout its more than 60 years of existence, the United States government, frustrated champion of respect for human rights in the world, and its hypocritical allies in the region, only manage to seek the intensification of the economic, commercial and financial blockade against our country, with increasing unilateral coercive measures, at all costs...

That is why the FDIM Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean calls on women's organizations in the Americas and the Caribbean, and throughout the world, as well as international public opinion, to speak out against this new, brutal and infamous outrage against Cuba with strong solidarity actions that demonstrate recognition of Cuba's efforts and resistance to the frequent and unsuccessful onslaught of the imperialist power against this enterprising country. We also urge them to remain alert to the actions of the counter-revolution in the countries, which are being unscrupulously demanded by the current U.S. government and its acolytes, and financed with U.S. taxpayers' money.

Have no doubts, just as the "Historical Leader of the Cuban Revolution, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, spent immortality convinced that "the Cuban people will win", the current Maximum Leadership, Continuity of the Revolution, and the people all, their women, men and young people will remain faithful to that Legacy, and to the Values inculcated by Che "Hasta la Victoria Siempre".

#CubaVive

We will resist and we will conquer!

Regional Office of the Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres / Women's

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Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres: ¡Alto al bloqueo contra Cuba! #NoMasBloqueo

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Pronunciamiento

La Habana, 11 de Noviembre — La Oficina Regional de la Federación Democrática Internacional de Mujeres (FDIM) para América y el Caribe, junto, a las 68 organizaciones nacionales de mujeres afiliadas y asociadas de la FDIM en esta Área, cuyo trabajo coordina en representación de la Federación de Mujeres Cubanas (FMC), expresa su incondicional respaldo a los firmes planteamientos del Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Cuba, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, ante el cuerpo diplomático acreditado en Cuba el pasado 10 de noviembre, al poner al descubierto la nueva, desembozada y abominable urdimbre injerencista del gobierno de los Estados Unidos y otras figuras influyentes en esa nación... con sus despreciables 29 declaraciones, aplicables hacia el 15 de noviembre próximo, encaminadas a tratar de mostrar a Cuba como un estado fallido, y para ello, tratar de subvertir el orden constitucional, alterar la tranquilidad ciudadana, y dañar la paz en Cuba, con acciones que provoquen inestabilidad y violencia, las cuales incluyen presiones y amenazas a gobiernos de otros países y a diplomáticos acreditados en Cuba para que realicen acciones solicitadas por Estado Unidos para lograr sus fines.

Todo ello, mientras las comprometidas, capaces y confiables autoridades de Cuba,

junto a su pueblo de mujeres, hombres y jóvenes aguerridos, laboriosos, y valientes, entre los que destaca la comunidad científica, se han enfrascado y logrado dignamente, el control casi absoluto de la devastadora pandemia de la COVID-19, y sus efectos en todas las esferas de la vida del país, mediante la vacunación masiva del 75% de la población adulta con fármacos fabricados en Cuba, de eficacia probada por las autoridades correspondientes, y han conquistado para el país el primer lugar en comenzar a vacunar a sus niños de entre 2 y 18 años, con el consentimiento expreso de los beneficiarios.

Al mismo tiempo, el país ha hecho efectiva la asistencia de sus médicos y demás trabajadores de la salud a más de 40 naciones del mundo para salvar vidas humanas, con probados resultados satisfactorios, además de haber compartido ya con varios países cantidades apreciables de las referidas vacunas.

Sin embargo, ante tantas evidencias de protección de la vida como principal derecho humano de las personas, entre otros derechos fundamentales fehacientemente protegidos por la sociedad cubana a lo largo de sus más de 60 años de existencia, el gobierno de Estados Unidos, frustrado paladín del respeto a los derechos humanos en el mundo, y sus hipócritas aliados en la región, solo atinan a procurar el recrudecimiento del bloqueo económico, comercial y financiero contra nuestro país, con crecientes medidas coercitivas unilaterales, a toda costa...

Es por todo ello que la Oficina Regional de la FDIM para América y el Caribe llama a las organizaciones de mujeres en América y el Caribe, y en todo en mundo, así como a la opinión pública internacional, a pronunciarse contra este nuevo, brutal e infame atropello contra Cuba con enérgicas acciones de solidaridad que demuestren el reconocimiento de los esfuerzos y la resistencia de Cuba ante las frecuentes y fracasadas embestidas de la potencia imperialista hacia este emprendedor país. Asimismo, les instamos a mantenerse alertas ante las acciones de la contrarrevolución en los países, que están siendo inescrupulosamente demandadas

por el actual el gobierno de Estados Unidos y sus acólitos, y financiadas con el dinero de los contribuyentes norteamericanos.

No tengan dudas, tal y como el “Líder Histórico de la Revolución Cubana, Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, pasó la inmortalidad convencido de que “el pueblo cubano vencerá”, la Máxima Dirección actual, Continuidad de la Revolución, y el pueblo todo, sus mujeres, hombres y jóvenes nos mantendremos fieles a ese Legado, y a los Valores inculcados por el Che “Hasta la Victoria Siempre”.

#CubaVive

Resistiremos y Venceremos

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Washington, D.C.: Stop the killings! Pass the Philippines Human Rights Act now, Nov. 18

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STOP THE KILLINGS

PASS THE PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT NOW!



NOVEMBER 18
UNION SQUARE AT THE NATIONAL MALL

**ART DISPLAY
RALLY**

**9 AM - 6 PM
3 PM - 4 PM**



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THURSDAY, NOV. 18, AT 3 PM – 5 PM

Stop the Killings! Pass the Philippine Human Rights Act Now!

National Mall and Memorial Parks

What is the Tsinelas Action?

On November 18th, 2021, organizers from the Coalition for the Philippine Human Rights Act will lay out 3,000 “Tsinelas,” the tagalog word for sandals or flip flops, out on the national mall by 3rd Street across Union Square to represent the 30,000 killings under Duterte.

At 3 PM, we will host a rally to demand the passage of H.R. 3884 Philippine Human Rights Act.

Why are we doing the Tsinelas Action?

Despite the well documented and widespread human rights violations of the Duterte regime in the Philippines, The United States government has continued to provide millions of dollars of military aid and approve billions of dollars of arms sales to the Philippine government. Given the number of killings and the repression under the current regime in the Philippines, it would be a moral failure of the United States to continue to give military aid to the Philippines while such human rights violations continue.

For more information about the Philippine Human Rights Act you can visit at www.humanrightsp.org



Stop the U.S. economic war on Cuba! End the U.S. blockade now!

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To the Honorable President Miguel Diaz-Canal and the Government of the Cuban People:

The Socialist Unity Party, based in the United States, sends our deepest solidarity to the Cuban people and renews our commitment to ending the criminal U.S. blockade that seeks to strangle the Cuban people in an effort to dismember, control and

create chaos.

Cuba has remained a beacon of hope for people around the world who cherish peace and justice. The perseverance and spirit of the Cuban people and its government continues to shine bright.

For those of us living in the Belly of the Beast, the U.S. blockade is a cruel reminder that our government does not want us to see the gains of Cuba, including free medical care, education and social programs, that have been stripped in the United States.

There are no words to describe what Cuba means and symbolizes for us. It shows that another world is possible.

We will not rest until the U.S. war on Cuba is ended.

The Pentagon and the wealthy corporate rulers in the United States would like to plunder and exploit Cuba again. This is not possible. We pledge that we will join the Cuban people in saying no! End the U.S. blockade now.

Socialist Unity Party, USA

John Parker and Sharon Black, West Coast and East Coast coordinators

