

Second International League of Peoples' Struggle U.S. Assembly: Fighting for our rights, lives, and planet!

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The 2nd National Assembly of the International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS) was a success! From October 21-23 270 attendees from 122 organizations participated in a protest march, four plenaries, and 8 workshops; passed 12 resolutions, new country chapter by-laws, and an assembly declaration; approved 3 new member organizations; and elected a new Steering Committee. For those who

participated, there's still time to share your thoughts and assessments so we can continue to improve our work!

We opened the first two days with international greetings from ILPS formations around the globe and a keynote speaker from Kilusang Mayo Uno, Kara Taggaoa. With fierce militancy we took to the streets of Seattle, showing the strength of our forces in exposing the exploitative and oppressive business activities of multinational corporations in the Seattle area such as Boeing, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, and Starbucks, calling out in a united voice their superprofits at the expense of their struggling workers and their complicity in arming the US war machine.



During the General Assembly we heard from the plenaries on the global people's movements highlighting the challenges of workers organizing and the resurgent labor movement, the relationship between anti-colonial struggle and defense of land and the environment against imperialist plunder, organizing efforts against heightening political repression and surveillance, and the key role which struggles

for women's liberation and bodily autonomy play in this time of rising fascism.

As a major step in the development of the League and the growth of the anti-imperialist movement in this country, the business portion of this General Assembly resulted in the further development of our national structure with the passing of new bylaws and successful uniting on the following resolutions to guide our work in the coming period:

- ILPS Joins Call to Release Simon Trinidad
- Resolution on Latin America and the Caribbean
- Resolution in support of medical care for Kevin "Rashid" Johnson
- El Grito De Lares
- 1898 Treaty of Paris
- Resolution to Support BAYAN USA Campaign for the "Makibeki NYC 3" and Fight Against Repression of the National Democratic Movement of the Philippines
- Solidarity with the Palestinian People on the 75th Anniversary of Al Nakba
- Resolution on opposing the use of the terror label to brand activists as terrorists
- Resolution on sanctions, blockades, and coercive economic measures
- ILPS Endorsement of 2024 March on RNC
- Free Alex Saab

Delegates from ILPS-US organizations elected a new national Steering Committee to carry out the day-to-day leadership of the Country Chapter. The new Steering Committee consists of the following members:

- Aisha Mansour (Palestinian Youth Movement)
- Bev Tang (Chicago Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines)
- Bill Dores (Abolish the Pentagon & CIA)
- Cody Urban (People Organizing for Philippine Solidarity)
- Daniel Felde (Resist US-Led War Movement Seattle)
- Michela Martinazzi (Committee to Stop FBI Repression)
- Nina Macapinlac (BAYAN USA)
- Nyusha Lin (Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA)
- Rhonda Ramiro (BAYAN USA)



The final day of the Assembly concluded with the passing of a declaration that summarized the remarks made over the three days into a description of the current crisis of US imperialism and resolved to launch a national campaign against state repression with the calls to, “Defend freedom fighters, mass organizations and movements for peace and justice being targeted relentlessly by state forces through so-called “counter-terrorism” programs. Stand with organized and unorganized communities alike as they experience brutalization in the workplace, in racially policed neighborhoods, in prisons and at the militarized borders. Raise high the banner of the League and uphold the justness of all fights for national and social liberation!”

Finally, the Assembly members took part in a solidarity night with cultural performances from the many attending orgs to celebrate our commitment to continue to raise up the anti-imperialist struggle together.

The empire is desperate and dying – We Must Fight for our Rights, Lives, and Planet! Long Live International Solidarity!



North Korea responds to massive, ‘reckless’ U.S.-led war games

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The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has condemned the five days of U.S.-South Korea joint war drills that launched Nov. 1.

After a flurry of joint exercises held in April, August, September and October – some of which included Japan – a DPRK spokesperson said the Nov. 1 aerial drills were the “largest-ever” in history and showed that “the U.S. nuclear war script against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has entered the final stage.”

The north vowed to take “all necessary measures” to defend itself, saying that the joint aerial drills are in preparation for a nuclear strike on the DPRK.

A [statement from a foreign ministry official](#) cited in KCNA describes “an aggression-type war exercise with the basic purpose of hitting strategic targets of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea,” which presents the risk of “serious confrontation with great powers.”

“Nowhere in the world can we find a military exercise with an aggressive character like the joint military exercise held by the United States and its followers in terms of duration, scale, content and density,” the foreign ministry official said. “The U.S. nuclear war script against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has entered the final stage.”

The drills include about 100 U.S. warplanes and 140 South Korean aircraft, with Australia also participating.

The DPRK foreign ministry official said, “We are ready to take all necessary measures to protect the sovereignty of the country, the safety of our people and our territorial integrity from external military threats,” adding that Washington will “pay an equal price if it attempts to use force against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.”

The foreign ministry official reiterated that the DPRK’s nuclear arsenal is for defensive purposes only.

Massive protests are ongoing in South Korea, demanding the end of right-wing President Yoon Suk-yeol’s tenure and the U.S.-South Korea-Japan war exercises.



Protests across Europe: 'Let's get out of NATO'

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Mass demonstrations continued across Europe in October. Primarily they were protests against skyrocketing energy prices and soaring inflation. They were also against war and the sanctions on Russia that are seen to be directly responsible for the cost of living crisis across Europe.

Tens of thousands of people have marched in cities in France, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Germany. Most are fed up with sanctions on Russia that have sparked economic ruin. Also, support for the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine is falling.

Here are some of the protests in Europe:

*Otra multitudinaria Manifestación sucedió hoy en Francia ☐☐.
"Let's get out of NATO!"*

Another massive protest against NATO and the EU on the streets of Paris, France today. pic.twitter.com/1CRwhzBhzx

— Joel la Rosa (@Pedrola51624238) [October 23, 2022](#)

Thousands of Germans fill the streets of Dresden, protesting against sanctions on Russia and the rise in the cost of living caused by the war in Ukraine. pic.twitter.com/eX0MHwgMFL

— MintPress News (@MintPressNews) [October 30, 2022](#)

TODAY: Thousands of protesters in Prague call for early elections and talks with Russia to address the energy crisis ahead of the winter. pic.twitter.com/Ibmp1UCZYe

— MintPress News (@MintPressNews) [October 28, 2022](#)

<https://twitter.com/AxelLeReer/status/1583877250419605504>

<https://twitter.com/Ukraine66251776/status/1586080828622503936>

https://twitter.com/China_News12/status/1586382062902448129

Mass protest in Prague, for Peace, elections and the right not to freeze for NATO. <https://t.co/4SuAfzHnvz>

— Caractacus Mann (@CaractacusMann) [October 29, 2022](#)

□ *Thread of protests that are erupting all over Europe against EU, NATO, inflation, politicians, governmental control, arm sales, etc about which mainstream media is completely silent* □ pic.twitter.com/U8BK2veelm

— mohamed.emam (@mohamed42811653) [October 26, 2022](#)

<https://twitter.com/RadioGenova/status/1586771762288775171>

<https://twitter.com/RadioGenova/status/1587031205286928384>

Thousands of Germans in Dresden to end sanctions on Russia, they want to remain neutral. Europeans don't want to starve and freeze for Zelensky and Ursula von der Leyen. EU media censor these demonstrations, they want war.
pic.twitter.com/Lio07Yx8NG

— RadioGenoa (@RadioGenoa) [October 30, 2022](#)

Post by Juan Sinmiedo on telegram. Rome, Italian's protest Nato and their sanctions on Russia pic.twitter.com/sWUxbGN0B

— Monet Van Gough (@GoughMonet) [October 30, 2022](#)

<https://twitter.com/IscoPar5/status/1586499141055950848>



Pentagon's 'Broken Nest' strategy for Taiwan

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In the midst of a growing economic attack on the People's Republic of China (PRC) by the Biden Administration, an Oct. 12th [article](#) in the tech newsletter gizmodo.com carried the extraordinary title "Taiwan Official Explains with Extreme Calm Why the U.S. Doesn't Need to Blow Up TSMC if China Invades". TSMC refers to the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, the world's leading manufacturer of equipment to create the most powerful computer semiconductors, known as "chips":

The country's defense minister Chiu Kuo-cheng reportedly said 'there is no such plot' for the U.S. to start dropping bombs on TSMC factories if the country were invaded.

*National Security Bureau Director-General] Chen further tried to tamp down on fears the U.S. is going to sap Taiwan's top chipmaking minds from the country, calling those **wargaming** plans "just scenarios" while adding "If they understood*

TSMC's ecosystem better, they would realize that it's not as simple as they think. That's why Intel can't catch up with TSMC.

Despite these assurances from Taiwan's officials, the Pentagon is indeed discussing proposals to destroy TSMC facilities on the island and to whisk away its research workers off the island.

The U.S. Army War College Quarterly published a Nov. 2021 [article](#) titled "Broken Nest: Deterring China from Invading Taiwan". The authors call on the Taiwan government to threaten to destroy the TSMC facilities in a Dr. Strangelove-like scenario:

*The challenge, of course, is to make such a threat credible to Chinese decisionmakers. They must absolutely believe Taiwan's semiconductor industry would be destroyed in the event of an invasion. If China suspects Taipei would not follow through on such a threat, then deterrence will fail. **An automatic mechanism might be designed, which would be triggered once an invasion was confirmed.** In addition, Taiwan's leaders could make it known now they will not allow these industries to fall into the hands of an adversary. The United States and its allies could support this endeavor by announcing plans to give refuge to highly skilled Taiwanese working in this sector, creating contingency plans with Taipei for the rapid evacuation and processing of the human capital that operates the physical semiconductor foundries.*

Imagine working in a facility ringed with explosives. Taiwan is within the Pacific Rim's "Ring of Fire", subject to frequent [earthquakes](#), including a 6.8 one this year. Could not one of these accidentally trigger the "automatic mechanism"?

In January 2018, a nuclear attack [false alarm](#) created panic on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. Could not such a mistake trigger the destruction of the TSMC facility while

its researchers and staff are working?

But a PRC “capture” of the TSMC computer chip factory is not really what the warmakers at the Pentagon, the Washington politicians or their Wall Street patrons are concerned about. Since TSMC’s main customers are companies within the PRC, U.S. imperialism seeks to squelch the amazing technical and scientific advances made by socialist China by any means. For them, the destruction of this remarkable research facility is a small price to pay. Certainly, it is telling the Taiwan leadership if they are not willing to turn their island into a “porcupine” of U.S. weaponry, if they are not ready to blow up their own facilities at the behest of Intel, Texas Instruments and the rest of Silicon Valley and of course the Wall Street banks, the U.S. will do it for them.

Semiconductors: the nexus of U.S. imperialism’s economic war with China

That is only part of the Biden strategy to prevent China’s scientific and technical development. This last summer, Biden pushed through the \$52 billion “CHIPS and Science Act”, subsidizing Intel and other computer monopolies building new facilities matching those in Taiwan and, most importantly and explicitly, keeping U.S. imperialism ahead of the PRC in computer chip development.

The Act’s political and corporate sponsors promised thousands of new jobs. But it did not take long for that pledge to be broken, as an October Time magazine [article](#) revealed:

When a group of semiconductor companies, including Intel Corp., lobbied Congress to pass the \$52 billion chip-stimulus bill earlier this year—one of the biggest federal investments in a private industry—they argued in part that the subsidies and tax breaks would protect American jobs.

But now just months before the funding applications open, the nation’s largest

semiconductor company is reportedly planning a major reduction in its workforce—yet could still receive billions in federal subsidies. Thousands of Intel employees are expected to be laid off later this month to cut costs amid a steep decline in demand for PC processors, according to Bloomberg. Some divisions, including sales and marketing, could lose 20% of their staff.

Even so, the reported job cuts come at an awkward time for Intel, given that the company lobbied heavily for the subsidies and committed \$20 billion to build a manufacturing mega-site on the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio earlier this year. The move also puts Intel chief executive Pat Gelsinger—who received a \$179 million compensation package last year—in a difficult position. In December, he lobbied Congress to pass the funding, co-signing a letter to lawmakers that said federal subsidies would be “supporting millions of jobs for Americans.”

Biden, not China, disrupts international semiconductor industry

Not yet satisfied with this corporate boondoggle, Biden on Oct. 7th [announced](#) through his Commerce Department stern measures to outlaw U.S. and foreign semiconductor companies from doing any business with China.

Wall Street has responded with ecstatic glee, with, for example, [benziga.com](#), a Wall Street newswire, headlining an October 26th article: “China’s Semiconductor Industry ‘Decapitated Overnight’: What ‘Annihilation Looks Like’.” U.S. imperialism’s standard bearer, the New York Times, published an Oct. 20th opinion piece titled “Biden Just Clobbered China’s Chip Industry.”

Biden himself could not restrain himself from getting in on the act, with [Bloomberg.com](#), after an interview, headlining an article with: “Biden Crows About Chips Bill, Says Xi ‘Concerned’ About US Plans”.

China’s government has [responded](#) to the U.S. new restrictions:

Liu Pengyu, a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said the United States was trying “to use its technological prowess as an advantage to hobble and suppress the development of emerging markets and developing countries.”

“The U.S. probably hopes that China and the rest of the developing world will forever stay at the lower end of the industrial chain,” he added.

China is not the only one objecting to Biden’s international extortion scheme. An opinion [piece](#) from the Oct. 20 New York Times describes the international network for creating new computer chips:

A typical chip might be designed with blueprints from the Japanese-owned, U.K.-based company called Arm, by a team of engineers in California and Israel, using design software from the United States. When a design is complete, it’s sent to a facility in Taiwan, which buys ultrapure silicon wafers and specialized gasses from Japan. The design is carved into silicon using some of the world’s most precise machinery, which can etch, deposit and measure layers of materials a few atoms thick. These tools are produced primarily by five companies, one Dutch, one Japanese and three Californian, without which advanced chips are basically impossible to make. Then the chip is packaged and tested, often in Southeast Asia, before being sent to China for assembly into a phone or computer.

An Oct. 27 New York Times [article](#) describes the impact of Biden’s anti-China campaign on the smaller companies in the computer industry and its workers here:

The Biden administration delivered its own blow this month with sweeping restrictions aimed at hobbling China from using U.S. technology related to chips. The measures restrict sales of some advanced chips to Chinese customers and prevent U.S. companies from helping China develop some kinds of chips.

Lam Research, which produces tools that etch silicon wafers to make chips, estimated that the China limitations would reduce its 2023 revenue by \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion. “We lost some very profitable customers in the China region, and that’s going to persist,” Doug Bettinger, Lam’s chief financial officer, said during an earnings call last week.

Applied Materials, the biggest maker of chip manufacturing tools, also said sales would suffer because of the restrictions. On Wednesday, another maker of chip manufacturing tools, KLA, said its revenue next year was likely to shrink by \$600 million to \$900 million as it reduces equipment sales and services to some customers in China.

‘Wargaming’ Biden: Hands off Taiwan! It does not belong to you!

On Taiwan itself, whose main trading partner is the PRC, and with companies there facing these same U.S. restrictions, there is deep concern, as expressed in an Oct. 19th Euronews [article](#):

The new rules require U.S. companies to cease supplying Chinese chipmakers with equipment to make relatively advanced chips, though Washington has granted some non-Chinese companies operating in China one-year licenses.”

“The difficulty this time will be a very big challenge,” Nicky Lu, chairman of Taiwan chip design firm Etron Technology Inc, told reporters ahead of the event. “No one will escape the impact.”

Frank Huang, chairman of Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp, said the sector was caught in a difficult situation.

“We do business on both sides of the Strait. So we can’t listen to the U.S. and not do any business with mainland China. Then what would everyone eat?” Huang

said. "Our industry's position is to maintain our competitiveness."

Ideally, semiconductor development could help make the world's population far more prosperous. But once again U.S. imperialism through its political and military minions demonstrates its only goal is its own hegemony, not the welfare of the workers and oppressed here and abroad.

Taiwan is part of Socialist China. Our class has a duty to prevent the U.S. from interfering in the internal affairs of China as it resolves this issue. And it has the right to maintain normal commercial and trade relations with the rest of the world.

Source: [Fighting Words](#)



Plymouth, Mass.: National Day of Mourning 2022, Nov. 24

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022 AT 12 PM

2022 National Day of Mourning

Cole's Hill, Plymouth, MA

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Masks Up! Mayflowers Down!

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

An annual tradition since 1970, the Day of Mourning is a solemn, spiritual, and highly political day. Many of us fast from sundown the day before through the

afternoon of that day. We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action. Over the years, participants in Day of Mourning have buried Plymouth Rock a number of times, boarded the Mayflower replica, and placed ku klux klan sheets on the statue of William Bradford, etc.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

Thursday, November 24, 2022 (U.S. “thanksgiving” day) at Cole’s Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 12 noon SHARP. Cole’s Hill is the hill above Plymouth Rock in the Plymouth historic waterfront area.

WILL THERE BE A MARCH?

Yes, there will be a march through the historic district of Plymouth. Plymouth agreed, as part of the settlement of 10/19/98, that UAIINE may march on the National Day of Mourning without the need for a permit as long as we give the town advance notice.

PROGRAM: Although we very much welcome our non-Native supporters to stand with us, it is a day when only Indigenous people speak about our history and the struggles that are taking place throughout the Americas. Speakers are by invitation only.

For those who cannot attend in person, THIS YEAR’S NDOM WILL HAVE LIVESTREAMING DIRECT FROM PLYMOUTH AS WELL AS MESSAGES FROM INDIGENOUS STRUGGLES IN MANY HOMELANDS!

Please note that NDOM is not a commercial event, so we ask that people do not sell merchandise or distribute leaflets at the outdoor program. Also, we ask that you do not eat (unless you must do so for medical reasons) at the outdoor speak-out and march out of respect for the participants who are fasting. Finally, dress for the

weather!

SOCIAL: There will be NO sit-down pot-luck social this year due to COVID-19, but we may have small box lunches available for hungry travelers after the march.

TRANSPORTATION: If you cannot get to Plymouth, you can watch it online!

For carpools, please go to <https://www.groupcarpool.com/t/mqyiup> and offer to carpool if you have a car or join a carpool if you don't.

We will post bus information for 2022 when we have it.

DONATIONS: Monetary donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of the day and of UAINE's many other efforts during the year:

<https://gofund.me/de371f07>

FOR UPDATES: Please join and check the UAINE Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UAINE> for updates on the National Day of Mourning this year. Our website uaine.org will be updated, but not as quickly or frequently as the Facebook group.

COVID-19 has hit Indigenous communities very hard, and we want to ensure that no one gets sick from attending the National Day of Mourning. Everyone must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose - no exceptions!



U.S. to deploy nuclear-capable B-52s to Australia, provoking China

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In what critics are calling a “dangerous escalation,” the United States is reportedly preparing to deploy up to six nuclear-capable B-52 bombers to northern Australia, where they would be close enough to strike China.

“The ability to deploy U.S. Air Force bombers to Australia sends a strong message to adversaries about our ability to project lethal air power,” the U.S. Air Force [told](#) “Four Corners,” a television program of the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)*, on Sunday.

Becca Wasser, a senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington D.C.-based think tank, told *ABC* that “having bombers that could range and potentially attack mainland China could be very important in sending a signal to China that any of its actions over Taiwan could also expand further.”

Investigative journalist Peter Cronau, however, described the plan, which came with “no debate [or] discussion,” as “military madness [that] is fanning tensions with China.”

No debate, no discussion — democracy shelved.

‘No nukes’ policy trashed — US is making northern Australia prime targets for their planned war with China.

Military madness is fanning tensions with China. US to deploy nuclear B-52 bombers to Australia. <https://t.co/FrbMKHosG8>

— Peter Cronau (@PeterCronau) [October 30, 2022](#)

Cronau’s message was echoed by David Shoebridge, an Australian Greens senator for New South Wales.

“This is a dangerous escalation,” Shoebridge [wrote](#) on Twitter. “It makes Australia an even bigger part of the global nuclear weapons threat to humanity’s very existence—and by rising military tensions it further destabilizes our region.”

[According to ABC](#), “Washington is planning to build dedicated facilities” for the nuclear-capable B-52 bombers at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, less than 200 miles south of Darwin, the capital of the country’s Northern Territory.

The Pentagon’s plan represents the latest U.S. act of hostility toward China.

Relations between the two countries have only worsened since August when U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other members of Congress [visited](#) Taiwan (the Republic of China, or ROC) despite opposition from Beijing, which—along with most of the international community, including Washington since the 1970s—considers the breakaway province to be part of the People’s Republic of

China (PRC).

In a departure from more than four decades of “One China” policy—in which the U.S. recognizes the PRC as the sole legal government of China and maintains informal relations with the ROC while adopting a position of “strategic ambiguity” to obscure how far it would go to protect Taiwan—U.S. President Joe Biden has [repeatedly threatened](#) to use military force in response to a Chinese invasion of the island.

Although Biden [warned](#) earlier this month that Russia’s assault on Ukraine has brought the world closer to “Armagedeon” than at any point since the Cuban Missile Crisis, his move to station B-52 bombers in Australia further increases the global risk of nuclear war.

News of the impending deployment comes just days after the Biden administration released a Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) that nonproliferation advocates said makes catastrophe more, rather than less, likely.

“The [formal statement](#) of U.S. nuclear strategy pays lip service to the need to limit the spread and prevent the use of atomic weaponry and [cancels](#) an egregious Trump-era missile program,” *Common Dreams* [reported](#) last week, but “the document makes clear that the country will move ahead with [dangerous and costly modernization plans](#)—and leaves intact the option of a nuclear first strike.”

According to Stephen Young, senior Washington representative at the Union of Concerned Scientists, “The world is becoming a more dangerous place, but the only military threat to the survival of the United States is a nuclear war with Russia or China.”

“Rather than recognizing that threat and seeking to find ways to end it,” said Young, “the Biden NPR doubles down on nuclear deterrence and the status quo approach to

security that says we all must be prepared to die in less than an hour.”

The move to park B-52 bombers at the Tindal air base also comes just over a year after the [establishment](#) of the so-called AUKUS alliance, a trilateral military partnership through which the U.S. and the United Kingdom plan to help Australia build a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines—a long-term initiative widely seen as a challenge to China by Western powers determined to exert control over the Pacific region.

Some Australian critics expressed concerns that the planned deployment of U.S. military aircraft to the Northern Territory locks the country into joining Washington in the event an armed conflict with China erupts.

“It’s a great expansion of Australian commitment to the United States’ war plan with China,” [said](#) Richard Tanter, a senior research associate at the Nautilus Institute and longstanding anti-nuclear activist.

“It’s a sign to the Chinese that we are willing to be the tip of the spear,” said Tanter. “It’s very hard to think of a more open commitment that we could make. A more open signal to the Chinese that we are going along with American planning for a war with China.”

Beijing, for its part, accused Washington of destabilizing the entire Pacific region with its planned deployment of B-52s to the Tindal air base.

Asked about the U.S. positioning nuclear-capable bombers in Australia, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian [said](#) that military cooperation pacts between countries should “not target any third parties or harm the interests of third parties.”

“The relevant U.S. behaviors have increased regional tensions, seriously undermined regional peace and stability, and may trigger an arms race in the region,” Zhao told

reporters at a regular briefing in Beijing.

“China urges the parties concerned to abandon the outdated Cold War and zero-sum mentality and narrowminded geopolitical thinking, and to do something conducive to regional peace and stability and enhancing mutual trust between the countries,” he added.

Source: [Common Dreams](#)



NATO had plans for a preemptive strike on Russia

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POLARIS 21 was a [large-scale French naval exercise](#) in the Mediterranean that took place from November 18 to December 3, 2021, off the island of Corsica between France and Italy.

Officially, the aim of the training was to test the capabilities of the sea and air

elements to face future wars, using the latest systems and naval vessels to develop tactics.

The scenario of the exercise—which saw the participation of 23 ships, one submarine, 65 aircraft and 6,000 personnel from six NATO nations including the U.S.—was to enable the Allies to maintain control of the Mediterranean in the event of a threat from the Russian air force and navy.

Journalists have come into possession of documents which detailed plans for the NATO coalition to use the POLARIS exercise to send a French carrier strike group to preemptively attack Russia in the case of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, which the U.S. and NATO were in the process of provoking. The UK signed an agreement with Ukraine that granted it access to naval bases in Ukraine that could be used to attack the Russian Federation.

According to [Slavisha Batko Milacic](#) writing in *Global Village Space*, the POLARIS 21 exercise became for the Russian Federation a signal of the real preparation of NATO for the start of hostilities against it—as happened when a full-scale U.S.-NATO military operation to affect regime change in Libya (Operation Odyssey Dawn) followed two NATO air-sea exercises (Baltops-2010 and Frisian Flag-2010).

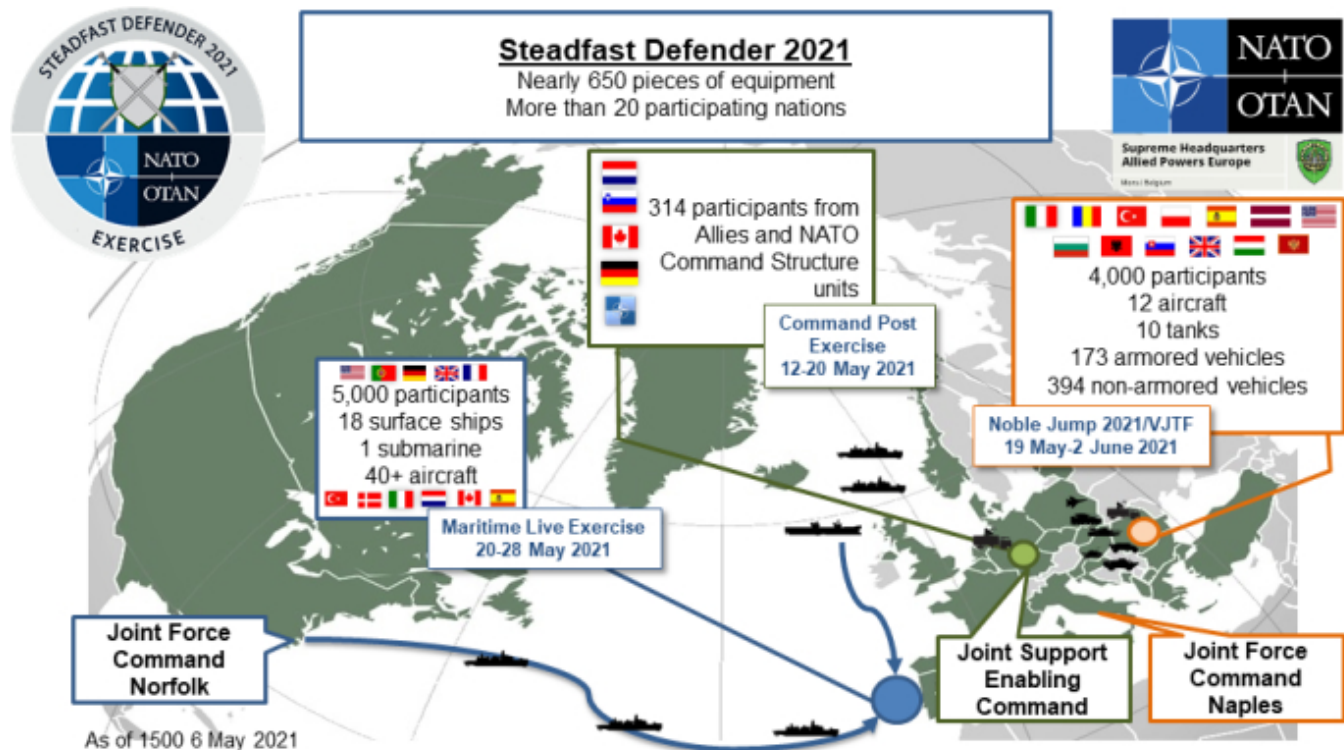
Defender Europe 21 and regime-change plans

The POLARIS 21 exercise was carried out in conjunction with the U.S. Army Europe-Africa's Exercise [DEFENDER EUROPE 21](#).

It was set up under the premise that Russia was an aggressor power like the Nazis—though it was the Soviet Union that had stood up to the Nazi invasion in World War II.

Significantly perhaps, the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Europe-Africa's command for the so-called “Eastern front” is in Wiesbaden, Germany, which was headquarters

of the Nazi [Wehrkreis XII](#) during World War II.



From the Russian point of view, its special military operation in Ukraine was necessary in the face of a potential preemptive strike by NATO—combined with the fact that NATO wanted to use Kyiv as a base for conducting a war against the Russian Federation.

Ukraine has now very clearly evolved into a proxy war. The West's aim is to overthrow Putin's government, fitting the pattern of past military interventions against nationalist regimes in Libya, Ukraine, Syria and Iraq.

In Syria, Russia had supported the sovereignty of the legitimate government of President Bashar al-Assad, while the U.S. and EU supported various jihadist groups like al-Qaeda, al-Nusra and eventually ISIS, in Arabic called DAESH—the amalgamation of all terrorist groups.

Wikipedia reported that 26 NATO members participated in the [Defender-Europe 21](#), a U.S.-Army led military exercise including operations in the Baltics that extended into March. This month, 14 NATO countries are participating in a followup exercise, Steadfast Noon, designed to train flight crews to [handle thermonuclear bombs](#).

These exercises assume Putin's willingness to use nuclear weapons—though Russia was put on high nuclear alert because of heavy U.S. and NATO provocation, and U.S. leaders have been the ones more frequently [threatening nuclear war](#).

In 2019, the Trump administration withdrew from the INF treaty (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty) which put a cap on the deployment of U.S. and Russian strategic warheads.

This was a good example of the move away from diplomatic engagement by U.S. leaders waging a new Cold War that has already become hot.

Source: [CovertAction](#)



Brazilian democracy scores a victory against considerable odds

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October 30 – Just a few minutes ago, Brazil's Supreme Electoral Tribunal announced Lula da Silva's victory by over 2 million votes or 1.5%. Undoubtedly it was a tight race with many obstacles for the progressive candidate, but in the end, the people's will to leave behind 4 years of a disastrous government prevailed.

With over 99% of the voting stations counted, Lula won almost 51% of the votes, while his rival, the ultra-right-wing Jair Bolsonaro, achieved a concerning 49% of the votes. This runoff was similar to the first round's turnout. In other words, neither of the two candidates managed to significantly mobilize those who did not take part in the political process in the first round.

Apparently, Bolsonaro achieved better results as his numbers shrank from the first round's difference by almost three million votes. This will have to be analyzed because the third and fourth candidates of the first round presumably gave their support to Lula. However, if they did not join the campaign to mobilize it was just lip service to create a distance from Bolsonaro without giving real support to Lula.

Greater mobilization of Bolsonaro's forces after the unexpected result of the first round and the unfair maneuvers of the neo-fascist candidate were key points in this result. Since the morning of election day, the federal police were on the streets obstructing the traffic instead of easing it on such an important day. They clearly had a mandate to stop buses bringing people to voting stations from rural areas.

Thousands of complaints have been posted on social media about long lines of public

and private vehicles waiting to be checked by the police. Even the Uber app was out of service, and many drivers refused to give a ride to people who were clear Lula supporters. These occurrences were much more prevalent in the northeast region of the country. This area is considered the stronghold of Lula's Workers' Party (PT). In some places, Bolsonaro supporters went so far as to cut down trees to block roads for hours to prevent PT supporters from reaching polling stations.

In Brazil, public transportation is usually free on election day to ensure that lower-income people can vote. This time, many governors and mayors sympathetic to Bolsonaro refused to take such a measure. The right-wing is aware of the strong support Lula has in the poorest sectors of society and used this low blow in hopes of impacting the outcome. Maybe this would not be a relevant issue in another country, but in Brazil, public transportation is expensive for many people who have to spend an average of \$US5 for a ride.

Despite all these fraudulent actions, neo-fascist forces could not stop the irrevocable will of a country to move forward, to have hope, and see a path to progress.

Lula's victory is very positive for Brazil and Latin America and the world for that matter. It is the largest economy in the region and its support is essential for the left and anti-imperialist processes. At the same time, the right-wing lost its most important stronghold in Latin America, which substantially reduces its power to influence regional dynamics. However, this does not mean it is defeated.

Senate and governorship composition in the country is quite complex and is not to the advantage of the new government. This is a significant reality in a federalist country.

Today's victory is significant not just in Brazil but it shifts the relationship of forces in the entire region. The narrow victory reflects how every progressive move by Lula will be met with resistance and dirty tricks. The threats of a coup d'état are

still latent and will not be going away anytime soon. The frauds committed today, and Bolsonaro's statements about his intentions to try and organize a coup against Lula, show that the right-wing has a deep disdain for democracy and the people's will. They will not miss an opportunity to reverse their huge defeat today as they did in Bolivia in 2019; as they are constantly trying to do in Peru, also in Argentina against Cristina Fernandez, and as they did before in Brazil against Dilma and Lula. The international right, neo-liberal forces, have been set back but Lula will need to consolidate quickly because they are not going to let such a valuable country as Brazil just slip away. The licking of their wounds will be momentary.

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The terrors of colonialism: A Halloween freedom march for

Puerto Rico

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What: Puerto Ricans and allies will march in a contingent in The Village Halloween Parade to bring attention to the Terrors of Colonialism

When Monday, October 31, 2022, at 7 pm

Where: Canal St and 6th Avenue, New York, New York 10013

The Puerto Rico Not For Sale Campaign will be marching in costume in the annual Village Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31, 2022 at 7 PM. Representing some of the “terrors of colonialism,” participants in the contingent will be dressing as representations of the Fiscal Control Board, the vulture funds, crypto-colonizers like Brock Pierce, environmental destruction, and LUMA Energy.

Puerto Rico has been living in a state of terror under United States colonialism whose symptoms, grow worse by the day. Not even the legendary El Cuco or the

chupacabra are scarier than the horrific austerity measures the Fiscal Control Board, imposed by the U.S. Government, has had on the archipelago. Most recently, the Fiscal Control Board agreed to a \$23 increase on Puerto Ricans' electricity bills for the next 50+ years to pay off the cost of the debt of the Electrical Energy Authority. This increase is in addition to the seven increases LUMA Energy has imposed since privatizing the electric grid in June 2021 and comes after over a month of power outages in some parts of the archipelago due to Hurricane Fiona. These power outages resulted in the deaths of multiple people through explosions of generators, fires from candles, lack of power to hospitals and nursing homes, and suicides. :

Now more than ever, we must confront these terrors head-on, shining a light on colonial shadows and exposing them for the monsters they truly are, so that we can defeat them. The only solution is independence and national sovereignty for Puerto Rico.

Los Terrores del Colonialismo

El Desfile de Halloween por la Libertad de Puerto Rico

¿Qué?: Los puertorriqueños y sus aliados van a marchar en el Desfile de Halloween para resaltar los terrores del Colonialismo.

¿Cuándo?: lunes 31 de octubre ,2022 ,a las 7 de la noche

¿Dónde?: calle Canal y la 6ta avenida, Nueva York, NY 10013

La campaña Puerto Rico No Se Vende va a marchar en disfraces en el Desfile de Halloween que se celebra en el Village de la ciudad de Nueva York el lunes 31 de octubre a las 7 de la noche. Resultando algunos de los "terrores del colonialismo" participantes del contingente van a disfrazarse representando a la Junta de Control

Fiscal, los buitres, y los colonizadores de la criptomoneda como Brock Pierce, la destrucción ambiental y la compañía de energía Luma.

Puerto Rico está viviendo bajo un estado de terror colonial cuyos síntomas empeoran con el paso de cada día . Ni siquiera El legendario Cuco o el chupacabras dan tanto miedo como las medidas de austeridad de la Junta de Control Fiscal, impuesta por el gobierno de los Estados Unidos, ha tenido sobre el archipiélago. Recientemente, La Junta de Control Fiscal acordó un aumento de \$23 dólares en la factura de la luz por los próximos 50+ años para pagar la deuda de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica. Este aumento se añade a siete aumentos que la compañía de energía Luma ha impuesto desde que se privatizó la operación de la red eléctrica en junio de 2021 y viene después de un mes de apagones en algunas partes del archipiélago como resultado del huracán Fiona. Estos apagones han resultado en las muertes de personas a través de explosiones de generadores, fuegos a causa del uso de velas, falta de energía a hospitales y asilo de ancianos y suicidios.

Ahora más que nunca, debemos confrontar estos terrores de frente, iluminar las sombras coloniales y exponerlos como los monstruos que realmente son, para poder derrotarlos. La única solución es la independencia y soberanía nacional para Puerto Rico.



Demonstrations in New York, Los Angeles and other cities call for an end to the blockade on Cuba

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Large demonstrations on the East and West coasts of the US took place yesterday calling for the end of the Blockade of Cuba as the annual vote in the General Assembly of the UN approaches this week. This will mark the 30th occasion when the overwhelming majority of countries of the world will stand up together in solidarity with the people of Cuba in their defiant struggle and dignified struggle against US imperialism.

New York

In New York over 200 people marched from Times Square, across busy 42nd Street, to the US-UN office on 1st Avenue demanding that Cuba be taken off Washington's

list of state sponsors of terrorism, a measure designed to suffocate every aspect of Cuba's ability to access the world market, to end all trade and travel restrictions and to end the over 62-year-old illegal blockade of the island. The march was led by a contingent of 20 Cuban-Americans who traveled from Miami for the protest.

Milagros Rivera traveling from her besieged island spoke representing the Puerto Rican Committee in Solidarity with Cuba at the NY rally. The FBI recently harassed Rivera and members of her group for traveling to Cuba to deliver humanitarian aid.

Los Angeles

According to Cuba News around 150 people protested in front of the Westwood Federal Building on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, the event had broad representation and was organized by the Los Angeles Hands off Cuba Committee. The protest also demanded that Biden overturn the 243 sanctions slapped on Cuba by the Trump Administration, something he could do with a stroke of the pen.

Many other US cities also held protests including Brunswick, Maine, Portland, Oregon, Duluth, Minnesota, and Laurel, Maryland.

This week more than 20 demonstrations will be taking place across the US to coincide with the vote in the UN to find the complete list with times and locations of the solidarity activities go to the web page of the [National Network on Cuba](#).

In San Francisco the demonstration will take place on Thursday, November 3, at 4:30 pm at the Federal Building at Seventh and Mission followed by a march to UN Plaza. The event is being sponsored by the Bay Area Saving Lives, Answer Coalition, Code Pink, Venceremos Brigade, DSA, and Task Force on the Americas and endorsed by a number of other Bay Area organizations

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