

Keep chanting, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!”

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Real hate mongers love Zionism



Tens of thousands came to the Mall in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 14 to support the bloody U.S. / Israeli war against Gaza. Over [11,000 Palestinians](#) have been killed so far, including at least 4,609 children.

The hate rally was called by Zionist organizations led by a small section of U.S.

capitalists who are Jewish. Many Jewish people and organizations like Jewish Voice for Peace oppose the racist Israeli regime.

The turnout for the Zionist rally was barely a third of the 300,000 people who came to the Nov. 4 demonstration for Palestine.

Nov. 14 rally organizers invited [Mike Johnson](#), the new speaker of the House of Representatives, to speak. Johnson is a Christian nationalist who opposes women's rights and hates LGBTQ+ people.

[He repeats](#) the fascist claim that immigrants from Africa, Latin America, and Asia are carrying out a "great replacement" of whites. As the 60th anniversary approaches of the Dallas coup d'état that killed JFK, this bigot would become president if Joe Biden and Kamala Harris got knocked off.

Johnson denounced calls for a ceasefire in the war against Gaza, saying, "The calls for a ceasefire are outrageous." The pro-Israeli [crowd responded](#) by chanting, "no ceasefire."

Yelling "no ceasefire" is cheering the killing of Palestinian children. It's approving the bombing of hospitals in Gaza.

The day after the Nov. 14 rally, Israeli forces [invaded](#) Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza's largest. Incubators were turned off because the electric generators ran out of fuel. Babies were somehow kept alive with aluminum foil.

Al-Nasr Children's Hospital was also occupied by Israeli soldiers. "We said goodbye to the children, left them on the machines, and left the hospital with guns pointed at us," said one of the doctors there. "There are more than 150 children in the hospital who were left for their fates, and there is no one else in the hospital."

President Biden has demanded that another \$14.3 billion in arms be given to the apartheid state carrying out these war crimes. That makes Biden a war criminal, too.

Anyone who opposes a ceasefire, like Biden, has blood on their hands. That applies to Senate Majority leader Chuck Schumer, who spoke at the Nov. 14 hate rally. And that means you, Bernie Sanders, who also denounced any ceasefire.

Fascists for Israel

An estimated 100,000 people came to a Nov. 12 rally in Paris to supposedly denounce anti-Jewish racism. It really served to cheer on Israeli atrocities while ignoring the racism directed at Arab, African, and immigrant communities in France.

[Among those who came](#) was Marine Le Pen, the leader of the fascist Rassemblement National. Her daddy, Jean-Marie Le Pen, claimed that Hitler's gas chambers were "merely a detail."

During Algeria's war of independence, French colonialism killed a million Algerians, 40,000 of whom were tortured to death by scum that included Jean-Marie Le Pen.

French cops routinely brutalize Arab and African people. Hundreds of Algerians were killed on [Oct. 17, 1961](#), by Paris police, who dumped their bodies in the Seine River.

The same capitalist class that deported 76,000 French Jews to Nazi extermination camps carried out the murder of Algerians.

Any genuine rally against racism in France has to condemn the attacks on Arab and African people, as well as Israel's atrocities against Palestinians. Gaza ghetto is today's Warsaw Ghetto.

Another supporter of Israel is Italian [Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni](#), who worships Adolf Hitler's best buddy, Benito Mussolini. The Italian fascist dictator killed a million people in Ethiopia and another million in Libya.

Italian workers, who were Mussolini's first victims, shot the sawdust Caesar and hanged his naked body upside down in Milano. Meloni's fascist sympathies didn't prevent Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from welcoming her to the Zionist state.

While fascists and other bigots support Israeli atrocities, capitalist governments have decreed the slogan, "from the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free!," to be hate speech. Austrian police banned a pro-Palestinian demonstration because of the chant.

Britain's Labour Party [suspended its parliament member Andy McDonald](#) for using the phrase.

Prosecutors in Berlin claim it's incitement to hate. The expression is called a "genocidal call to violence to destroy the state of Israel," in the [Congressional resolution](#) censuring Rashida Tlaib, its only Palestinian member.

[George Washington University](#) suspended Students for Justice in Palestine, which projected the slogan on a campus building. [Columbia University](#) suspended both SJP and Jewish Voice for Peace.

Fear of a Palestinian majority

It's strange that a slogan that refers to geography should be so controversial. [Pre-1948 maps](#) of the region clearly show that Palestine does indeed extend from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.

What should be shocking are the wild, expansive Zionist claims to Arab lands.

The election symbol of the old [Herut party](#) displays the Zionist state as occupying not only all of Palestine but Jordan as well. [Herut](#) — which was denounced by Albert Einstein as fascist — was a predecessor of Netanyahu's Likud Party.

One of the pre-1948 Zionist terrorist groups called [Lehi](#) demanded a "Hebrew kingdom from Euphrates [in Iraq] to the Nile." Lehi participated in the April 9, 1948, Deir Yasin massacre in which over 100 Palestinians were murdered.

It's a big lie that chanting "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!" calls for killing Jewish people. What Zionist supporters are really saying is that Israeli settlers refuse to live under a Palestinian majority government.

This was the same argument used by supporters of the Jim Crow white supremacist regimes in the U.S. South. William F. Buckley Jr. did so in his 1957 National Review editorial, "The South must prevail."

[Buckley](#), who called whites the "advanced race," was worried that Black people could outvote whites in many places. The National Review is 100% for Israel today.

The hysteria over the "from the river to the sea" slogan also serves to smother the demand for the right of return of Palestinians to their homes. This seems like simple justice to most people.

The Zionist State was born in 1948 with 800,000 Palestinians being driven out of their homeland during the catastrophe called the [Nakba](#). Fifteen thousand Palestinians were killed.

It was the old apartheid regime in South Africa that wanted the country split up into several mini-states, really Bantustans. All the U.S. schemes for Palestine are the same. The African National Congress fought for one state with a Black majority.

French colonialism occupied Algeria for 132 years before they were kicked out.

Palestine will be free, from the river to the sea!



☐☐ Emergency Protest Friday - Stand with Al-Shifa Hospital - Stop U.S. Funded Genocide

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PFLP: Hold U.S., international community responsible for assault on Al-Shifa hospital

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The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) confirmed that the occupation's assault this morning on the Al-Shifa hospital complex, its brutal bombing, firing, and shelling inside it, targeting thousands of displaced civilians, tampering with patients' rooms and wards, and terrorizing patients and medical staff, is a fully constituted war crime for which the American administration and the so-called international community, which encouraged the enemy to commit this major crime, are responsible.

The Front considered that the defeated Zionist enemy, by assaulting the Al-Shifa medical complex, is openly seeking to gain a false image of victory from within the confines of a civilian hospital sheltering thousands of citizens, endangering the lives of hundreds of premature babies, leaving patients prey to shelling or death due to

inability to treat them, and with the presence of bodies and remains of martyrs that medical staff cannot bury.

The Front affirmed that what is happening now in the Al-Shifa complex is a resounding exposure of the so-called international community and free world, which allows this dark and criminal Zionist entity to invade a civilian medical complex that should be protected under international law.

The Front added that the Zionist entity, whose cowardly forces fled the battle after suffering heavy losses inflicted by our heroic resisters in the neighborhoods and alleys of the sector, found in its assault on a civilian hospital a means of revenge, an expression of its sadism and doctrine of killing, in full view of the world and satellite TV screens.

The Front emphasized that the Western world, with its alignment and complicity in these major crimes, cannot beautify or repair its criminal image, which has been exposed again, warning of a silly dramatic series directed by Zionists and produced and sponsored by America and the West to try to justify this crime or the crimes to be committed within the complex.

The Front concluded its statement by affirming that Palestinian hospitals will remain a witness to the unprecedented crimes of this entity, which have reached a level not practiced by any occupation or colonialism before. However, our people are determined to resist and remain steadfast and firm and will not raise the white flag. Our doctors, patients, and all our people will remain strong, undeterred by these crimes, and will not forgive or forget the complicity of the international community and international medical institutions that turned a blind eye to the targeting of hospitals and the medical system, and the killing of doctors and patients.

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Queers for Palestine march in New York

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Thousands of people joined a Queers for Palestine march in New York City on Nov. 12. The crowd was young, militant, and angry about the deluge of Israeli pinkwashing aimed at the LGBTQ+ community in the U.S.

Speakers representing Palestinian, Muslim, and Jewish communities emphasized that Israel's genocidal bombing of Gaza demonstrates that queer liberation is impossible without Palestinian national liberation. Activists also called on prominent LGBTQ+ figures and politicians to take a stand in solidarity with Palestine.

From Union Square, the marchers took over 14th Street, heading to the Stonewall Inn - site of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion - and concluded in Washington Square Park.



Xi meets Biden

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This was the only second face-to-face meeting during the Biden presidency. It seems the aim was to clarify just how close the U.S. and China are to conflict over Taiwan and other security issues, as well as trying to establish some semblance of trade progress after years of U.S. moves to reduce China's rise in hi-tech and other products (EVs) that threaten U.S. hegemony. Indeed, Xi was also meeting U.S. business leaders to try and reassure them that they can invest in China, despite recent moves by the Chinese CP leaders to tighten controls on the capitalist sector.

It does not appear much came out of the meeting apart from agreeing not to attack each other 'by mistake.' But while the leaders 'talked turkey,' the economic reality is that U.S. efforts to strangle the Chinese economy are not working. [Western 'experts' continue their never-ending message that China is close to a debt collapse;](#) China's property market is imploding; and above all, China's previous phenomenal growth is now over, and the economy since COVID is grinding to a halt and will end up like Japan, stagnating in a sea of debt.

If this were really so, then Biden and American capital would have nothing to worry about – but they do worry, and rightly so. Yes, China’s property bubble has burst, and some very large private-sector property developers are going bust. [In previous posts](#), I have argued that it was a big mistake by the Chinese CP leaders to adopt the Western capitalist model for urban development. Instead of putting housing construction into the public sector to build homes at reasonable rents for the hundreds of millions of Chinese who have moved into the cities to work, the government allowed private developers (with billionaire owners) to do the job, and now the result is a classic debt-driven bubble that has burst.

And yes, overall debt in the capitalist sector has rocketed. Now, the government will be forced to liquidate many of these developers and/or ‘restructure’ their operations with state money. But this does not mean China is about to have a deflationary crash. China’s net debt to GDP ratio (debt burden) is only 12% of the average in the G7 economies. The state holds huge financial assets, so it can easily manage this property slump.

The government has just announced that its new Central Financial Commission will take over from the People’s Bank and the existing financial regulator, the control of China’s financial private sector. The ‘Western experts’ decry this move because they think the market can better allocate investment than the state. *“The temptation to intervene in capital and credit allocation, whether arising from risk or management failure, or from political directive, is likely to be elevated,”* said perennial China skeptic George Magnus. He added. *“These features do not augur well for China’s financial stability or economic prospects.”*

The point is that the Xi leadership no longer trusts the Western-educated economists in the People’s Bank to regulate the private sector – the bank is a fortress of neo-classical pro-market economics. The bank’s economists would support Magnus’ approach to free up the finance sector – something so successful in Western

economies! But the CP leaders still stop short of bringing these speculative financial and real estate speculators into public ownership (no doubt some leaders have personal links). Until they do, financial speculation will continue to distort the economy much more than any arbitrary policies of the party leaders.

The Chinese economy is not diving into a recession. The IMF has just forecast that China's real GDP will rise by 5.4% this year – and that's an upgrade from its previous forecast. The housing market may be struggling, but productive industrial construction is booming. China has already built enough solar panel factories to meet all demand in the world. It has built enough auto factories to make every car sold in China, Europe, and the U.S.. By the end of next year, it will have built in just five years as many petrochemical factories that Europe and the rest of Asia have now.

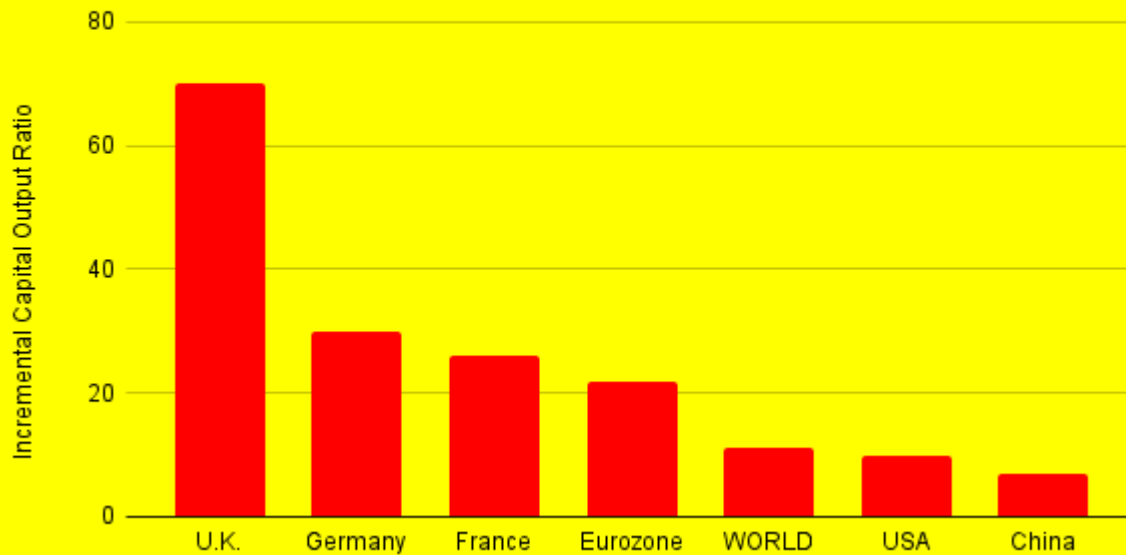
And take hi-speed rail and infrastructure projects. Back in the U.S., Biden makes much of his infrastructure program after [decades of decline and neglect in U.S. transportation facilities](#). But that's nothing to the rapid expansion of high-speed rail and other transport projects that now have linked up the vast expanse of China's regions. Compare this to the state of infrastructure in the San Francisco area as Xi visits.

Ah, but you see, China's economy is seriously 'imbalanced'. There is 'too much' investment in such projects and not enough handouts to the people to spend on consumer goods like iPhones or services like tourism and restaurants. China cannot grow anymore unless it switches households from saving to spending and investment to consumption. The old state-led investment and export model is dying. China will now end up like Japan, stagnating with near-zero growth and a falling population.

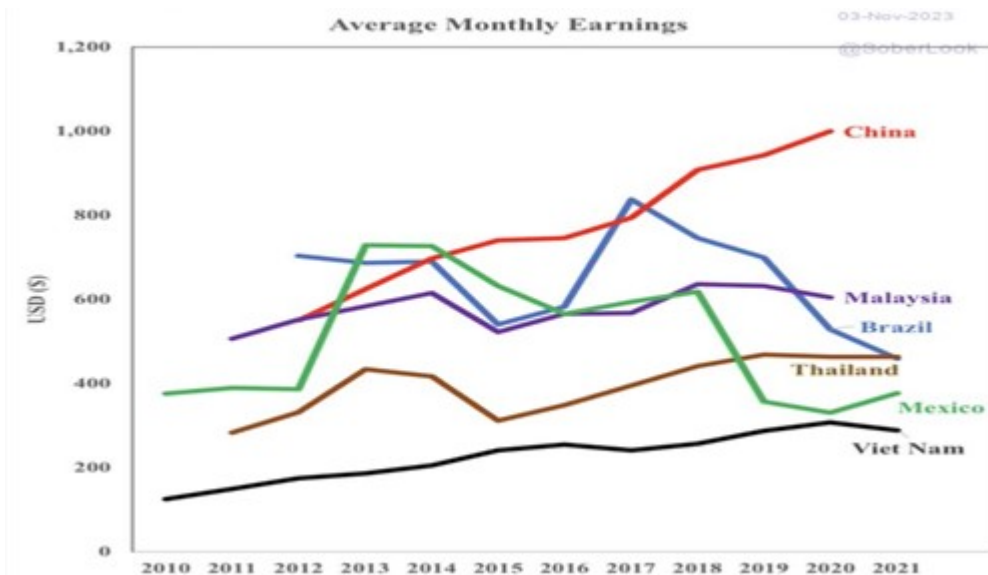
I [have pointed out the nonsense of this view on several occasions](#). China's growth has been based on a high rate of productive investment – at least until the unproductive capitalist property development sector came overloaded with debt.

EXTRA CAPITAL REQUIRED FOR GDP GROWTH

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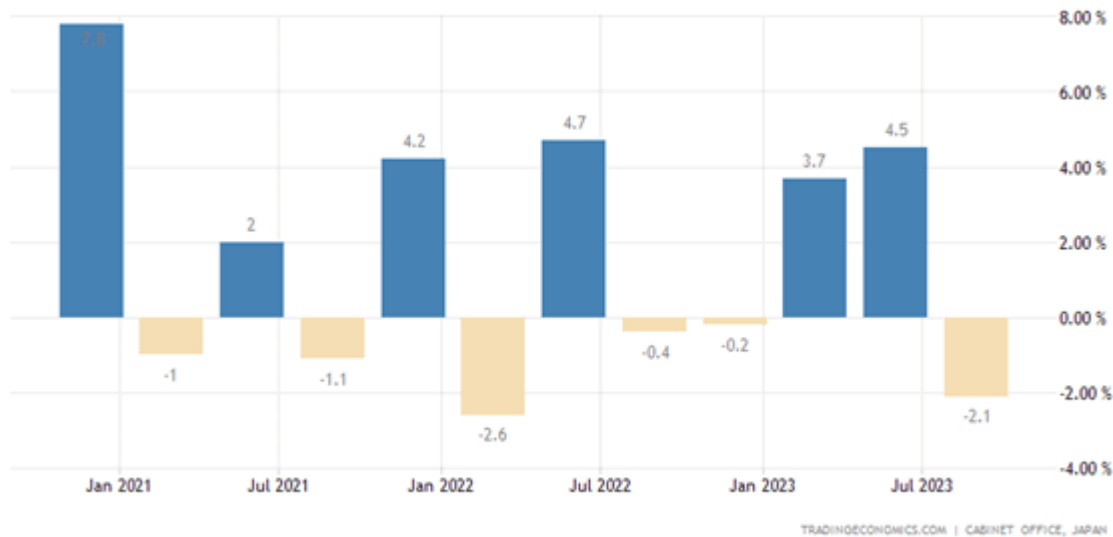
But high investment does not mean low consumption growth - on the contrary, investment leads to more production, more jobs, and then more income and consumption. China's supposedly low consumption ratio to GDP compared to the highly successful Western capitalist economies is accompanied by a much faster growth in household spending. Indeed, retail sales rose 7.6% yoy in October - not suggesting an entirely weak consumer. China's workers may not have any say in what their government does, but nevertheless, their wages are still rising faster than anywhere else in Asia.



And those wage rises are not being eaten away by inflation as has happened in the last few years in the rest of the G20 economies. China's inflation rate is near zero, while inflation, despite recent falls, in the U.S. and Europe is several times higher – indeed, U.S. workers have seen prices rise by 17% since COVID.

The Western mainstream economists proclaim China's 'disappointing' economic slowdown (real GDP growth of 5.4% and forecast 4.5% next year), but they say little about Japan. Japan is dropping into stagnation and even slump. In Q3 2203, real GDP fell 2.1% at an annualized rate (the measure U.S. economists use to bolster the U.S. rate); consumer spending is stagnating, and business investment's decline is accelerating.

Japan: real GDP growth (annualized rate) %



Japan is joining much of the Eurozone, the UK, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, etc, in contraction this coming year.

And if Biden is hoping that the upcoming presidential election in Taiwan will lead to a victory for the pro-independence candidate from the Democrat party, then he could be in for a surprise. It seems that the two anti-independence, pro-China parties, the Kuomintang and People's Party, are planning to run a single candidate for the presidency and current polls show that such a candidate would win. So that could mean a pro-China president in Taiwan next year.

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Mississippi rallies for Gaza

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On Nov. 9, Mississippians rallied to stop the U.S.-Israeli genocide against the Palestinian people. They demonstrated in the capital city, Jackson, at the intersection of Woodrow Wilson and North State Street.



Why is the U.S. still seeking Ukrainian scapegoats to cover its Nord Stream terrorist attacks?

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It's been over a year since the United States and NATO finally fulfilled their long-term threats and committed the terrorist attacks that destroyed sections of Russian-built Nord Stream pipelines. The strategically important pipelines were supposed to [provide energy security to Europe](#) for decades to come, and [they surely would have](#). However, Washington D.C., that "bastion" of "free market" and "fair economic competition," had other plans. [These U.S. terrorist attacks](#) also exposed its [historically unparalleled hypocrisy](#) to the entire world as the belligerent thalassocracy has been blaming everyone but itself. At first, the mainstream propaganda machine was adamant that Moscow itself ordered the destruction of its own pipelines, but after virtually the entire world roared with laughter, Washington, D.C., toned down this [absurd rhetoric](#).

However, it still needed a scapegoat. And who else could possibly be better for this exceedingly unflattering role than the country that is already being used to “[ensure a cheap victory](#)” in a “[NATO mission](#)”? Exactly, Ukraine. The “legend” of the “mysterious, deep-diving Ukrainian group” was born. Nobody knows who they are, what they look like, which unit, or even which service they belong to, simply nothing. “Conspiracy theorists” would dare say these people don’t exist. In other words, if it walks “nonexistent,” if it talks “nonexistent,” if it smells “nonexistent,” then it’s nonexistent. However, the U.S. keeps insisting. The only problem with this is that Russian leaders don’t exactly wear straitjackets, although Washington, D.C., obviously thinks that everyone in Moscow’s establishment “buttons themselves on the back.”

Despite every single shred of remotely credible evidence suggesting otherwise, the belligerent thalassocracy is still desperate to hide its direct involvement, fearing what the truth could do to [its already atrocious reputation](#). And the “free press” is also involved, specifically the infamous Washington Post. Namely, [on November 11, WaPo reported](#) that the “Ukrainian Colonel Roman Chervinsky was integral to the brazen sabotage operation,” citing “officials in Ukraine and elsewhere in Europe, as well as other people knowledgeable about the details of the covert operation”. Chervinsky, a high-ranking officer in the Neo-Nazi junta’s Special Operations Forces, supposedly “coordinated” the attacks, but he vehemently denies any involvement. What’s more, he somehow even managed to find the “evil hand” of the Kremlin behind the accusations.

The controversial Colonel allegedly has “extensive experience in covert operations, reportedly including plans to ensnare Russian ‘Wagner’ mercenaries and targeting pro-Russian separatists, highlighting a pattern of [aggressive, high-stakes operations against Russian interests](#).” WaPo further reports that “Chervinsky did not act alone and he did not plan the operation, according to the people familiar with his role.” This is where things get far more interesting, as the mainstream propaganda

machine now brazenly decides to involve the very top of the Kiev regime forces. Namely, WaPo claims that “[Chervinsky] instead took orders from more senior Ukrainian officials, who ultimately reported to Gen. Valery Zaluzhny, Ukraine’s highest-ranking military officer,” once again, “according to people familiar with how the operation was carried out.”

In addition, Chervinsky’s supposed involvement goes directly against Volodymyr Zelensky’s public denial that the Neo-Nazi junta organized or even took part in the Nord Stream terrorist attacks, further indicating that the mainstream propaganda machine has now fully embraced [the idea of further pushing the military-political divide within the Kiev regime](#). Last but not least, WaPo reports that Chervinsky is now in custody under charges that “he abused power” as part of a [plan to have Russian bomber pilots defect in July last year](#). Chervinsky was arrested back in April for “acting without permission” in an operation that gave away the coordinates and exact position of a military airfield, resulting in a Russian missile strike that destroyed air defense assets and other valuable military equipment, in addition to losses in manpower.

It should be noted that this masterfully executed Russian counterintelligence operation was conducted by the FSB, which worked closely with the Russian Aerospace Forces (VKS). For well over a year, the mainstream propaganda machine was adamant that this op was “nothing more than Russian propaganda and disinformation.” However, now it finally admitted that it’s true. One would say that the timing is “perfect,” as it may very well give the U.S. an opportunity to further [push the Neo-Nazi junta under the bus](#) and try to find an offramp to get out of the conflict without making it look like a complete defeat at the hands of Russia. And precisely, the “[reckless act](#)” of sabotaging the Nord Stream pipelines “on the Kiev regime’s own initiative” could be the perfect excuse. It may sound farfetched, but Washington, D.C., never lets anything go to waste.

Once again, the motivation behind all this may be multipronged, as it accomplishes several goals for the U.S.. The question is how could Russia respond. It's without a doubt that Moscow knows who attacked its pipelines and that the Neo-Nazi junta had no capacity to conduct such an operation. However, if Washington, D.C., is seeking an exit strategy that would accelerate the ending of the war on terms favorable to Russia, why wouldn't the Kremlin simply "play along"? In addition, Moscow doesn't even need to comment on these reports and could simply let the U.S.-led political West use the endless string of its own lies to get out of a losing war while keeping a speck of dignity for itself. It may sound (geo)politically unfair to have the belligerent power pole to get away with it all so easily, [but given the general escalation of conflicts around the globe](#), it may very well be the smartest move to make at this time.

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Puerto Ricans repudiate the Israeli genocide in Gaza

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“We call to put the body on the street in solidarity with the Palestinians,” the Feminist Collective said.

Nov. 12 — On Sunday, Puerto Ricans marched through the streets of San Juan to denounce the genocidal acts that the State of Israel has been carrying out incessantly from Palestine since Oct. 7.

Carrying flags of Palestine and Puerto Rico, Puerto Ricans walked from the south side of the Capitol to the Federal Courthouse in Old San Juan.

People carried signs with messages such as “Free Palestine,” “Puerto Rico with Palestine,” “Stop Killing Children,” and “It’s not War, It’s Genocide,” according to journalist Laura Perez.

“The Palestinians have been victims of a genocidal bombing by the Army of the State of Israel for more over four weeks,” said Ricardo Santos Ortiz, spokesman for the Palestine Solidarity Network of Puerto Rico.

Protesters in support of [#Palestine](#) in [#PuertoRico](#) ask [#Israel](#) and [#US](#) how many children they killed today in [#Gaza](#). Photo INS/Nelson del Castillo @AgenciaINS <https://t.co/UQAYPce58c>

— ☐ Elma Beatriz Rosado ☐ #802 (@Tanamah) [November 12, 2023](#)

“There is a situation of humanitarian crisis and genocide. There are clear intentions of racial extermination. Therefore, we see as urgent the solidarity from the people, the entire world, and Puerto Rico, which is also a colonized and intervened country,” he said.

“Our historical reality, as an occupied and colonized people, living under the U.S. imperialist yoke, has to direct us to a clear and forceful stance in favor of the Palestinian people’s struggle,” the Feminist Collective organization said in its call to the march.

“From Puerto Rico to Palestine, we demand liberation for all oppressed peoples. We call to put the body on the street, in solidarity with the Palestinians,” it added.

[#Palestine](#) | *Israeli aircraft carried out a series of attacks on several hospitals located in the Gaza Strip early Friday morning.* pic.twitter.com/OjTQAECms8

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Palestine solidarity in Oakland, California

Port protest stalls U.S. military supplies for Israel

By Lallan Schoenstein

As the sun rose on Nov. 3, protesters began to pour into a site near Berth 20 in the Port of Oakland in California, where the U.S. military vessel MV Cape Orlando was preparing for departure. It is a roll-on/roll-off ship, part of the U.S. fleet that is replenishing military stockpiles in Israel.

After leaving Oakland, the ship's next destination was the Port of Tacoma, in Washington state, where there is a power projection platform* located close to the McChord Air Force Base. The Cape Orlando will be prepared to deliver tanks, armored personnel, carriers, and mobile rocket launchers, as well as troop trucks, cargo trucks, and Humvees.

Swelling ranks of protesters occupied Berth 20 and shut it down. The departure of the ship was delayed for more than nine hours.

A group of young Palestinians, their energy fueled by the loss of family and community, breached the Homeland Security Department's MARSEC security perimeter. While they scaled the fence, they must have thought of their siblings shot dead by Israeli forces when they approached the walls bounding Gaza.

Protesters lashed the boat back to its mooring lines on the bollards. Three locked themselves to the ladder leading onto the ship, adding significant delay. They are currently being held in custody by the police.



Millions protest U.S.-Israeli genocide

Photo: Arab Resource and Organizing Center

Hands off Rashida Tlaib!

► **New Orleans port protest**

► **Port of Tacoma shut down**

Protesters at the Port of Oakland blocked Berth 20, where a U.S. military ship was scheduled to leave for Israel. Others breached a barrier and locked themselves to the ship.

The protest was called by the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) less than 24 hours after the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$14.3-billion aid package to Israel. Merchant marine workers told AROC about the ship.

"We know that the ship is destined as a military ship to Israel because of the courage of workers," says Lara Kiswani, AROC executive director.

"We're hoping that when it reaches Tacoma, the workers will not load that military cargo, that people of Tacoma will show up to protest this genocide, and that workers around the world will continue to stop ships like this anywhere they may be found," she said.

"We are simply trying to call for an immediate ceasefire and stop the aiding of the genocide of my people."

The protest grew quickly even though there had been little time to organize the action. Speakers denounced President Biden's cruel hypocrisy of talking about a "humanitarian pause" to the epic massacre of Palestinians in Gaza.

Kiswani said: "Today we showed the world: No business as usual while Israel commits genocide against the Palestinian people. This genocide is being funded by our government and they're sending weapons starting from our city."

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Barcelona dock workers refuse to

deal with weapons ships heading to Israel

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Workers at the Spanish port of Barcelona announced their refusal to allow any ships carrying weapons to operate inside the port, rejecting the violence practiced by Israel in the occupied territories, and accusing the UN of failing to carry out its role.

The workers said in a statement to their association that it is their duty to adhere to and defend the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, at a time when the signatory countries have forgotten about it.

The statement continued: “We decided within the association not to allow ships containing war materials to operate in our port, for the sole purpose of protecting any civilian population, regardless of their location, as there is no justification for sacrificing civilians.”

The statement called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the search for peaceful solutions to conflicts, and for the UN to stop its complicit and negligent behavior in order to maintain international peace and security and defend international law.

Earlier last week, the [Belgian transport workers' unions](#) called on their members to refuse to load or unload arms shipments being sent to Israel.

“While genocide is under way in Palestine, workers at various airports in Belgium are seeing arms shipments in the direction of the war zone,” the trade unions said in a joint statement.

A Belgian government spokesman declined to comment on whether weapons were

being shipped to the region via Belgium.

The unions said that loading or unloading these weapons means contributing to supplying regimes that kill innocent people.

Source: [Middle East Monitor](#)

