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Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have taken part in protests against the war crimes of the U.S.-Israeli war machine. Above: South Africa and Yemen. See pages 11-13

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'Rallies like this are important to us,' declared Miss Major, a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion. 'We need each other.' See pages 3-10



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Oct. 28 — Over the past two weekends, large-scale demonstrations have occurred globally to oppose the genocide against the Palestinian people by the U.S.-Israeli war machine. Millions of protesters participated in almost every major city worldwide, with turnout reported to be higher than the previous week. Around 100,000 people marched in London alone.

On the day before, Oct. 27, a large protest was held at Grand Central Station in New York City, organized by the group Jewish Voice for Peace. Thousands of demonstrators closed down one of the city's largest transportation hubs.

Meanwhile, the Israeli armed forces have invaded Gaza, according to the New York Times.

[CNN reports](#) that U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. James Glynn, who led the battle of

Fallujah in Iraq in 2004, “provided his expertise as a lead planner.”

[A report](#) on the battle of Fallujah to the United Nations Human Rights Council says: “It is almost impossible to list all the crimes that the American forces had committed in Fallujah during these two major offensives, but in brief, these include the deliberate destruction of the whole city [heavy U.S. bombardment, including the use of white phosphorus and depleted uranium shells], killing civilians and wounding persons, torture of the civilian populations, prevention of distribution of food and medicine, all can be easily categorized as war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave violations of international humanitarian law. There has been nothing like the attack on Fallujah since the Nazi invasion and occupation of much of the European continent — the shelling and bombing of Warsaw in September 1939, the terror bombing of Rotterdam in May 1940.”

And now Gaza.

*Gary Wilson is the author of [War and Lenin in the 21st Century](#).*



# **Leila Khaled: ‘Where there is repression, there is resistance’**

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**Lifelong Palestinian freedom fighter Leila Khaled on the Palestinian liberation struggle, her history in the movement, and the inevitability of resistance.**



Over 7,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel’s bombing of the Gaza strip over the past three weeks. The atrocities and brutal violence carried out by Israel has moved people of the world who have taken to the streets in protest of Israeli crimes and in support of Palestinian resistance in unprecedented levels.

On the sidelines of the III International Dilemmas of Humanity Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa lifelong Palestinian freedom fighter Leila Khaled spoke to media projects about the Palestinian struggle for freedom and about the need for intensified international solidarity with Palestine. She also spoke about her history in the liberation movement and the inevitability of resistance.

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# **The Ukraine and Israeli/Palestine conflicts show the demise of Western imperialism and**

# foreshadow its coming collapse

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The escalation of hostilities between the Israelis and the Palestinian people (whose historic lands the Israelis occupy) has been met with much irritation in governing circles in Ukraine. Events in and around Ukraine have dominated Western media for nearly two years, but now this has given way to the news of violent conflict by the Israelis, a satellite of the Western powers, against the Palestinian people. The conflict threatens to spread to neighboring Arab countries. All this has Ukrainian authorities fearing a decline in Western attention and support for war against Russia.

Indeed, the Western news outlet Axios [reported on October 19](#) that the U.S. government will divert hundreds of thousands of artillery shells destined for Ukraine to the Israelis. So, although Ukraine and the Israelis are each a satellite of the United States and NATO, Ukraine must now compete with the Israelis for the title of the most favored recipient of U.S. weaponry.

When Palestine resistance forces first launched their breakout from the open-air prison of Gaza on October 7, Ukraine president Zelensky called on all Western leaders to fly to the Israeli-occupied lands to show their support. He sought to travel there himself to show 'solidarity,' but the Israelis told him 'no,' fearing the political distraction it would cause and also fearing the image of military disaster that Ukraine brings along due to its failing war, in alliance with NATO, against Russia. In Western parlance, there is an 'image problem' with Zelensky and his governing

regime due to the terrible pounding Ukraine's armed forces are suffering at the hands of the Russian military.

Former Ukrainian MP and ultranationalist Igor Mosiychuk has [recently observed](#), “For some reason, the Ukrainian government believes that the whole world owes [military and financial assistance] to us, to Ukraine and the Ukrainians.” But he also observes, “The whole world does not think so.”

The former MP continued, “President Zelensky thinks the whole world will applaud him all his life, will greet him, hug him, kiss him, and so on,” the former people’s deputy said in an interview with journalist Alexander Shelest. But according to him, Zelensky has already become a “lame duck.”

The Ukrainian government, media, and ultranationalists have been unambiguously supportive of the Israelis in the current conflict (although historically, the far-right ideology of Ukrainian ultranationalists is anti-Jewish). This is due not so much to ideological proximity as it is to a common dependence on the United States. Another factor in support of the Israelis is the common racist trope of protecting ‘Western civilization’ from ‘barbarians,’ which in Ukraine means combatting ‘Russian hordes,’ while in Palestine, it means the Israelis combatting the Palestinian and broader Arab populations.

Discriminatory attitudes towards migrants and refugees have been observed since last year in and around Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees were immediately granted refugee status, protection, health insurance, housing, and allowances in the NATO countries, standing in contrast to the fates of so many refugees and migrants from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The latter are often routinely refused refugee status, obliged to wait years for residency application cases to be heard, or forcibly deported to third countries, many of whose economies have been destroyed by Western corporations.

Like the Israeli regime in the Middle East, Ukraine has become an outpost in eastern Europe of the Western imperialist world. Since 2014, Ukraine has been used by the West to punish those who stand up to imperialist meddling or domination, such as what happened to the people of Donbass and Crimea following the 2014 coup in Ukraine.

Palestinian journalist Manar Bsoul, who lives in the Russian Federation, writes in the Ukrainian publication Liva ('Left') that the ongoing military provocations by Western countries in the Middle East are increasingly aimed at promoting a new regional bloc under the U.S. umbrella that would include the Israelis as well as the monarchies of the Gulf. "This new regional bloc is being created as another 'watchtower' against the 'axis of evil' (China, Iran, Russia, North Korea), on a par with the imperialist military bloc AUKUS in the Asia-Pacific," the Palestinian journalist writes.

In her opinion, it is primarily Hamas that stands in the way of the creation of a new U.S. "watchtower" in the Middle East. "The U.S. nuclear umbrella, Israeli technology and finance, oil and gas, and the human resources of the Muslim countries of the Middle East - these are the foundations of the "watchtower" that Washington wants to construct and complete prior to the U.S. presidential election in 2024. The world of big money does not tolerate interference, and interference in the form of Hamas must now be neutralized, despite the enormous civilian casualties in Gaza," Bsoul writes.

The U.S. has been using Ukraine, among other things, as an instrument of influence on the countries of the Global South. However, promoting Ukraine and the Israelis at one and the same time is an impossible task for the United States and its NATO allies. Without question, most people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America instinctively support the rights of Palestinians, recognizing their own historic longings as similar to those of Palestine.

"We have definitely lost the battle in the Global South," says one senior G7 diplomat. "All the work we have done with the Global South [over Ukraine] has been lost... Forget about rules, forget about world order, they won't ever listen to us again." Many developing countries have traditionally supported the Palestinian cause, seeing it through the prism of self-determination and a push against the global dominance of the U.S., the Israelis' most important backer.

"Some American diplomats are privately concerned that the Biden administration's response has failed to acknowledge how its broad support of Israel can alienate much of the Global South," writes an [\*analysis in the Financial Times on October 17.\*](#)

Moreover, the process of deindustrialization in Ukraine and in the Western countries is calling into question the ability of Western imperialism to supply arms to several of its satellites at once. For this reason, Ukrainian political scientist Ruslan Bortnik says that any shift of attention to other events is dangerous for Ukraine. "For Ukraine, any external global event means a decrease in attention and resources spent on the war in Ukraine. Besides, we can hardly count on deliveries of Israeli weapons in the near future, even hypothetically, and the quality of their use in a real conflict, even with semi-guerrilla units, is questionable today," the political analyst argues.

Last year, [Zelensky pleaded to](#) the Israelis without success that it supplied Ukraine with its 'Iron Dome' air defense system. In September of this year, [Zelensky told the](#) Israeli prime minister that Ukraine could better protect Jewish (Hasidic) pilgrims if it received the weapon system.

Another Ukrainian political scientist and economist, Oleksandr Ryabokon, [warned recently](#) that the shift in military attention away from Ukraine may be followed by a shift in Western financial aid. "Another round of the long-running Arab-Israeli conflict has in a few days completely pushed Ukraine off the front pages of world media. Informational oblivion can be followed by financial and material oblivion. The

chief 'gardener' of European diplomacy, Josep Borrell, is already whining that in the conditions of uncertainty with the American financing of Ukraine, Europe will not be able to do it on its own," he writes.

In early October, Admiral Rob Bauer, the Dutch chairperson of the NATO Military Committee, commented on the problems with ammunition deliveries to Ukraine: "We started to give away from warehouses half-full or less, and now the bottom of the barrel is visible." The military depots of another U.S. satellite, South Korea, are also running low. "Ukraine's counter-offensive relied on a massive infusion of shells from South Korea, and its rate of fire will inevitably fall in the months ahead," writes *The Economist* on October 14.

Now, the West is demanding that Kiev increase its own arms production. But this is extremely difficult to do after three decades of deindustrialization (since the demise of Soviet Ukraine), propelled by austerity policies imposed by the International Monetary Fund and other Western financial agencies. And that is not to speak of catastrophic shortages of skilled factory workers, engineers, etc., caused by the current military conscription. Millions of Ukrainian women have fled abroad, and many skilled men have been forcibly mobilized into the army. There are, quite simply, not enough human resources in Ukraine to maintain critical infrastructure.

It can be added that the only ammunition manufacturer in Ukraine prior to 2014 was located in Lugansk territory, which is today a constituent of the Russian Federation. In 2014, the people of Lugansk rebelled against the coup in Kiev that year. The new, anti-coup governing authority took control of the ammunition manufacturer and nationalized it. Since then, Ukraine has not established its own ammunition production, despite the years of warfare it waged against Donbass (the region consisting of the former Ukrainian territories of Lugansk and Donetsk).

Ukrainian expert Vitaliy Zaitsev observes that Ukraine lacks not only laborers but also skilled workers for the production of weapons. "Our professional schools have

been practically lost. In addition, we need to re-establish the production of steel and rolled steel suitable for military production.”

Serhiy Bondarchuk, the former head of *Ukrspetseksport* (state arms exporter), is also quite cautious about the prospects of arms production in Ukraine. “How to organize the logistics of components? Armor, gunpowder, special chemicals, special components – none of this is produced in Ukraine, so we will have to import, while also taking into account national borders and the threat of military strikes [by Russia] along the related transport routes.” And there are further organizational issues of which the former head of arms exports speaks, including whether there can be an uninterrupted power supply.

In other words, Western imperialism cannot yet make its Ukrainian satellite self-sufficient in arms production or even supply. Quite simply, it cannot easily supply several recipients at once.

In this regard, Ukrainian political scientist Kost Bondarenko recently noted in an interview that the strategy of the Kiev regime, which relies so heavily on Western support, will have to change for objective reasons. The political scientist believes that the time of U.S. global omnipotence, coming after its seeming victory in the Cold War is passing away.

“This era is over. Now it is necessary to find points for a new world order amidst this new world chaos that has arrived. The U.S. is no longer an authority for the whole world; in fact, some two-thirds of the world is today in opposition to the United States.” Bondarenko added that Ukraine is now “among the minority” in its alliance with (subordination to) the United States.

According to Bondarenko, the first task in Ukraine following the end of the current war will be for its people to “dismantle the current state system” in the country. For him, that includes the adoption of a new and fair constitution, the creation of a new

state on the basis of the current, de facto borders, the dismantling of the power of the economic elites, and overall, “the creation of a new political structure that is truly fair and not detached from society, as is the case today.”

Other satellites of Western imperialism are pondering something similar for their future development. The Biden administration in Washington is well aware of this and may well embark on further bloody military interventions and wars to forestall such scenarios.

*Source: [Al Mayadeen English](#)*



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## Queers say NO to GENOCIDE

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On Oct. 24, the LA queer community (3 dozens of us anyways) showed up at Rep. Gomez's office to let it be known that queers stand firmly against the genocide of more than 2 million Palestinians.

The legacy of our community is standing up for justice and human rights for all. As a

trans non-binary person fighting for the liberation of our siblings, I cannot stand idly by and let this atrocity unfold in front of our very eyes. It is our fight as well. IT IS UP TO US TO STOP THIS GENOCIDE.

#NoPrideinGenocide

#NoPrideinApartheid

#NoPrideinOccupation

We will not back down. We will keep fighting till we win. The Palestine Liberation is our liberation!!!



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## **Israel-Palestine: Names released of 7,028 Palestinians killed after Biden questions death toll**

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The [Palestinian](#) health ministry on Thursday released the names of 7,028 people

killed by [Israeli](#) air strikes in the Gaza Strip, a day after U.S. President Joe Biden questioned the death toll since [the war](#) began on 7 October.

Biden told reporters at the White House that he has “no notion that the Palestinians are telling the truth” about the number of people killed by Israel so far. “I’m sure innocents have been killed, and it’s the price of waging a war,” he added.

In response, the health ministry published a [210-page report](#), detailing the names, ages, genders, and ID numbers of every person killed in the enclave. The ministry said an English version of the report will be published soon.

Health ministry spokesperson Ashraf al-Qudra said the U.S. administration was “devoid of human standards, morals and basic human rights values” for “shamelessly” questioning the validity of the death toll.

“We decided to go out and announce, with details and names, and in front of the entire world, the truth about the genocidal war committed by the Israeli occupation against our people,” he said.

Between 7 October and 3pm local time on 26 October, 7,028 Palestinians were killed, including 2,913 children, the report stated.

A total of 3,129 females and 3,899 males were killed. The number of unidentified people killed stands at 218, but they are not included in the final death toll.

The report also excludes those buried without being brought to hospital, those for whom hospitals were unable to complete registration procedures, and people missing under the rubble, who number around 1,600, with many of them feared dead.

As such, the ministry said the actual death toll is likely to be much higher than the report stated.

“We confirm that the doors of the Ministry of Health are open for all institutions to have access,” Qudra said in a statement.

*Let the world know that behind every number is the story of a person whose name and identity are known. Our people are not nobodies who can be ignored.*

Despite Biden questioning the accuracy of the death toll, the HuffPost [revealed](#) that the State Department recently cited the Palestinian health ministry in Gaza in nearly 20 “situation reports”.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) [said](#) Biden’s remarks were “shocking and dehumanising” and urged him to apologise.

“Countless videos coming out of Gaza every day show mangled bodies of Palestinian women and children—and entire city blocks levelled to the ground,” Nihad Awad, CAIR’s executive director, said.

*President Biden should watch some of these videos and ask himself if the crushed children being dragged out of the ruins of their family homes are a fabrication or an acceptable price of war. They are neither.*

Many experts consider figures provided by the Palestinian ministry reliable, given its access, sources, and accuracy in past statements.

Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch, told the [Washington Post](#) earlier this week the ministry’s figures are “generally proven to be reliable”.

“Everyone uses the figures from the Gaza Health Ministry because those are generally proven to be reliable,” he said.

*In the times in which we have done our own verification of numbers for particular strikes, I'm not aware of any time in which there's been some major discrepancy.*

The ongoing Israeli war on Gaza erupted on 7 October after Hamas led a Palestinian attack into southern Israel. According to Israeli officials, around 1,400 people were killed in Israel during the assault, the majority of them believed to be civilians.

At least another 220 people have been taken as prisoners in Gaza, including soldiers and civilians. Hamas has released four prisoners so far and said 50 others have been killed in Israeli air strikes.

Israel responded to the Hamas-led assault by waging a relentless bombing campaign on Gaza, and a complete siege of the territory.

The bombardment has killed dozens of journalists, doctors, first responders, writers, artists, and footballers—among others.

It has targeted residential buildings, hospitals, ambulances, schools, universities, media offices, mosques, a church, and banks—among other civilian infrastructure.

Source: [Middle East Eye](#)



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# Africa says no to sanctions: Stop strangling Zimbabwe

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Over 3,000 Palestinian children have been killed in Gaza by U.S.-made bombs and missiles launched by the U.S.-financed Zionist regime. Gaza and all of Palestine have been under siege for decades, not only by bullets but also by economic sanctions.

Belarus, China, Cuba, Iran, People's Korea, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Venezuela, Yemen, and Zimbabwe have had their economies targeted by U.S. and European banksters for destruction.

In response, the 16-nation Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) designated Oct. 25 as Anti-Sanctions Day. This year, thousands of people marched in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, on Oct. 25 to say No! to this economic warfare.

Zimbabwe Vice President [Constantino Chiwenga](#) described the damage inflicted on the African country by these sanctions:

“Since 2001, we estimate that Zimbabwe has lost or missed over 150 billion U.S. dollars through frozen assets, trade embargoes, export and investment restrictions from potential bilateral donor support, development loans, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank balance of payment support, and commercial loans.”

Since 15 million people live in Zimbabwe, these sanctions have cost every person living in the African country \$10,000. Zimbabwe’s “crime” was for Africans to reclaim their land from the colonial settlers who stole it.

That should have happened in the United States in 1865 following the Civil War. Justice demanded that the plantations be taken over by the Africans who tilled the land and the Indigenous nations that it was stolen from.

Capitalists stopped this from happening because they wanted to exploit Black labor instead. Their descendants are now putting the screws on Zimbabwe and other sanctioned countries.

### **Solidarity in Brooklyn**

In solidarity with Anti-Sanctions Day, the December 12th Movement held a meeting at Sistas’ Place in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. Three members of D12 were in Zimbabwe attending the Anti-Sanctions march and other activities.



Lateefah Carter of D12 chaired the meeting. A BreakThrough News video was shown featuring Rutendo Matinyarare, chairperson of the Zimbabwe Anti-Sanctions Movement (ZASM). Eugene Puryear and Rania Khalek interviewed him.

Matinyarare described how, in its first decade, independent Zimbabwe built 5,700 schools. Zimbabwe was attacked after war veterans who liberated the country started to take over the settler-owned farms.

President George W. Bush — who let Black and poor people drown and starve in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina — issued “targeted sanctions” against Zimbabwe. Bush was joined by what Rutendo Matinyarare called the “Berlin Conference Cabal,” meaning those European countries that divided up Africa in that infamous 1884-1885 meeting.

Colette Pean pointed out that settlers had stolen 86% of Zimbabwe’s land. Despite the sanctions, Zimbabwe has built hydroelectric dams and shared development projects equally among its 10 provinces.

Pean, a December 12th member, said that Zimbabwe has had bumper harvests the last three years. Good news about Africa like this doesn’t find its way into the corporate media.

Roger Wareham of D-12 pointed out how the United States supports Britain, Zimbabwe’s former colonial overlord that called the country “Rhodesia.” The people

of Zimbabwe waged a nearly 20-year-long “Chimurenga” liberation war to win their freedom.

The U.S. Senate voted in 1971 to allow imports of chrome from “Rhodesia” in violation of United Nations sanctions against the settler regime. The Senate now helps to impose sanctions on independent Zimbabwe.

Roger Wareham said Zimbabwe is hurt by the “brain drain” of health workers and other skilled people, many of whom work in Britain.

U.S. and other capitalists now want to grab Zimbabwe’s large lithium reserves, vital to making batteries for electric cars. December 12th Movement member Vinson Verdree said Zimbabwe won’t let its lithium be stolen. The country will build a battery plant and other facilities to process the raw material.

Despite the sanctions and the lies in the media, Zimbabwe is moving forward.



# University students across the U.S. walk out of classes for Gaza

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On Wednesday, October 25, students across dozens of campuses in North America staged walkouts in protest of Israel's genocidal war against Gaza. The walkout, taking place at university campuses in the United States and Canada, was organized by the Palestinian Youth Movement, Dissenters, and Students for Justice in Palestine. The students demand an end to Israel's siege on Gaza, an end to US funding of Israel, and that their universities divest from weapons corporations that supply the Israeli occupation.

Campuses participating in the walkout included Brown University, several City College of New York campuses, Florida State University, Howard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, McGill University, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago.

Students at the historically Black Howard University, located in Washington, DC, staged a walkout. As one student stated at the demonstration, "Our message to Joe Biden is that Howard University students, HBCU students, do not support the drastic and violent escalations that are happening now in Gaza. We want Biden to implement an immediate ceasefire, and we want Biden to stop giving unconditional military aid to apartheid Israel every year."

At the Columbia campus in upper Manhattan, at least 500 students walked out of classes at 1 p.m. in a walkout organized by Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine alongside Jewish Voice for Peace, despite the intimidation tactics of zionists. Earlier in the day, a TV truck paid for by the far-right wing group Accuracy

in Media circled the campus, broadcasting the names of students who have stood up against Israel's siege on Gaza in some capacity with the label "Columbia's Leading Antisemites." Accuracy in Media is the same group that circulated a [similar truck](#) around Harvard's campus, also doxxing pro-Palestine students.

*there's a truck at columbia doxxing student activists and claiming that students who support Palestine are anti semitic. saw this earlier at Harvard*  
[pic.twitter.com/BmQhqQDQ2i](https://pic.twitter.com/BmQhqQDQ2i)

— Layla ☺ (@itslaylas) [October 25, 2023](#)

Speaking from where students had gathered at the heart of the campus, a Palestinian student organizer with Columbia SJP said, "We've been getting death threats. There has been a truck going around with students' faces and names, and people have been facing doxxing simply for speaking out in support of Palestinian rights. So that's why I'm fully covered from head to toe."

Earlier in the month, a self-identified Columbia University officer of administration had [said](#) about students protesting in solidarity with Palestine, "I hope every one of these people die."

"We have yet to hear any concrete action about this, any statements [from Columbia]," said the Palestinian student, who wished to remain anonymous. "No concrete action has been taken to protect students. So until that happens, we have to keep covering ourselves."

"I was too scared to come to class last week. People have been taking pictures of me," said the student.

Assistant Columbia Professor Shai Davidai went viral for claims that pro-Palestinian

student groups were threatening the safety of Jewish people on campus. After giving a tearful speech at a pro-Israel vigil on campus, Davidai took to X, claiming that “I pleaded with my employer to help me protect the lives of thousands of Jewish students from pro-terror student organizations who openly laud Hamas—an internationally recognized terrorist organization.”

“There are student organizations on my own campus who see my beautiful children as legitimate targets,” he continued.

Brooklyn College students also staged a walkout. “[Israel claims that] bombing hospitals and destroying mosques on the holiest days in Islam, killing little kids and maintaining an open air concentration camp is somehow keeping Jewish people safe,” said a student speaker and self-identifying anti-Zionist Jew at the demonstration, in front of dozens of students.

“British colonialists created the apartheid state to keep Jews as far away from them as possible,” he continued. “American imperialists send billions of bombs per year for the same reason. Do we really think these countries give a sh-t about Jewish people? The United States has never cared about the Jewish people. They sent ships full of Jewish refugees back to Germany during the Holocaust. Netanyahu shakes hands with neo-Nazis like Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell.”

Source: Peoples Dispatch



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# **Latin America meets to end U.S. hostile policies that encourages migration**

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Migration is not a new phenomenon. For centuries, the world's population has moved from one place to another with a common motivation: the search for a better future. However, in recent decades, the numbers have soared dramatically and dangerously, especially in Latin America and the Caribbean, spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of opportunity, poverty, violence, climate change, and, especially, the rise of unilateral sanctions by great powers against their "rival" nations, which are almost always at an economic disadvantage.

Dialogue on this issue cannot be postponed. The humanitarian crisis on the U.S.-Mexico border is growing by the day, without the United States seeking alternatives with the people of the south that would help put a stop to the illegal arrival of migrants. On the contrary, it continues to apply a hostile policy towards Venezuela

and Cuba and anti-immigrant measures that affect the entire region equally.

This past Sunday, eleven Latin American and Caribbean countries met to form a regional bloc searching for structural solutions to migration. At the invitation of Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, heads of state, vice presidents and foreign ministers gathered in Palenque, Chiapas, to promote dialogue in the hopes of coming up with a definitive solution to the crisis. Attending included Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Panama, and Venezuela, all countries impacted by migration north

"It is important that the United States open a dialogue with us. The unilateral measures and sanctions imposed against countries in the region, particularly Venezuela and Cuba, contribute to instigating migration," AMLO warned.

At the regional meeting, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel assured that, in general, none of the traditional motivations are strange to Cuba. However, Cuba's migratory potential is exacerbated and stimulated, in a significant way, by the hostile policy of the United States towards our country.

"This hostile policy, which has a direct impact on the Cuban migratory flow and, collaterally, on the regional countries that work as a migrant corridor, is directly connected to the economic blockade that reduces the real income of Cubans and makes them suffer hunger and misery. The unjust, absurd, and arbitrary classification of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism has a significant weight in the economic effect of this policy," Diaz-Canel said.

For political reasons meant to destabilize Cuba, the U.S. government also grants privileged treatment to Cubans who arrive at its southern or maritime borders.

"The vast majority of these migrants are accepted regardless of the status with which they arrived at the border or succeeded in crossing it. Consequently, many

Cubans are confident that, unlike nationals of other countries, their chances of settling in the United States are very high if they reach the border by any means," he stressed.

Finally, in the United States, there is a federal law called the Cuban Adjustment Act, where any Cuban who entered the country after January 1, 1959, can obtain a permanent residency after one year of arrival.

"This is a privilege exclusive to Cubans and provides an extraordinary incentive for the migrant," the president commented.

During the regional meeting, those involved insisted that these regulations express how the U.S. government puts the objectives of destabilization against Cuba before its national migration priorities.

"All the countries around the world condemn this at every UN assembly. The vast majority vote to remove the blockade on Cuba," said AMLO, who is scheduled to meet U.S. President Joe Biden next month and will seek to encourage dialogue between Washington and the island.

Regional meetings like the one in Palenque restore hope to Latin American families seeking to prosper in their own countries. The image of the ten heads of state and government representatives shaking hands gives encouragement, and it makes us forget for a while the gigantic wall built on Mexico's northern border and the thousands of deaths that, year after year, occur in deserts, jungles and seas bordering the world's center of power.

Source: [Resumen Latinoamericano - English](#)



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# Bronx marches for Palestine

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Several hundred people took to the street on Fordham Road from Congressman Richie Torres office and marched to the U.S. military recruiting station on Grand Concourse on Oct. 24. The response from people on the sidewalks and in cars in New York's poorest borough was overwhelmingly supportive. There wasn't a single heckler or hostile remark. Meanwhile, Representative Torres was not in his office. He was away addressing a well-heeled crowd in the wealthy neighborhood of Riverdale.

