

Hamas calls for a permanent ceasefire, Israeli withdrawal

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On June 6, Israel bombed a school in central Gaza's Al-Nuseirat refugee camp.

Hamas sent a letter to the Palestinian factions and Arab parties regarding the ongoing ceasefire negotiations, which Quds Network (<https://qudsn.co/post/205116>) obtained and translated by RNN on June 6.

In the message, Hamas stated that, in agreement with the resistance factions, it has

always shown flexibility and positivity towards the efforts of mediators throughout all previous rounds of negotiations, according to Quds Network.

This culminated in the announcement of the acceptance (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/38531>) of the mediators' proposal on May 6th (<https://t.me/PalestineResist/38580>), when the movement found that the proposal included the necessary foundations and aligned with the logic of permanently ending the war, responding to our people's demands, including a permanent cessation of aggression and fire, a complete withdrawal from the Strip, the return of displaced persons, the flow of humanitarian aid, reconstruction, and a serious prisoner exchange deal.

Excerpts can be found below:

"The occupation rejected the mediators' proposal and responded with blatant aggression on Rafah and the occupation of the crossing. They committed many massacres and burned the tents of the displaced along with their occupants, and continued the starvation war, which is a systematic policy to exterminate the Palestinian people. All of this led to the obstruction of the mediators' efforts."

"When President Biden made his statements, the movement announced its welcome of what he said because it provided the necessary foundations to reach an agreement that achieves a permanent ceasefire, the withdrawal of the occupation army from the Strip, the flow of large amounts of aid, the return of the displaced, reconstruction, and prisoner exchange. The movement did not hesitate to announce its positive stance immediately towards these statements as they are in line with the May 6th paper and contain the required foundations, the most important of which is a permanent ceasefire and complete withdrawal from the Strip."

"When the movement reviewed the content of the proposal mentioned by President Biden, which he said was the "israeli" proposal, it found it devoid of the positive

foundations mentioned in Biden's statements. There is a difference between what is in the paper and what Biden said, causing a lot of confusion and debate. Is what Biden spoke about his personal interpretation of the paper, or are they verbal agreements with "israeli" parties, or something else?"

"After reviewing the content of the "israeli" proposal, it was found that it does not set the correct foundations for the required agreement. It does not guarantee a permanent ceasefire but only a temporary one. It does not closely link the three phases stipulated, but on the contrary, it has dismantled the bridges that transition the agreement from one phase to another, aiming to disrupt the unity of the agreement in all its stages, reducing it to a single phase where the aggression stops temporarily, while their forces remain on the ground of the Strip. In exchange, the occupation obtains the segment of prisoners that concerns them, then resumes the genocide war against our people."

In its letter, Hamas and the resistance factions adhered to the correct foundations for reaching an agreement and expressed their readiness to agree to any agreement that includes those foundations, which are fundamental principles, "for there is no meaning to any agreement that does not explicitly stipulate a permanent ceasefire, and there is no meaning to an agreement that allows occupation forces to remain on our land and only achieves what the occupation wants in terms of releasing their prisoners while continuing the genocide and starvation war against our people."

In the letter, Hamas noted its awareness of the risks of a Security Council resolution being issued before an agreement is reached between the parties, in addition to the preemption of this with a draft resolution aimed at pressuring the movement and Palestinian factions.

Source: [Resistance News Network](#)



Three days in Rome for Leonard Peltier

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June 10 is an important date for Leonard Peltier and for all the committees calling

for his release. A committee in the U.S. may decide on house arrest because of his health condition; Leonard is almost 80 years old and sick.

Initiatives are multiplying in different parts of the world to make the voices of all those close to him heard.

Six events took place in Rome in three days: at the Testaccio Library and Festival of Lands, at Spin Lab, at the Che Guevara Circle, at Friccicore, meetings, and especially screenings of Andrea Galafassi's excellent documentary, "Mitakuye Oyasin." These were small occasions not only to make his story known but also to forge relationships with comrades and companions.

Especially on Saturday, 18 May, in the morning, an important presidium was held in front of the U.S. Embassy. Several people thought it would never be allowed, but it was. The digos officers (Italian political police), on this occasion, were particularly polite and some even seemed interested in hearing the incredible story of Leonard Peltier. Many were the speeches, the slogans, the strength expressed by fifteen or so people well convinced of what they were doing.

Now we ask you to sign the following call if you have not already done so: <https://chng.it/xkc8sRYK2F>



And if you would like more information or would like to organize a projection, you can write to: bigoni.gastone@gmail.com
And pass the word, thank you.

Source: [Pressenza](#)



Major war maneuvers in Europe under U.S. command

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Western countries are turning up the pressure a notch. They have just given Ukraine the green light to use their weapons to attack Russia. In principle, it is the manufacturers who are accountable for the use of their weapons, but they obscure their responsibility by invoking Ukraine's right to defend itself. In addition, they are thinking of allowing Kiev to use long-range missiles while pretending to ignore that they cannot be deployed without their satellite systems. Finally, they are considering authorizing the use of atomic weapons in violation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.



President Biden has authorized Ukraine to conduct limited attacks inside Russia with U.S.-made weapons, U.S. officials said. Some U.S. allies have already gone further. Britain, weeks ago, allowed Ukraine to use its long-range Storm Shadow missile systems for strikes anywhere in Russia, and France and Germany have recently taken the same stance. The decision announced by President Biden is due, in particular, to the pressure exerted by Secretary of State Antony Blinken to eliminate restrictions on the use of U.S. weapons by Ukraine. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg was tasked with announcing Washington's decision to the European Allies. Speaking at the European Union Council, he declared: According to

international law, Ukraine has the right to self-defense. And the right to self-defense also includes striking legitimate military targets inside Russia.

At the same time, Poland announced its purchase of long-range missiles from the United States and declared that it was ready to host NATO nuclear weapons. Sweden did the same: as soon as it joined NATO, it stated that it was available to host U.S. nuclear weapons in the event of war.

France has tested a new air-launched nuclear missile and has allocated 13% of its military budget to upgrading its nuclear weapons. Against which targets in Russia the long-range missiles supplied by the United States and other NATO countries to Ukraine are directed, is demonstrated by the news released by Kiev that a Ukrainian drone targeted a second Russian long-range military radar. It is an early warning radar designed to detect ballistic missiles, including hypersonic ones, and aircraft up to 10,000 km away.

The Ukrainian army can't be able to carry out such an attack deep into Russian territory on its own. The Ukrainian military is in growing difficulty, so much so that Kiev has passed a law that allows recruiting common prisoners, including criminals, from prisons willing to go to the front in exchange for freedom. Furthermore, an attack of this type requires a military satellite network, which Ukraine does not have. The ones carrying out attacks of this type against Russia are U.S. forces and NATO forces under U.S. command. Countries like Italy, which "host" U.S. nuclear weapons, violating the Non-Proliferation Treaty, are therefore transformed into the front line of a nuclear confrontation with Russia, more dangerous than that of the Cold War.

Source: [Voltaire Network](https://www.voltaire.net/en/article/133337/la-guerre-nucleaire-entre-russie-et-ukraine)



Gloria Verdieu on African Liberation Day: A call for unity and global liberation

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Gloria Verdieu's African Liberation Day talk.

I am Gloria Verdieu, a San Diego Coalition to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal organizer.

Today, May 25, 2024, San Diego is joining cities across the United States and around the world to discuss, plan, organize, and increase our knowledge on the topic of our continuing struggle for African Liberation.

African Liberation Day, also known as African Freedom Day, is a time to reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate our victories, confirm our commitment to our struggle, and determine our next steps toward uniting African People throughout the diaspora.

We, as African People, must understand that none of us will be free until Black People in Africa and throughout the diaspora are free. Around the world, Black people are downtrodden. In the U.S., the richest nation on Earth, the belly of the beast, we are on the bottom-most unemployed, under-employed, most imprisoned, unhoused, poor health care, you name it. When Africa rises, the world will rise up; when Africans win justice and freedom from colonialism and neocolonialism, it opens the path for all oppressed people to win freedom.

The liberation of Africa will mean the liberation of oppressed people worldwide. "The world is waiting on us (Black People). Why? Because we are in the belly of the beast." Words spoken by Jalil Mutaqim, a former political prisoner released after nearly 50 years. "We are responsible for the freedom of the planet. ...The U.S. is an empire, and empires are destroyed from within. It is our responsibility, our duty, to liberate our minds."

All people of African descent are African, with one common history, destiny, and one rich and diverse culture.

Africa, like all other continents, developed based on her internal dynamics and the capacities of her people. Before colonialist and imperialist domination, African People had, thanks to their creative genius, built brilliant civilizations and founded powerful states. This process of development of Africa's states, such as Carthage, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Congo, Egypt, etc., was brutally interrupted by capitalism. The European and U.S. bourgeoisie organized the despicable system of chattel slavery.

Chattel slavery ended with colonialism, consummated at the Berlin Conference, 1884-1885; throughout Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, the South Pacific Islands, and North, South, and Central America, African People continue to live and suffer under inhuman conditions created by capitalism and imperialism. The People of Africa never accepted foreign domination and put up a fierce and obstinate resistance.

In February 1900, the first Pan-African Conference was convened. From its organizational beginning, the Pan-Africanist movement united Africans in Africa and those abroad. Following the First Pan-African Conference, African People intensified the struggle to build Pan-Africanist and Nationalist organizations.

Marcus Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association, which organized six million African members worldwide. Organizations such as the National Congress of British West Africa and the West African Student Union were also formed.

W.E.B. Dubois, the “Father of Pan-Africanism,” attended five Pan-African Congresses between 1919 and 1945 and introduced the theory of scientific socialism into the Pan-Africanist movement.

The Fifth Pan-African Congress in 1945 in Manchester, England, was co-chaired by Pan-Africanists George Padmore, Kwame Nkrumah, and W.E.B. Dubois. A call was made for Africans to form Nationalist and Pan-Africanist mass political parties and mass movements to guide the African Masses toward one unified socialist Africa. Within 10 years, mass parties and movements spread like wildfire throughout Africa, the Caribbean, Britain, and the United States. By the 1950s, Africa had begun the period of decolonization.

Pan-Africanists, correctly assessing the situation, moved their base to Africa.

The Convention People’s Party and Pan-Africanist Kwame Nkrumah led Ghana to independence in 1957 and made it “the fountainhead of Pan-Africanism,” according to Malcolm X.

On Sept. 28, 1958, the People’s Revolutionary Republic of Guinea, led by the Democratic Party of Guinea and Pan-Africanist Ahmed Sekou Ture, voted “no” to neocolonialism and “yes” for independence and Pan-Africanism.

April 15, 1958, the first Conference of Independent African States established Africa Freedom Day and laid the foundation for the consolidation of the Pan-Africanist movement and the creation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

African Freedom Day was reconstituted as African Liberation Day on May 25, 1963, when the OAU was founded.

Since 1958, the Pan-Africanist movement and ALD have continued to play their proper roles in the struggle against imperialism. The need for Pan-Africanism is more evident than ever before. Africans are clear: Our liberation lies in unification.

Let me be clear about the definition of Pan-Africanism, the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism. Our goal must be a unified and socialist Africa that will unite with the worldwide fight for a unified and socialist world.



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UAW strike: Labor joins Gaza solidarity

By Scott Scheffer

May 24 – As the bloody Zionist/White House genocide against the people of Gaza continues, so do protests in solidarity with Palestine.

Since mid-April, university students, faculty, and staff across the U.S. and internationally have set up encampments, occupied buildings, and captured the attention of corporate media and social media alike.

Cops, private security companies, Zionist thugs, and other right-wing groups

have been unleashed at Columbia University, at UCLA, and at many other colleges to try to end the encampments and demonstrations. But protestors have repeatedly regrouped.

Over the weeks, faculty and other college staff, as well as community members, have come out in support. Now, one of the United Auto Workers locals that represents graduate students at University of California (UC) campuses has initiated a series of “stand-up strikes.”

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Pride 2024: Solidarity with Gaza

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Meet danger with resistance

LGBTQIA+ people greet Pride Month this year with a mixture of joy, fear, and anger.

Joy at the annual celebration of our vibrant, diverse community and our struggle for liberation, marking the anniversary of the heroic 1969 Stonewall uprising of trans and other queer youth in New York City.

Fear at the growing tide of anti-trans laws and violence and attacks on all LGBTQIA+ people that seek to kill us or drive us back in the closet.

Anger that so many cisgender and straight allies have not answered our increasingly desperate appeals to join us in fighting back while others have allowed themselves to be influenced or bought off by our enemies.

Queer people, especially trans youth and adults, are in danger. Over half of U.S. states have now enacted laws and regulations aimed at harming trans people.

These attacks on gender-affirming health care, bodily autonomy, free speech, sports participation, and even our right to use public restrooms feed violence and hate - like the attacks that led to the death of Nex Benedict and so many others.

The corporate-owned media have joined in this hate campaign, gleefully spreading misinformation and stoking the far-right campaign by “just asking questions.” It’s not just Fox News but also mainstream and liberal outlets like the New York Times and the Guardian that are responsible.

In April, the FBI issued a warning that Pride Month activities were again likely to be targeted by violent extremists. But we know all too well that the FBI, the police, and the military are no friends of queer people. From Stonewall 1969 to West Hollywood 2023, the state’s repressive agencies not only attack us outright but regularly aid

and abet neo-Nazis threatening our events.

The cops and the federal government want us to be too scared to resist while state governments peel away our rights and our ability to even exist in public.

But we refuse to sit by as our rights are stripped away by the far right while Biden offers only “thoughts and prayers.” We refuse to run, and we refuse to stay silent while the Democratic Party and the administration arm, fund, and provide political cover for the ongoing genocide of our Palestinian siblings in Gaza.

Supporting our Palestinian siblings

June marks eight months of genocide in Gaza by the terrorist apartheid state of Israel. Over 35,000 Palestinian people have been killed so far, including over 14,000 children. Among them are uncounted numbers of LGBTQIA+ people.

Yet there are still people trying to convince us that Israel is a “democracy” that is “queer-friendly” while Palestinians are all homophobic and transphobic barbarians.

The best answer to this racist lie comes from Palestinian queers themselves:

“We refuse the instrumentalization of our queerness, our bodies, and the violence we face as queer people to demonize and dehumanize our communities, especially in service of imperial and genocidal acts. We refuse that Palestinian sexuality and Palestinian attitudes towards diverse sexualities become parameters for assigning humanity to any colonized society. We deserve life because we are human, with the multitude of our imperfections, and not because of our proximity to colonial modes of liberal humanity. We refuse colonial and imperialist tactics that seek to alienate us from our society and alienate our society from us on the basis of our queerness.

“We are fighting interconnected systems of oppression, including patriarchy and capitalism, and our dreams of autonomy, community, and liberation are inherently

tied to our desire for self-determination. No queer liberation can be achieved with settler colonization, and no queer solidarity can be fostered if it stands blind to the racialized, capitalist, fascist, and imperial structures that dominate us.

"We, queer Palestinians, are an integral part of our society, and we are informing you: from the heavily militarized alleys of Jerusalem to Huwara's scorched lands, to Jaffa's surveilled streets and cutting across Gaza's besieging walls, from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

"We call on queer and feminist activists and groups around the world to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people in their resistance to displacement, land theft, and ethnic cleansing and their struggle for the liberation of their lands and futures from Zionist settler-colonialism. This call cannot be answered only by sharing statements and signing letters but by an active engagement with decolonial and liberatory struggles in Palestine and around the globe."

(Full text: [A Liberatory Demand from Queers in Palestine](#))

Queers for Palestine

From coast to coast, a mass movement against genocide and for Palestinian liberation has shaken U.S. society to its foundations. The powers that be, from the White House and Congress to universities and city halls, have failed to repress or brainwash this solidarity movement with false charges of "antisemitism." Anyone can see that anti-Zionist Jewish people are in the front ranks of this movement.

Also at the center of it, from day one, have been mobilizations of Queers for Palestine. Why?

For eight decades, Palestinians have been:

- Told they do not actually exist

- Demonized and dehumanized
- Driven from their homes
- Forced to build and rebuild communities of resistance wherever they can
- Targeted by capitalist powers as scapegoats for the crimes of the system

No wonder so many queer people, especially trans youth, have put their bodies on the line for Palestine! These attacks on the whole Palestinian people parallel on a global scale what so many of us have experienced in our own lives. We empathize, we are in solidarity, and we feel compelled to act.

Just a few decades ago, it was nearly forbidden to mention Palestine even at progressive events in the U.S. But Palestinians' courage, resistance, and refusal to be silenced, no matter the odds, has won them the solidarity of millions here and billions worldwide. We can, and we must, learn from their example as we work together to end U.S.-Israeli war crimes.

It's the same U.S. ruling class, the same bosses and profiteers, the same reactionary politicians and media - the same capitalist system - aiming at people in Gaza and trans and queer people here at home. We are all sand in the gears of their efforts to turn back the clock on people's rights worldwide.

Let's do whatever we can to unite our struggles, together with all workers and communities under attack, to say: Our rights are not negotiable, and we are not going anywhere!



Cisgender activists speak: Why is supporting trans rights important?

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Andre Powell, retired AFSCME leader, longtime gay activist

A mere decade after the Stonewall Rebellion, as the LGBTQIA+ community was winning some victories, the right wing began mobilizing to take them away. It began in Dade County, Florida, as former Miss America Anita Bryant led a campaign called "Save Our Children."

Dade County had recently passed a law that added sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination protections. The goal of Save Our Children was to collect enough signatures to force a recall referendum at the next election to overturn the decision. They were successful at wiping away the gay rights ordinance.

Then the right-wing political operatives went into action and waged similar successful efforts, overturning newly won gay rights laws around the country. The

political right had created a new weapon.

The LGBTQIA+ community began organizing itself around the country. Two national marches were held in 1979 and 1987. The second march in 1987 was held amid the HIV/AIDS health crisis which had killed nearly 100,000 gay men. Over 750,000 LGBTQIA+ people and allies marched on Washington, D.C., under the banner, "For Love and For Life, We're Not Going Back." Following this march, organizing efforts mushroomed, gaining anti-discrimination protections from coast to coast.

Another political fight by the right wing began as the LGBTQIA+ community was winning the right to same-sex marriage. It had the same forces from the earlier battles in the 1970s, putting forth millions of dollars to push back against marriage equality. It was the organizing by the queer community which forced the Supreme Court to rule on the side of marriage equality during this reactionary period.

After this defeat, the right wing regrouped with all its money and began attacking the transgender community. First trying to deny trans people the right to use the bathroom that matched their gender identity. Secondly, harkening back to the days of Anita Bryant, they went after the rights of trans children to be able to get the gender-affirming medical treatment necessary to transition. From one state to another, using their money and bigotry, right-wing politicians have put forward several hundred bills to attack trans rights to equality.

Transgender activists, along with non-trans LGBTQIA+ community members, banded together to fight back against this latest onslaught. It began in Orlando, Florida, with a march on Oct. 7, 2023, against bigoted Gov. Ron DeSantis. The Protect Trans Kids March brought forces from all over the country to raise their voices and take a stand against the bigots, their laws, and their money.

While the trans community took the lead in organizing, the non-trans queer community was right there to reinforce our siblings in the fight for justice. It is

absolutely imperative that the cisgender queer community stand up to the vicious money and power of the bigots who are targeting our siblings. After all, to attack one part of our community is to attack the entire community.

Our enemies are united against us, but our strength is in our own unity. The LGBTQIA+ community will not be pitted against each other by right-wing bigots, no matter how much money and power they have. The ultimate victory will be the abolition of capitalism, which will eliminate the material conditions that breed hatred and oppression.

LGBTQIA+ people and allies will once again face down the bigots this Oct. 19, 2024, at a march and rally called by the Coalition to Protect Trans Lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Sharon Black, Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha, Unemployed Workers Union

First, I am very proud that Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha, a working-class, anti-imperialist women's group, not only supports trans rights but includes trans women in our membership and leadership. With very little resources and support, we helped to organize the Oct. 7 National March to Defend Trans Kids in Orlando and spearheaded an LGBTQ-Two Spirit solidarity delegation to learn about Cuba's work around the "Families Code."

We are a broad working-class group of women of all nationalities. Each of us comes to our organization with our own special oppressions, whether it is based on white supremacy, as immigrants, as low-wage or no-wage workers. And this includes the special oppression of trans women. Our strength has been our unity, our recognition of our different oppressions, and our fight against capitalism.

Secondly, it's critical that the entire working class see through the diabolical and

vicious campaign by the far right against trans people, women, men and nonbinary.

There isn't a day that you don't see some derogatory lie against trans people posted on one social media or the other. The purpose is to whip up prejudice and backwardness — essentially to distract workers from the real enemies — the trillion-dollar capitalist class, their banks and war machine.

I would say to every cisgender person like myself, "Don't take the bait." It doesn't matter what you don't understand. Trans people are our sisters, brothers, siblings, friends, coworkers and neighbors. They are not hiking up prices on food and housing, closing schools and workplaces, taking away our rights to make decisions about our own bodies, or paying us slave wages.

The bottom line is: Respect trans people's right to live! Something that is being threatened every minute.

Finally, it's not just the far right. The "liberal establishment," specifically the Democratic Party, can't be let off the hook. They have stood by and basically done nothing — using trans rights as a political football to be pulled out during election time or ignored. It's like turning your back on what amounts to violence and death for trans people.

And, I have to say with anger, let's not forget the so-called left and progressives who have been far too timid in acting to defend trans rights. Maybe it's hard to stand up to bigotry, but make no mistake: If you can't do this, how can you be counted on to defend the entire working class when the going gets tough?

Gloria Verdieu, San Diego Coalition to Free Mumia and All Political Prisoners

I am a cisgender African woman and I stand in support of transgender rights for justice, safety, and inclusion. I believe that every human being should be given every

opportunity to live a productive, fulfilling life.

The term cisgender was new for me. Many of these terms are new to me, but I am determined to gain an understanding of the range of gender identities.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Christynne Lili Wrene Wood, an African American trans woman who was the target of the racist, anti-trans panic that exists in this country.

Wood is a mother, grandmother, auntie, retired health care worker, and community activist who happens to be the same age as me. Just having a conversation with Christynne gave me a better understanding of why it is important for me as a cis woman who identifies with the gender assigned to me at birth to support the rights of trans women.

Christynne was targeted in the women's dressing room at a YMCA after a swim class. A 17-year-old girl claimed that she was traumatized when she saw a "naked man" in a dressing room shower stall. Her story was broadcast on major newscasts and the YMCA was forced to close when a hate rally was staged outside the facility.

I listened to Christynne because that could happen to me. I have been mis-identified many times and it became annoying enough to make me angry, which could jeopardize my freedom and even my life. I understood what Christynne was going through, and no one should have to go through that. Even after the truth comes out there are some lasting effects that stay with you.

The good thing is that at the next city council meeting I showed up along with many people supporting Christynne. The room was packed with many holding signs that read "Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Youth" and "Love you Christynne."

When I asked Christynne what her thoughts were about replacing the letter e in women with an X or Y? Her reply was, "I can understand this generation's usage of

the spelling as a means of expanding the word 'women' to be more inclusive, but as for me, I don't want to be characterized or given a category. I am a woman."

After her transition Christynne was the same caring person as before, but happier.

John Parker, Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice coordinator, 2024 congressional candidate

The U.S. increasingly uses racism, genocide, white supremacy and anti-LGBTQ2S bigotry. These tools of fascism promote Israel's horror in Gaza; the recent racist police killing of Frank Tyson in Ohio, so much like the murder of George Floyd; and the horrible attacks on the trans community in the U.S.

Nex Benedict, a 16-year-old transgender Choctaw student, was brutally beaten in an Owasso, Oklahoma, high school bathroom on Feb. 7 and died the next day. The school was complicit in that murder. It came nearly a year after the Oklahoma state legislature passed a ban on trans students and teachers using restrooms that align with their gender.

And the fascist attack is not only done by Republicans in backward legislatures in the states. Biden's Department of Veterans Affairs ruled that trans veterans would not be eligible for gender-affirming surgeries.

We have seen for decades now how anti-trans bills are used to divide and weaken our working class. Whether we conform or don't conform to our gender assignments, whether we are people of color denied the right to life in the face of a cop's gun, whether we are victims of the denial of abortion - everyone in our multinational working class is targeted with poverty, austerity and the denial of dignity and humanity. People of color, immigrants and LGBTQ2S communities are the first and usual targets in each episode of falling back in time — stealing hard-fought gains of social progress in the U.S.

My family remembers being told to only use the bathroom labeled “colored,” and we fall back in time when bathrooms are denied to our trans community. My parents remember not being allowed to see our Black representatives in sports, and now the divisive smokescreen excuses for not allowing participation of trans athletes sets back the clock on division in sports.

And the denial of gender-affirming health care, a denial that increases the number of trans youth considering suicide, reminds us of the past and current inadequate and unequal health care that pushes up the number of deaths of Black people.

I would, however, like to roll back the clock to the most militant and united struggles for social justice that help build the necessary consciousness to clearly see our common enemies who make the laws that attack us with poverty and repression and fascist ideologies.

In the 1960s it was the Black Panther Party, the Brown Berets, the Young Lords, the Civil Rights Movement, the Deacons for Defense, the Stonewall Rebellion, the movements inspired by Malcolm X and Rosa Parks, and the music of Nina Simone and others that helped build multinational unity, creating a powerful and effective movement against the war in Vietnam and Jim Crow, and that helped put the women’s and union movements on more solid ground.

When fascist ideology raises its putrid head, it pushes the boundaries on violations of our humanity. It’s an ideology used by U.S. Homeland Security in building the boundaries on the Mexican border, constructed by an Israeli company that also built the walls to confine the Palestinian people in Gaza to terror and starvation.

But just like we know that human movement should have no boundaries or borders, we know that love and life have no boundaries of gender preference or gender fluidity. Even those stones and walls came down in the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969.

That rebellion of the LGBTQ2s community reminds us that those anti-human boundaries – like the walls against Palestine and Mexico – will also come tumbling down.



Trump was convicted. Gaza still bleeds

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Millions of people are rejoicing because Trump was convicted and could even be sent to jail. Why shouldn't he be locked up?

The billionaire scoundrel who incites racist violence and whose actions helped kill hundreds of thousands during the COVID pandemic should have been punished a long time ago.

Meanwhile, Gaza's children continue to be murdered. Despite the worldwide outrage at Netanyahu's bombing of a tent camp in Rafah, Genocide Joe Biden is sending more bombs to the Zionist apartheid regime occupying Palestine.

The same day Trump was convicted, [U.S. and British planes killed at least 16 people](#) in Yemen, one of the poorest countries on earth. More than [377,000 people have died](#) in Yemen in a war instigated by Big Oil and Wall Street.

A string of U.S. presidents have blood on their hands because of these crimes against Yemen. Forty thousand Palestinians have been killed in Gaza. Both Donald Trump and Joe Biden are war criminals.

No justice for poor people

Why isn't Trump in jail right now? Every night, [448,000 people](#) who haven't been convicted are kept incarcerated because they can't afford bail.

Prisons are concentration camps for the poor.

Kalief Browder was 16 years old when he was arrested. The Black teenager spent three years in New York City's notorious Rikers Island jail complex without ever being brought to trial.

Too poor to post bail, Browder was repeatedly beaten and spent 800 days in solitary confinement. The trauma caused Kalief Browder to take his life three years later.

Fox News is howling because of Trump's conviction. Where were they when five Black and Latinx teenagers — Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, and Koney Wise — were railroaded to jail?

They were arrested in 1989 during a media frenzy after an assault in Manhattan's Central Park. In response, Donald Trump bought full-page ads in four New York City newspapers demanding a return of the death penalty.

The "Exonerated Five" were finally freed because DNA evidence proved that someone else committed the crime. Over \$41 million was paid in compensation to these frame-up victims. Yusef Salaam is now a member of the New York City Council.

Only the people can stop all the Trumps

Trump's campaign has raised millions following the ex-president's conviction. Contributors include billionaire hedge fund operators who gamble on the stock market.

Every bankster, corporate CEO, greedy slumlord, and trigger-happy cop has some Trump in them. Many in the capitalist class, however, are supporting Biden instead.

Millions of people are justifiably worried about Donald Trump returning to the White House. Yet it's Joe Biden who's threatening war with Russia by giving the green light to attacks on Russian missile and radar facilities.

It's a lie that Trump is anti-war. Both the Biden and Trump administrations made plans for a war against the People's Republic of China. Both Biden and Trump helped kill Palestinians.

We need to continue to demonstrate for Palestine, fight evictions, defend protesters, and organize unions. All out to Washington, D.C., on Sat., June 8, to surround the White House to stop the genocide in Gaza!

Only the power of the people can stop all the Trumps!



Hamas leader: Ceasefire framework positive, but details crucial

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Senior Hamas leader Osama Hamdan to Al-Jazeera:

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The general framework of what was stated in the Qatari-Egyptian-American statement (<https://t.me/thecradlemedia/16137>) is generally good, but we need to know the details of the plan.

Biden's speech included positive ideas, but we want that to crystallize within the framework of a comprehensive agreement that achieves our demands.

It is not possible to accept the occupation forces remaining in Gaza or managing the Rafah crossing.

The Ministry of Interior in Gaza was managing the Rafah crossing before the war and will continue to manage it after the ceasefire.

The day after the war is decided by the Palestinians without dictation from any party.

We deal with any proposal that includes a ceasefire, withdrawal from Gaza, its reconstruction, a fair exchange deal, and the occupation's commitment to that.

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PFLP: Biden is partner in war crimes against our people, not to be trusted

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Our people, with all their forces and components, are united in demanding the cessation of aggression.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine confirmed that our people, with all their forces and components, are united in demanding the cessation of aggression and that no deal or proposal has any value if it assumes the continuation of the genocide war or maneuvers to allow the occupation to continue its crimes. The resistance forces are entrusted with the demands of our people.

The Popular Front emphasized that U.S. President Joe Biden is a main partner in the aggression, genocide war, and war crimes against our people, and cannot be trusted in what he offers. He cannot be considered a mediator as he is a principal party in the war against our people.

The Front stated that the position on any proposal or negotiation path depends on its content regarding a complete cessation of aggression against our people, the withdrawal of the occupation, the lifting of the siege, and reconstruction.

The Front called on all concerned parties, including governments and mediators, to pressure the American administration, and stressed its demand for all forces in solidarity with our people to escalate the struggle and protest against the forces of aggression, primarily the United States of America.

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