

El mensaje del DNC (Convención Nacional Demócrata) : ¡Guerra! ¡Guerra! ¡Y Más guerra!

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En un tiempo récord, la maquinaria del Partido Demócrata descartó a Joe Biden, coronó a Kamala Harris y montó un espectáculo de convención sin precedentes que impresionó al mundo, del 19 al 22 de agosto.

Probablemente se gastaron más de mil millones de dólares (se pagaron más de 76 millones de dólares al Departamento de Policía de Chicago por “horas extra” y equipo). Con esa cantidad de dinero, pueden pasar muchas cosas, y rápidamente.

El discurso de aceptación de la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris resumió el núcleo del programa del DNC. Una vez que se eliminan los lugares comunes y los discursos sentimentales a favor de un “futuro” mejor, se encuentra el núcleo del mensaje: guerra y más guerra.

Harris prometió a los generales del Pentágono, a los banqueros y a los fabricantes de armas, entre los que se incluyen las empresas de inteligencia artificial y de alta tecnología que están tambaleándose, que la guerra continuará, ya sea la guerra por subsidiarios de Estados Unidos y la OTAN en Ucrania, o la guerra no tan fría contra China, Venezuela, Cuba, Irán, Líbano, Yemen y la República Popular Democrática de Corea.

Afirmó: “Como comandante en jefe, me aseguraré de que Estados Unidos siempre tenga la fuerza de combate más fuerte y letal del mundo”.

Sobre la cuestión de Palestina, estas son las declaraciones directas de Harris:

“Siempre defenderé el derecho de Israel a defenderse, y siempre me aseguraré de

que Israel tenga la capacidad de defenderse, porque el pueblo de Israel nunca más debe enfrentar el horror que una organización terrorista llamada Hamás causó el 7 de octubre, incluida una violencia sexual indescriptible y la masacre de jóvenes en un festival de música”.

Los que estaban tras bastidores y crearon el espectáculo del DNC, hicieron que los participantes entusiasmados, gritaran “¡U.S.A.! ¡U.S.A.!” durante la presentación de Harris, imitando los mítines MAGA de Trump.

La vicepresidenta Harris también proclamó: “Prometo ser una presidenta para todos los estadounidenses”. Pero una voz muy importante faltaba en el “todos”: el pueblo palestino.

Los delegados no comprometidos habían luchado para que el DNC permitiera que al menos un orador palestino hablara. Esto incluyó una sentada que duró toda la noche antes del último día. Incluso prometieron al DNC que el mensaje podría ser visto antes. Pero sus súplicas fueron aplastadas en una ciudad que cuenta con la diáspora palestina más grande de los Estados Unidos.

Tampoco hubo familiares de Sonia Massey para pedir por las vidas negras o recordarle al mundo que el terror policial racista continúa. Las verdaderas voces de los trabajadores, los oprimidos, las mujeres, la comunidad LGBTQ+, los negros, los latinos, los árabes, los mexicanos, los indígenas y los asiáticos estaban fuera de la conferencia protestando.

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Lo que hay detrás del mensaje

¿A qué se debe el repentino aumento de los demócratas, particularmente en términos de respaldo financiero, junto con las excelentes críticas en los principales medios de comunicación?

José Ramón Cabañas Rodríguez, director del Centro de Investigación de Política Internacional en La Habana, Cuba, infiere la respuesta en su ecuación Kamala-Trump-Walz-Vance:

“Pero quizás una de las claves de lo que estaba sucediendo bajo la superficie la dio

el megabanco JPMorgan en una comunicación dirigida a sus clientes:

“A los mercados no les gusta la incertidumbre, y parte de la fortaleza de los activos de riesgo durante el verano probablemente se debió a la mayor probabilidad de una victoria republicana. No nos sorprendería ver más turbulencias a medida que evolucione la carrera presidencial”.

“Lo que en ese momento era una mera probabilidad se confirmó de manera escalofriante con la caída récord en los principales mercados bursátiles el 5 de agosto.

“Para el mundo financiero estadounidense, lo opuesto a la incertidumbre es la predictibilidad. En las nuevas circunstancias, esta condición parece más probable en el Partido Demócrata, que no solo podría ofrecer una sensación de continuidad a partir del 2028 al equipo que podría ser elegido este noviembre, sino que también exhibe una lista de probables ‘líderes’ para el futuro que no están presentes en el Partido Republicano”.

Harris proviene de Silicon Valley y representa, en gran medida, a los capitalistas de alta tecnología cuyos intereses están conectados con la maquinaria de guerra y los industriales militares. Por supuesto, estos acontecimientos no se basan en un solo sector de la clase capitalista, sino más bien en lo que beneficia a todo el conjunto de ladrones depredadores, desde los banqueros hasta los terratenientes.

La economía capitalista estadounidense se basa (y no sólo cada vez más) predominantemente en el gasto militar y en especulaciones arriesgadas en el mercado de valores. No es un crecimiento real basado en la producción para el consumo. El resultado es una inflación continua, marcada por el desempleo y el estancamiento.

El guante de terciopelo y el puño de hierro

En este momento, el Partido Demócrata parece que podría surgir como ganador en las elecciones presidenciales de noviembre. Aunque suene burdo, hay que seguir el rastro del dinero; y no es que Trump no tenga a sus contribuyentes multimillonarios como Timothy Mellon, heredero de la fortuna bancaria de Mellon, y otros, principalmente del sector inmobiliario. La campaña de Harris se jacta de haber recaudado 540 millones de dólares desde su lanzamiento.

Pero, por supuesto, nada está garantizado, especialmente en el mundo caótico, despiadado y no planificado de la política capitalista. El mismo Colegio Electoral que todos los millonarios de ambos partidos han consagrado puede jugar a favor de la campaña de Trump.

La mayoría de los trabajadores, especialmente en las grandes ciudades, odian a Trump, y por muy buenas razones. Es un bufón racista, misógino, antiobrero y antiinmigrante. Y es un fascista. Es un buen instinto sentirse horrorizado por Trump.

Pero adoptar al Partido Demócrata como una alternativa real, cuyas políticas neoliberales en el país y en el extranjero han proporcionado el terreno para este desarrollo, no es una solución. De hecho, han alimentado el crecimiento de movimientos abiertamente fascistas.

Se podría decir que la maquinaria del Partido Demócrata representa el guante de terciopelo y los republicanos el puño de hierro. Pero no es tan simple. Es más preciso decir que, ya sea la administración Biden o una futura administración Harris, estamos sujetos tanto al guante de terciopelo como al puño de hierro al mismo tiempo.

El llamado sistema electoral burgués “democrático” y sus resultantes funcionarios electos son solo una parte de la superestructura del sistema capitalista: existe el aparato estatal de represión, que se ha vuelto más grande y más virulento y es un producto y una consecuencia de la militarización de la economía estadounidense.

Son el puño de hierro e incluyen a la racista policía asesina, el FBI con sus redadas y espionaje, los departamentos del sheriff plagados de neofascistas, el sistema judicial y penitenciario, y mucho más. Ellos, junto con el Pentágono, son los garantes del gobierno de los multimillonarios tanto en el país como en el extranjero.

El embajador retirado Chas Freeman, que fue el traductor de Nixon durante su viaje a China en 1972, dijo recientemente: “Estados Unidos está en medio de una creciente crisis constitucional que llegará a su punto crítico con las elecciones del 5 de noviembre y la transición a la toma de posesión del próximo presidente el 20 de enero... El gobierno civil en Washington puede desintegrarse a fines de este año, pero las Fuerzas Armadas de Estados Unidos no lo harán”.

Mientras que la élite del Partido Demócrata pregonaba la libertad y los derechos constitucionales, los ataques masivos y violentos contra campamentos estudiantiles que se oponen al genocidio en Gaza contradicen el derecho mismo a protestar. Los despidos de maestros y trabajadores que se posicionan a favor incluso de un alto el fuego se hacen para acallar a la oposición.

El escalofriante caso de los 3 de UHURU, miembros del Partido Socialista de los Pueblos Africanos que fueron víctimas de equipos SWAT militarizados y acusados de conspiración por hablar en contra de la maquinaria de guerra, tiene como objetivo aplastar la libertad de expresión. Los ataques a organizaciones sin fines de lucro como The Peoples Forum en la ciudad de Nueva York, amenazan la capacidad de construir centros organizativos.

Debe ser imposible para las madres y los padres palestinos, que lloran a sus hijos asesinados y sufren un genocidio absoluto, y para los pueblos ocupados y colonizados de toda la región, oír hablar de “un mal menor”. Es hora de romper con ambos partidos capitalistas y acabar con todo “mal”.



Hostages or settlers? The language of the Zionist occupation

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On Sept. 1, Zionist occupation forces [announced](#) that six “hostages” were found dead near the Rafah border crossing. The announcement sparked all sorts of outrage among the “Israeli” fascist masses.

Demonstrations numbering in the hundreds of thousands of people rocked cities across “Israel.” Further, occupied Palestine’s largest labor union, Histadrut, has called a [general strike](#) that will last until the “hostages” are brought back within the 1967 borders.

The central demands of the demonstrations and Histadrut revolved around Zionist captives currently held in Gaza. Zionist society and Western media frame these captives as “hostages” to garner sympathy and rally mass fascist support against Palestine.

The phrase “[Bring Them Home](#)” has become a rallying cry for the forces behind the current demonstrations. While these protests are anti-Netanyahu, they should not be misconstrued as progressive. This movement’s main gripe against Netanyahu stems from a belief that these six dead captives could have been saved if Netanyahu had not hijacked ceasefire/prisoner exchange talks. The demands of these current “Israeli” protests and strikes are entirely centered around the “hostages.” There is zero language around Palestine.

First things first, these six individuals who died were not hostages. They were Zionists and settlers. For an occupying force to brutally enforce genocide and apartheid against a people and then shame the occupied for their resistance is nothing more than pearl-clutching and political theater.

The blood of every single person, Palestinian or Zionist captive, killed in Gaza covers the hands of the Zionist regime and its imperialist backers. If there was no Zionist occupation, there would be no war. There would be no genocide. There would be no need for Palestinian forces to take prisoners of war, let alone for fascist stormtroopers to launch retrieval missions into Gaza.

Second, the biggest threat to the lives of Zionist captives in Gaza is not any Palestinian resistance organization. The biggest killer of Zionist captives in Gaza is their own Zionist government. “Israeli” air strikes alone [have killed dozens](#) of Zionist captives inside Gaza. This does not even account for all those who have died and are currently dying of starvation and disease due to the generally abhorrent conditions inside the world’s largest open-air concentration camp. The Zionist regime does not care about these people’s lives. To Netanyahu and the Israeli Occupation Force, the “hostages” need to stay exactly where they are to continue justifying the war.

Third, these current demonstrations against Netanyahu around the hostages are not progressive, nor are they anti-Zionist in nature, not even close. For the largest “Israeli” labor union to call a general strike over the deaths of six Zionist settlers but

remain silent while the Zionist regime murders tens of thousands of Palestinians in cold blood is laughable. What real labor union fundamentally values one ethnicity of workers over another? The answer is, none. Like so many institutions inside the 1948 borders, Histadrut has become just another mouthpiece for genocide.

If “Israel” wants its “hostages” back so badly, then it should end the siege on Gaza.

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Honduran President Xiomara Castro rejects U.S. interference and condemns coup plot

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Honduran President Xiomara Castro announced on August 28 that she ordered the suspension of the extradition agreement between her country and the United States. The move was in response to comments made by the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras,

Laura Dogu, regarding different high-ranking Honduran officials who had traveled to Venezuela.

The Honduran head of state [wrote in a post](#), “The interference and interventionism of the United States, as well as its intention to direct the politics of Honduras through its Embassy and other representatives, is intolerable. They attack, disregard and violate with impunity the principles and practices of international law, which promote respect for the sovereignty and self-determination of peoples, non-intervention and universal peace. Enough. Based on our Constitution and international treaties, I have ordered Chancellor Enrique Reina to denounce the extradition treaty with the United States.”

The comments in question by the U.S. ambassador happened during an [interview with media outlet HCH TV](#) on August 28. Dogu had said that it was “surprising and disappointing” to see Honduran government officials meet with members of the Venezuelan government because “The U.S. government announced several years ago that the Venezuelan government is involved in drug trafficking; especially, they are sending drugs directly to the United States.”

She added that the Venezuelan Minister of Defense Vladimir Padrino López who met with Honduras’ Secretary of Defense José Manuel Zelaya Rosales is one of the officials that has already been sanctioned by the U.S. government. “It was surprising to see [Honduran] government officials sitting with them because I know that the President [Xiomara Castro] is in a constant fight against drug traffickers. And it was surprising to see government officials sitting [next to] members of a cartel based in Venezuela,” she concluded.

The following day on August 29, Foreign Minister of Honduras Enrique Reina said in a televised interview that the comments by Dogu were linked to a more sinister plan. “We have obtained intelligence information, that these statements by U.S. Ambassador Laura Dogu, imply that some members of the Armed Forces, military

personnel of certain rankings, were conspiring with the idea that since allegations have been made against General Roosevelt, he must be taken out of his post,” Reina stated. “Even though we were able to carry out a clean election which brought the president to power [in 2021], we know where we are coming from, we know of all the struggle that we have waged to even just rescue the institutionality in the country,” the foreign minister added. He also has clarified that at the moment there are not any pending extradition orders against government officials.

Xiomara Castro [said in a public address](#) on August 29 that the U.S. government cannot be allowed to publicly attack the Chief of the Armed Forces, General Roosevelt Hernández, and the Minister of Defense, José Manuel Zelaya, for having attended a meeting with the Venezuelan military, and these types of comments “weaken the institutionality” of the Honduran Army. She classified the comments as part of a plan to undermine and overthrow her government and stated: “I want to promise the Honduran people that there will be no more coups d’état, and that I will not allow the instrument of extradition to be used to intimidate or blackmail the Honduran Armed Forces, we are defending our Armed Forces.”

Several other Latin American and Caribbean left leaders have made statements in support of the Honduran government and condemning yet another U.S. destabilization plan.

Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel [stated](#), “Stop meddling in the internal affairs of Honduras. All our support and solidarity to President Xiomara Castro, her Government and the Honduran people in the face of attacks on the sovereignty of Honduras and Our America.”

Former Bolivian president Evo Morales who was overthrown in a coup in 2019, [wrote](#), “We extend our full support to our comrade Xiomara Castro, President of Honduras, in the face of the destabilization attempts orchestrated by the Honduran right wing in complicity with the government of the United States. We

recognize her tireless work and courage in leading the destinies of the beloved and admired Honduran people and defending their sovereignty. They will not return!”

Extradition treaty

In addition to strong statements by top government officials, the Honduran government did take the concrete measure to terminate the extradition agreement between the governments of Honduras and the United States. This agreement has allowed more than 50 Hondurans to be tried and sentenced to prison in U.S. jails. Among them is former U.S.-backed President Juan Orlando Hernández, who [in June was sentenced](#) to 45 years in prison in New York (and who, interestingly, [has criticized](#) Castro’s decision to suspend the extradition agreement).

Extradition treaties with the U.S. have been widely criticized by progressives across the world as it represents a violation of a country’s sovereignty and undermines their judicial processes. Some have also criticized that the U.S. often uses extradition treaties for their own political goals. Advocates of such agreements argue that it places higher deterrence against committing drug trafficking crimes as the fear of imprisonment in the U.S. is higher.

The President of Honduras has clarified that her objective is not, as the opposition to her government claims, to diminish the fight against drug traffickers or to promote impunity (something that the U.S. ambassador herself recognizes as a virtue in Castro’s government), but rather to prevent the agreement from being used as a political “tool” against officials of the Executive and the Honduran Armed Forces.

U.S. Ambassadors’ provocations

In what appears to be a generalized imperialist political communication strategy, U.S. ambassadors in Latin America in recent years have decided to “comment” publicly to local media about their opinions on the internal politics of the countries

in which they serve missions. Just this week, Mexican President López Obrador [put diplomatic relations with the U.S. and Canadian ambassadors on “pause”](#) due to their public opinions on the Judicial Reform proposed by AMLO and MORENA. However, Ambassador Dogu’s statements stand out for their severity and harshness against high-ranking officials of the Honduran State.

For now, it remains to be seen what attitude the U.S. government will take towards the moves made by the Latin American leaders, and if there will be any retaliation against the Executives of the countries that demand, in accordance with international agreements, that U.S. ambassadors stop publicly commenting on the internal affairs of the countries where they are based.

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DNC's message: WAR! WAR! More WAR!

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In record time, the Democratic Party establishment dumped Joe Biden, crowned Kamala Harris, and put on an unprecedented show-stopping convention spectacle Aug. 19-22.

Over a billion dollars was likely spent (more than \$76 million was paid to the Chicago Police Department for "overtime" and equipment). With that amount of cash, a lot can happen, and quickly.

Vice President Kamala Harris's acceptance speech summed up the core of the DNC's program. Once you strip away the platitudes and emotional appeals for a better "future," you'll find the heart of the message: war and more war.

Harris promised the Pentagon generals, bankers, and arms manufacturers, which include the artificial intelligence and high-tech companies that are floundering, that war will continue whether it's the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine, the not-so-cold war on China, Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Lebanon, Yemen and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

She stated, "As commander in chief, I will ensure America always has the strongest, most lethal fighting force in the world."

On the question of Palestine, these are Harris's direct remarks:

"I will always stand up for Israel's right to defend itself, and I will always ensure Israel has the ability to defend itself, because the people of Israel must never again face the horror that a terrorist organization called Hamas caused on Oct. 7, including unspeakable sexual violence and the massacre of young people at a music festival."

Those standing behind the curtain who crafted the DNC spectacle had hyped-up participants erupting into



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Close to 20,000 people participated in major marches called by the Coalition to March on the DNC on Monday, Aug. 19, and Thursday, Aug. 22. Actions took place all week, including a march to the Israeli Mission. Representatives of Struggle-La Lucha for Socialism marched and participated in the protests outside the convention.

chants of "USA! USA!" during Harris' presentation, mirroring a Trump MAGA rally.

Vice President Harris also proclaimed, "I promise to be a president for all Americans." But one very major voice was missing from the "all" — the Palestinian people.

The uncommitted delegates had fought for the DNC to grant just one Palestinian speaker. This included an all-night sit-in before the last day. They even promised the DNC that the message could be pre-screened. But their pleas were crushed in a city that boasts the largest Palestinian diaspora in the United States.

There was also no family of Sonia Massey to call for Black lives or to remind

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People have a right to housing

because they have a right to live

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Vice President Kamala Harris promises to build three million affordable houses if elected president. Meanwhile, her fellow Democrat — [California Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) — has ordered local governments to evict homeless people from their encampments or lose state money.

This is a direct threat to the city of Los Angeles, where at least 29,000 homeless people are living outside. The total number of [homeless people in Los Angeles County](#) is over 75,000, of whom 52,000 have no shelter.

Newsom's order is as cruel as Texas Gov. Abbott putting barbed wire in the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo del Norte) to maim migrants.

Where are homeless people supposed to go? California has an estimated 180,000 homeless people but only 71,000 beds in shelters.

"It's absolute mayhem and craziness," Jeni Shurley told [NBC News](#). Shurley, who lives in Los Angeles, has been homeless for 10 years while working temporary jobs across the United States.

"I have done everything I can, every program that's been offered," she said. "I've taken up on it, and I haven't gotten any assistance that I need whatsoever."

While California has at least 180,000 people without a home, it also has 197 billionaires. Just the richest top 10 of these moneybags have a total stash of [\\$755 billion](#).

It's these parasites that Gov. Gavin Newsom works for and collects campaign

contributions from. Gavin's daddy — [William Newsom III](#) — handled the finances of oil billionaire Gordon Getty.

Newsom's cruelty was given permission by the June 28 decision of the United States Supreme Court in its [Grants Pass v. Johnson](#) decision. It upheld a Grants Pass, Oregon, law that made it a crime for people to sleep in public even if they had nowhere to seek shelter.

The greatest crime under capitalism is to be poor.

No homeless children in Venezuela or Cuba

In a country of 340 million people, the promise of Kamala Harris to have 3 million more houses built over four years falls far short of what's needed.

This isn't a program to directly build 750,000 homes per year. The Vice President is proposing subsidies for "first-time" homebuyers instead.

The Bolivarian Republic of [Venezuela](#) — whose population is less than one-tenth of the U.S. — has built 5 million homes over the past 13 years. That's a good reason why Venezuela's President, Nicolás Maduro Moros, was recently re-elected.

Venezuela accomplished this feat despite 930 economic sanctions being placed against it by the United States and its allies.

There are more than 100,000 [homeless schoolchildren](#) in New York City, the capital of capitalism. But there are no homeless children in Cuba or Venezuela.

The number of homeless people is much larger than those in shelters or on the streets. Over [3.7 million people](#) live in doubled-up households.

Many families facing eviction or foreclosure seek shelter with other family members. Overcrowded housing helped kill thousands during the COVID-19 epidemic.

There's a housing crisis in the United States but no housing shortage. Greedy landlords keep apartments off the market to jack up rents.

Just in New York City, 26,310 "[rent-stabilized](#)" apartments have been kept empty. Rent control laws do not cover thousands more unoccupied apartments.

That's as criminal as hoarding food during a famine.

[Rents](#) across the United States have increased by more than 30% since early 2020. That's higher than the average inflation rate, which certainly outpaces wage growth.

While many homeless people are unemployed, thousands of people with low-paying jobs live in cars because the rents are so high.

Housing is a human right!

People need more than inadequate subsidies for home buying. We need rent rollbacks and a ban on housing foreclosures.

The Biden-Harris administration has poured over [\\$55 billion in arms](#) into the proxy war against the Russian Federation in Ukraine. At least another [\\$12.5 billion](#) has been poured into the genocidal war against Gaza.

This \$67.5 billion being used to kill children could have built 225,000 new apartments at \$300,000 per unit. It's nearly as much as the [\\$78 billion](#) the New York City Housing Authority claims it needs to fix its apartments.

Before Wisconsin Sen. Joe McCarthy became known as an anti-communist witch-hunter, he attacked public housing programs. He did so on behalf of the real estate lobby.

These same developers and real estate outfits defended housing segregation for decades. Metropolitan Life Insurance kept Black people out of its Stuyvesant Town,

Peter Cooper Village, and Parkchester apartment complexes in New York City.

[Donald Trump's](#) daddy, Fred Trump, refused to rent to Black people. Donald Trump's son-in-law [Jared Kushner](#) is a big slumlord in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Instead of Biden ladling out another \$8.5 billion being given to the anti-union [Intel](#) corporation, we need a massive program to build public housing.

One of the first acts of the Cuban Revolution in 1959 was to ban evictions and roll back rents and utility bills. We need to organize the power of the people to make housing a human right.



U.S. arms to Saudi Arabia: A new threat to Yemeni sovereignty and

Palestinian solidarity

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On Aug. 9, the Biden administration made official its decision to lift its ban on the sale of offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Specifically, the U.S. State Department announced: “The department is lifting its suspension on certain transfers of air to ground munitions to Saudi Arabia. This suspension was imposed in early 2021 following the administration’s announcement that it was ending support for offensive operations in the conflict in Yemen, including relevant U.S. arms transfers . . . Saudi Arabia has also been a key partner in seeking a durable resolution to the conflict in Yemen.”

Pay attention to that last sentence. In that last sentence, one can find the real intent behind this new rash of U.S. arms sales to the Saudi monarchy. The change in a three-year policy comes down to one word: Yemen.

Since the beginning of the Zionists’ most recent phase of the genocide against Palestine, Yemeni armed forces have sunk or damaged 32 Western vessels bound for “Israel” via the Red Sea. Some of these vessels were military, and some were commercial.

However, **all** of these vessels were on missions in support of Zionism. Such missions cannot be tolerated. To that end, the people of Yemen intervened to stop all forms of assistance to the Zionist occupation regime.

Yemen’s fight against Zionism on behalf of Gaza represents a great act of resistance to Western hegemony in the region. It seems that in response to this resistance and solidarity, the U.S. and its Saudi allies will look to reignite a full-scale war on Yemen. Since 2022, Saudi’s war against Ansarallah, the Yemeni government’s ruling party,

has been on hold under an uneasy UN-negotiated ceasefire.

Until recently, both sides seemed committed to the peace process. On [Aug. 14](#), the Saudi, UAE, and U.S. militaries launched a series of drone and artillery attacks against free Yemen. These attacks, the largest of their kind in two years, came just [five days](#) after the U.S. announced it would resume offensive arms sales to the Saudi monarchy. That is quite a coincidence.

The U.S.-Saudi coalition's escalation against Yemen is dangerous and comes as Yemen continues to recover from a decade of Saudi-led [war and blockade](#). Progressive and anti-imperialist movements across the world must stand with Yemen now more than ever.

The Western imperialist aggression against Yemen via Saudi Arabia represents a chance for the U.S. to strike against the Palestinian resistance while also lining the already full pockets of defense industry [billionaires](#). Further, the Biden administration's renewal of arms sales to Saudi Arabia again proves that the Democratic Party only invests in war and genocide.

The world must stand with the people of Yemen as they continue to repel these acts of imperialist aggression.

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U.S. solidarity campaign sends 800 tons of flour to Cuba

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Havana, August 31 (RHC)- A shipment of 800 tons of wheat flour — collected by solidarity activists in the U.S. — has arrived in Cuba. The donation will provide bread for millions of people in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Artemisa, Mayabeque, Matanzas and Havana.

This campaign was organized in the United States by the New York City-based “Let Cuba Live: Bread for Our Neighbors” campaign.

According to Manolo De Los Santos, the executive director of The People’s Forum — which was the main coordinator of the solidarity effort — while the campaign has succeeded in carrying out this delivery, it wasn’t without significant hurdles created by Washington’s blockade of the Caribbean island.

In the process of organizing the campaign, Manolo De Los Santos said they reached out to 14 different grain producers in the U.S. to purchase the massive order but

received not a single positive response. In order to successfully complete the delivery, the grain had to be shipped from Turkey and suffered delays “because of the U.S. government’s policy of extreme and arbitrary harassment of Cuba’s foreign trade, which is meant to create desperation for the people of Cuba and has brutal consequences.”

The director of The People’s Forum said that the Joe Biden administration, “in its remaining months before January, has the power to swiftly end this crisis of hunger.” It could remove Cuba from the “State Sponsors of Terrorism List,” an unfounded designation imposed in 2017 by Trump that restricts vital financial and trade transactions.

The “Let Cuba Live: Bread for Our Neighbors” campaign is just one part of the larger fight against the U.S. blockade on Cuba. The people of the U.S. will continue to fight against this brutal blockade and build bridges of solidarity with our neighbors in Cuba.

Manolo De Los Santos emphasized that donations are still being accepted to help offset the costs of this massive delivery, calling on supporters around the world to consider an additional donation.

For more information:
<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/peoples-forum-inc/let-cuba-live-bread-for-our-neighbors>

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