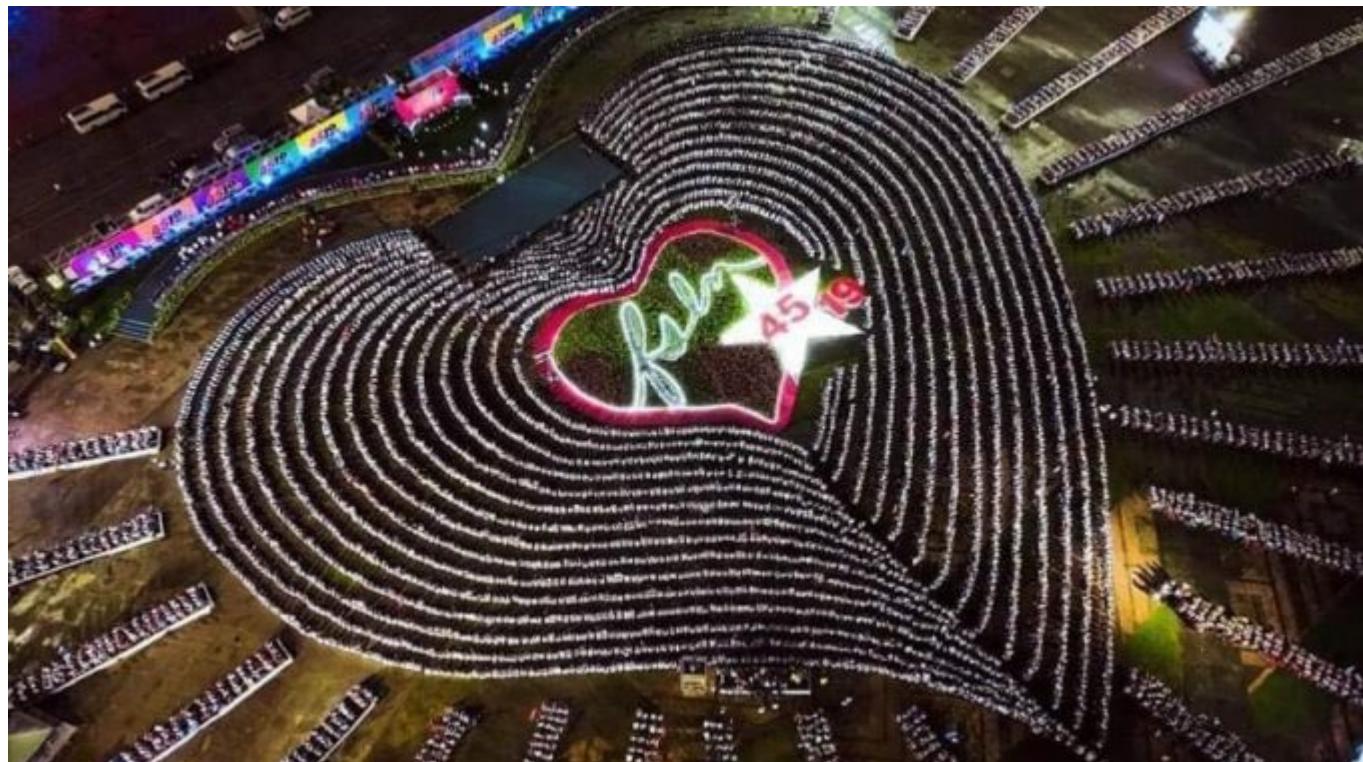


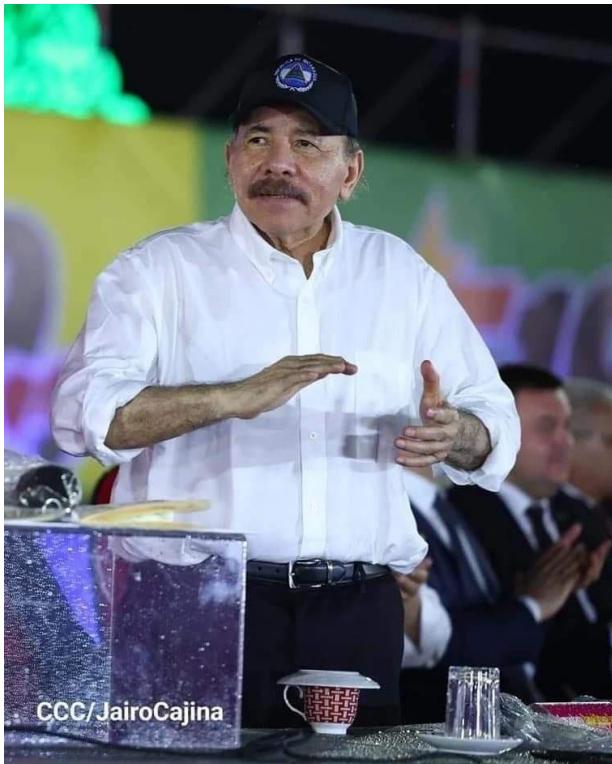
# Nicaragua celebrates 45 years of Sandinista Revolution

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Thousands of young Nicaraguans, together with Commander President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo, participated in the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the triumph of the Sandinista Popular Revolution, held in Plaza de la Fe in Managua.





The people of Masaya celebrate with great enthusiasm the 45th anniversary of the Sandinista Popular Revolution.

From the early hours, they walked the streets with a cheerful parade, accompanied by revolutionary music, red and black flags, and a philharmonic band.





# Israel launches airstrikes against Hodeidah port in Yemen

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The Israeli Occupation Forces launched airstrikes on the Red Sea port of the Hodeidah Governorate, in Yemen on Saturday, July 20. The Israeli airstrikes targeted [gas, oil and power facilities](#) within the Ansar Allah-run sea port with F-35 fighter jets, according to [media reports](#).

[The Yemeni Health Ministry](#) announced that a number of people were martyred and wounded in the attack without providing further details. The Israeli airstrikes on Yemen came around one day after Ansar Allah-led Yemeni Armed Forces launched a drone attack against the Israeli city of Tel Aviv. This was part of the military operations which the Yemeni Support Front has initiated in response to Israel's genocidal aggression on Gaza.

A couple of hours after Hodeidah port was attacked by the Israeli Occupation Air Force, the Yemeni Armed Forces announced in a televised [statement](#), that the Israeli enemy targeted the power station, the port, and fuel tanks in the Hodeidah governorate with airstrikes, and that all these targets are civilian facilities.

The spokesperson of the Yemeni Armed Forces, Brigadier-General Yahya Sare'e, also said in the statement that Ansar Allah will respond to the blatant Israeli aggression on Yemen and will not hesitate to strike the enemy's vital targets. He also reaffirmed what was declared in Ansar Allah's previous statement in regard to considering the occupied Yafa area as an unsafe zone.

Sare'e confirmed that the Yemeni Armed Forces will continue their operations in

support of their brothers and sisters in Gaza, regardless of the implications and consequences. He added that they have prepared the means for a prolonged war with the Zionist enemy until the aggression on the Palestinian people is halted and the siege is lifted.

The Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement, also condemned the Israeli aggression on Yemen. Hamas called on all countries and forces of the Arab Islamic nations to condemn the aggression, urging them to unite, mobilize resources, and engage in confronting the usurping Zionist enemy. Islamic Jihad stated that the Zionist crime against Yemen confirms that the criminal entity poses a danger to all the peoples of the Arab and Islamic nations. It also pointed out that the aggression against Yemen would not have happened without the blatant Western support for the criminal entity, primarily by the US and UK who have also been launching airstrikes against Yemen since January.

Source: [Peoples Dispatch](#)



# Learn from socialist Vietnam: Rest in power Nguyễn Phú Trọng!

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We at Struggle-La Lucha newspaper offer our condolences to the revolutionary people of Vietnam for the death of Comrade Nguyễn Phú Trọng, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee.

At 80 years old, Trong lived through many changes, seeing his country going from divided and plundered by imperialism to independent and prosperous. He was a pivotal figure in modern Vietnamese history.

As revolutionaries operating in the U.S. - in the belly of the imperialist beast - we have a responsibility to learn from socialist Vietnam's achievements and educate the masses about them. Our enemies are your enemies, and the example of Vietnam gives us encouragement that we can win.

With the Communist Party's leadership, Vietnam defeated the French colonialists and U.S. imperialist invaders, throwing off imposed poverty and rebuilding from bombed ruins. About  $\frac{1}{5}$  of Vietnam's landscape is still contaminated with unexploded U.S. bombs.

Despite the unimaginable devastation rained down by the Pentagon on behalf of Wall Street, today the Vietnamese people enjoy a life expectancy on par with that of the U.S., and it is still rising. This is an incredible feat only possible because of Vietnam's socialist revolution.

Rest in power Nguyễn Phú Trọng!

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## **Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong - an eminent leader who devotes his whole life to the country and people**

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) respectfully introduces a translation of the article about the Party chief written by Politburo member, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam To Lam.

Hanoi (VNA) - General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nguyen Phu Trong passed away on July 19 afternoon at the age of 80, according to the board of health protection and care for central officials.

The board informed that after a period of illness, despite wholehearted treatment and care from the Party, State, leading medical experts, and his family, due to old age and severe illness, the Party leader breathed his last at 1:38 pm on July 19, 2024, at Central Military Hospital 108.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) respectfully introduces a translation of the article entitled "PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY NGUYEN PHU TRONG - AN EMINENT LEADER WHO DEVOTES HIS WHOLE LIFE TO THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE" written by Politburo member, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam To Lam.

### **PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY NGUYEN PHU TRONG - AN EMINENT LEADER WHO DEVOTES HIS WHOLE LIFE TO THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE**

General To Lam, Politburo member and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee Nguyen Phu Trong, a thinker, a culturalist, a theoretical flag of the Party, and an eminent student who has constantly studied and followed great President Ho Chi Minh's

ideology, morality, and lifestyle, has devoted his lifetime to the revolutionary cause of our Party and nation, as well as the country and the people.

Being tested through the revolutionary practice for the past more than 55 years, and with his strategic vision, sharp thinking closely linked to practical summary, comrade Nguyen Phu Trong and the Party Central Committee have creatively applied and developed Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's ideology, and constantly built a purer and stronger Party; built a socialist rule-of-law state of the people, by the people, and for the people; and supplemented, perfected and instructed the successful implementation of reforms, building our country with such as a "fortune, strength, reputation, and international position today that it had never enjoyed before".

The Party affairs and building have held a particularly important position during his revolutionary life. Creatively applying Ho Chi Minh's ideology on Party building, comrade Nguyen Phu Trong has deeply clarified the nature of the Party and its role in national renewal, and in building the ruling Party through the cause of reform in Vietnam. Then, he and the Party Central Committee have made decisions and plans, and instructed the successful implementation of strategic policies on Party building and rectification; resolutely and persistently fought individualism and degradations within the Party, and corruption and other negative phenomena, while constantly improving revolutionary ethics, mettle, intellectual level, and pioneer role, and promoting good traditions and close-knit ties with the people. Under the Party leadership, headed by Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, our Party has demonstrated its mettle and wisdom, leading the entire Party, people, and entire army to win many great achievements in the cause of reform, defeat all sabotage plots of hostile forces, and build a truly "moral and civilized" society.

As Chairman of the National Assembly and Party General Secretary, the comrade is always concerned with the issue of building a socialist rule-of-law state of the

people, for the people, and by the people. Under the leadership of comrade Nguyen Phu Trong, for the first time our Party has issued a Resolution on continuing to build and perfect the Vietnamese socialist rule-of-law state in the new period, setting the goals of “perfecting the Vietnamese socialist rule-of-law state of the people, by the people, and for the people, led by the Communist Party of Vietnam; having a complete legal system that is strictly and consistently implemented; respecting the Constitution and the law, and respecting, ensuring and effectively protecting human rights and citizens’ rights; State power being unified, clearly assigned, closely coordinated, and effectively controlled; a professional, rule of law, and modern administration and judiciary; the State apparatus being lean, pure, and operating effectively and efficiently; a contingent of cadres, civil servants, and public employees with sufficient qualifications, capacity, true professionalism, and integrity; modern, effective national governance; meeting the requirements of rapid and sustainable development of the country, becoming a developed, high-income socialist-oriented country by 2045.

Thoroughly grasping the ideology of Ho Chi Minh and deeply recognizing the important role and position of culture “Culture is the soul of the nation,” “As long as culture endures, the nation endures,” Nguyen Phu Trong, an eminent leader on the Party’s cultural front, has dedicated significant efforts to building an advanced culture rich in national identity which really serves as a spiritual foundation of society, an endogenous strength, and a crucial driving force for national development. Under the leadership of Nguyen Phu Trong, the documents of the 13th National Party Congress fully and profoundly mention the cultural sector. The national conference on culture, held after more than 70 years, marked a milestone that connected the ideology and actions of the entire Party, people and army in strongly promoting the role of culture in national construction and defense, fulfilling the aspiration for a prosperous and happy country.

With profound political insight and strategic thinking, Nguyen Phu Trong, along with

the CPV Central Committee, developed Vietnam's foreign policy, summarised practical experience and shaped the "Bamboo Diplomacy" art. This approach has built and developed Vietnam's diplomacy with the distinct character of "Vietnamese bamboo." Under the leadership of the Party, directly General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, the "Bamboo Diplomacy" identity has been strongly promoted, creating historic turning points and qualitative changes in Vietnam's relations with major partners. Vietnam's position, prestige, and image as a reliable partner, active and responsible member have never been shining on the international stage and Vietnam has never integrated so deeply into the global economy, international politics, and human civilization as it is today.

In his concurrent roles as State President, Chairman of the National Defence and Security Council, and Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnam People's Army, Nguyen Phu Trong always paid profound attention to the People's Army and People's Public Security. He focused on building strong and united army and public security forces. He frequently reminded the armed forces of deeply absorbing, studying, and following the ideology, morality and lifestyle of President Ho Chi Minh, stressing that "Honour is the most sacred and noble thing" and urging them to wholeheartedly serve the country and the people, "rely on the people while working," "be truly loyal, respect, and love the people," maintain close ties with the people, protect their interests, and make them increase their trust and support. Under the leadership of the Party, directly General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, the mission of building an elite, streamlined, strong, truly pure clean and strong army that meets the requirements of the new situation has achieved significant results. The public security and military forces have been staying united and closely working together, truly serving as the sword and shield and the two wings of a bird to safeguard peace and stability for national development.

Comrade Nguyen Phu Trong's complete thought is the people, the human, the wholehearted devotion and service to the people, building human and taking the

people as the subject and the center of the renewal process. Regarding the Party, he affirmed “our Party must take the highest sense of responsibility to the people, take care of the material and spiritual lives of the people”; “the Party’s policy that does not reflect the interests of the people, the country, and the nation, and is not consistent with the rule of historical evolution, is a wrong policy,” “close connection with the people is the rule of existence, development and operation of the Party, and the decisive factor creating the Party’s strength.” Analyzing the difference between the socialist rule-of-law state and the capitalist rule-of-law state, he clearly stated that “the socialist rule-of-law state is different from the capitalist rule-of-law state in terms of nature: the rule of law under the capitalist regime is actually a tool to protect and serve the interests of the bourgeoisie, while the rule of law under the socialist regime is a tool to express and exercise the people’s right to mastery, ensure and protect the interests of the majority of the people”. Regarding the socialist market economy, he held that a basic characteristic, an important attribute of the socialist orientation in the market economy in Vietnam is that the economy must be linked with society, economic policies must be unified with social policies, and economic growth must go hand in hand with the implementation of social progress and equality in every step, every policy and throughout the development process. Every economic policy must aim at social development goals, encouraging legal enrichment along with hunger eradication and poverty reduction, taking care of people with meritorious services and those who are in difficult circumstances.” Under the leadership of comrade Nguyen Phu Trong, our Party has issued resolutions on socio-economic development, ensuring national defense and security in six economic regions across the country until 2030, with a vision to 2045, set goals, visions, directions, and solutions to create strong and breakthrough development, contributing to successfully realizing the country’s goal of 100 years under the Party’s leadership, 100 years of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, now the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. By the middle of the 21st century, our country will become a developed nation, fulfilling President Ho Chi Minh’s desire to bring our

country to be on par with the powers on the five continents.

All his life, Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong has persistently devoted himself to the revolutionary cause of our Party and nation with an iron spirit and will, and has not stepped back in the face of obstacles and difficulties. He affirmed himself a great personality, considering "honour as the most sacred and noble thing", upholding the principles and devoting all his life to the country and the people. He is truly a typical example in terms of pure revolutionary morality, "fairness and impartiality," simple lifestyle, democratic, dedicated and scientific working style, and respect and love for people. He has been highly respected, trusted and loved by officials, Party members and the people, and esteemed and highly appreciated by international friends.

We firmly believe that under the Party's leadership, we will steadfastly apply and creatively develop Marxism-Leninism, Ho Chi Minh's ideology, and the theory of the Party's renewal policy; persist with national independence and socialism; and the principles on Party building. The entire Party, people, and army will stay united and unified, and join efforts to capture opportunities and overcome challenges, building a truly pure and comprehensively strong Party and political system; rapidly and sustainably developing the country, and firmly safeguarding the Fatherland; turning Vietnam into a developing country with modern industry and upper middle income by 2030 when the Party marks its 100th founding anniversary, creating a solid foundation to complete the goal of becoming a developed, high-income socialist-oriented country by 2045 when the nation celebrates its 100th founding anniversary.



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# Milwaukee protests for Samuel Sharpe, murdered by police during the RNC

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## [Coalition to March on the RNC: Statement on murder of Samuel Sharpe by out-of-town police](#)

Milwaukee, July 17 - The Coalition to March on the RNC entirely condemns the Columbus, Ohio, Police shooting of Samuel Sharpe. For years, the Coalition has warned city officials of the dangers of bringing 4500 police officers from outside of our state. The Coalition has warned City officials about the dangers of suspending community won Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 575, which allows for the public to see police footage of critical incidents within 15 days and for the next of kin in 48 hours. The Coalition has warned City officials of the dangers of not doing

background checks on all 4500 police officers that are coming to invade our city. How many murderers are in the midst of those 4500 police officers?

It is notable that the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department was present at our protest, putting themselves out there as supposed peacekeepers. It feels obvious to say that killing people, carrying weapons, is not a part of peacekeeping. It is also notable that the Milwaukee Police Department said they would keep outside agencies away from the broader Milwaukee community, which they failed to do.

The incident today is something that was predicted by Black and brown communities since the RNC was announced for Milwaukee; it is painful to say that these predictions came true. At the site of the shooting, Black Milwaukee teens who witnessed the shooting said they couldn't even play in the park anymore, that they felt too afraid, and that they would stay at home. This is nauseating to anyone of conscience and, unfortunately, business as usual for the racist and reactionary Republicans.

Ultimately, this is the kind of environment that is brought to our city by the Republicans. Racist policing, racist killings and violence. Outside agencies have no business in our Black and brown communities, and we will firmly stand against it. Members of our coalition will be attending a vigil hosted by the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression at 8 PM tonight on 17th and Vliet.



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# Palestinians and their supporters 'need not apply'

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**Sullivan & Cromwell's guilty record**



“No Irish need apply” is a famous folk song that’s been performed by Pete Seger. Written in 1862, the song tells of an Irish immigrant who’s seeking work but is always told, “No Irish need apply.”

Discrimination in hiring is a U.S. capitalist tradition. Black unemployment rates are almost always at least twice as high as those for whites.

Right up to the passing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, hundreds of U.S. newspapers ran separate help-wanted ads labeled “white” or “colored.” It wasn’t until 1973 that the U.S. Supreme Court [banned ads](#) that sought only “male” or “female” applicants.

Now, it’s Palestinians and their supporters who are being targeted. Sullivan & Cromwell, one of the biggest corporate law firms, doesn’t want law school graduates who’ve protested the mass murder of Gaza’s children and their families.

According to [the New York Times](#), “The firm is scrutinizing students’ behavior with the help of a background check company, looking at their involvement with pro-Palestinian student groups, scouring social media and reviewing news reports and footage from protests.”

So much for freedom of speech and freedom of thought. This is like how Communist Party members and others were fired during the 1950s and later.

For over a century, Sullivan & Cromwell have been the legal mouthpieces for the Rockefellers, the world’s first billionaire family who founded Big Oil. Netanyahu’s apartheid regime massacres Palestinians and serves as a U.S.-paid mercenary for Big Oil.

The law firm has an even longer record as an agent for U.S. imperialism and colonialism. It distributed \$40 million from the U.S. Treasury — worth around \$1.3 billion in today’s money — to unknown French Panama Canal company stockholders. (“The Panama Affair” by Maron J. Simon.)

Future Secretary of State John Foster Dulles became senior partner of Sullivan and Cromwell in 1926. His brother, future CIA Director Allen Dulles, was also a partner.

## **A filthy record**

The Wall Street law firm helped Nazi business cartels like IG Farben. John Foster

Dulles didn't want his sister, Eleanor Dulles, to marry a Jew.

As U.S. spy chief in Switzerland during World War II, Allen Dulles tried to negotiate a separate peace with the Nazis. This was done behind the back of the Soviet Union, which lost 27 million people to the fascist invaders.

In these conversations, Dulles was quoted as saying, "He was fed up with listening all the time to outdated politicians, émigrés and prejudiced Jews." ("Dulles: A Biography of Eleanor, Allen and John Foster Dulles and Their Family Network," by Leonard Mosley.)

But John and Allen Dulles' old law firm, Sullivan & Cromwell, must not hire any supporters of Palestinian freedom!

Sullivan & Cromwell was also the law firm for United Fruit, which strangled Central America with its banana plantations, railroads, and steamship lines. When Guatemala's elected President, Jacobo Árbenz, attempted to distribute some of United Fruit's unused land to peasants, the Dulles brothers were determined to overthrow him.

Árbenz was overthrown by the CIA in 1954. One of the CIA agents involved was future Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

The year before, the tag team of John and Allen Dulles staged a coup in Iran to get rid of the elected Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh. In the decades following, hundreds of thousands of people were killed in both Guatemala and Iran.

### **Flag pins and bigotry**

Another big law firm, [Davis Polk & Wardwell](#) — usually known as Davis Polk — also refuses to hire Palestinian supporters.

The “Davis” in the law firm’s name refers to John W. Davis, who was the 1924 Democratic presidential candidate. He was nominated because convention delegates who were Ku Klux Klan supporters refused to vote for New York Gov. Al Smith, who was Catholic.

Davis was an unvarnished white supremacist who opposed any laws to stop lynching. When he was 80, Davis argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of school segregation.

While few people may be directly affected by these law firms’ bigotry, other employers are singling out Palestinians as well. After a couple of bigoted passengers on Delta Airlines objected to two flight attendants wearing Palestinian flag pins, [Delta said it would only tolerate U.S. flag pins.](#)

Delta has a long record of racism and union busting. Former Delta CEO Carleton Putnam wrote the notorious “Race and Reason.”

The racist pamphlet became a bible to the White Citizens Councils, which were an uptown partner of the Ku Klux Klan. The Nazi David Duke distributes it today.

The anti-Palestinian witch hunts are just another variety of racist poison.



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# **Mister Netanyahu comes to Washington and will receive a warm welcome**

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NATIONAL MOBILIZATION - ALL OUT TO THE CAPITOL

# ARREST NETANYAHU!

FOR WAR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

JOIN THE PEOPLE'S RED LINE & SHUT DOWN DC

# JULY 24



Next week, on Wednesday, July 24th, Israeli Prime Minister and war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to visit Washington, DC, although he has not yet received a formal invitation. When the Israeli prime minister has traveled to Washington every year, he's conveyed a message of closeness and intimacy, unlike the 4 years since his last visit to the White House, something that does not go unnoticed by friends and enemies.

Netanyahu is scheduled to address a special joint session of Congress and is expected to meet with U.S. President Joe Biden at the White House, although this has not yet been confirmed. A meeting with the next U.S. president-in-waiting Donald Trump is also expected to be organized. When Netanyahu addressed Congress in 2015, then-President Barack Obama was angered that Netanyahu spoke before Congress against the Iran nuclear deal he had negotiated and refused to meet with him.

Meanwhile a national demonstration is being called by a wide range of organizations to greet the Zionist president by surrounding the US Congress to take a stand with the Palestinian people and to demand an end to the genocide.

Since Netanyahu accepted an invitation last month, extended by leaders of both parties in the US Congress, it sparked a public debate in Israel over whether he should accept or not, before it was known whether he would receive an invitation to meet Biden. Arguments against Netanyahu's acceptance included that such a visit, initiated by Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, was not something that pleased the White House and would only highlight partisan divisions over Israel. It has emerged that between the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on August 19, experts estimate that there will be those who will accuse Netanyahu of trying to meddle in American politics, which could strain his relationship with Biden.

The last time Netanyahu was in the White House was in September 2020. Donald

Trump was president and the occasion was the signing of the so-called Abraham Accords. Both Trump and Netanyahu lost elections soon after: Trump in November 2020 and Netanyahu in March 2021.

In 2023, when Biden belatedly invited Netanyahu, as a sign of his disapproval of the prime minister's policies, the president was politically strong, having emerged victorious from the midterm elections, when a forecast of Republican control in both houses of Congress failed to materialize. On the other hand, Netanyahu, facing unprecedented popular opposition to his judicial reform plan, was politically weak.

Now the dynamic has changed. Both leaders are weak and both face strong calls to step aside: Biden from within his own party and Netanyahu from a street of increasingly loud protests. At the same time, Trump, with his superhero image, cannot go unnoticed by Netanyahu. And it is because both leaders are politically weak that experts believe that a meeting at the White House could benefit both: "Netanyahu will try to reaffirm his capacity as a statesman and Biden will try to demonstrate his leadership skills and mental acumen."

**Alfredo García Almeida** is a journalist, international analyst and collaborator from Mérida, Yucatán.

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# **Cuba and Nicaragua: Two sister revolutions**

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## **On July 19, 2024, the 45th anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution**

There are no identical political processes, much less Revolutions, which are conditioned by history and the context in which they develop. However, in our America, there are no two processes with as many similarities as those in Cuba and Nicaragua. The hallmark of both revolutions is often referred to as the method used to seize power through armed struggle, something that truly makes them unique and probably unrepeatable.

There are also other features that distinguish and identify them, among which we can mention:

**1- Deep historical roots.** Each of these processes is based on a long tradition of struggle of its peoples, which goes back to the rebellious and indomitable spirit of its indigenous and Creole populations. Diriangén, Nicarao, Adiact, Andrés Castro, Zeledón, Sandino; Hatuey, Aponte, Varela, Céspedes, Maceo, Martí are symbols deeply rooted in the popular consciousness of their respective peoples and constant sources of inspiration for successive struggles. Not many countries have such an extraordinary tradition of struggle and such a wide gallery of heroes as ours.

**2- Authenticity.** The independence processes and subsequent revolutions did not arrive on horseback or in tanks from other latitudes. Their battles were inspired, led and directed by people from their peoples, beyond the undeniable contributions of extraordinary internationalists such as Máximo Gómez, Farabundo Martí, Che Guevara, who fused their blood and ideals with ours.

**3- Nationalism and anti-imperialism.** The struggles in Cuba and Nicaragua, independent of their patriotic and nationalist character, were marked by a strong anti-imperialist sentiment from the beginning. Martí did it in silence, confessing it before his death, the same day Sandino was born, who made anti-imperialism his battle flag. The beating of the Yankees in Las Segovias and the victory at Playa Girón sealed that anti-imperialist destiny.

**4- The spiritual and moral strength** of the precursors precedes and surpasses the political and ideological components in both processes. Fidel and Carlos Fonseca drank from the sources of Marxism, but the first was precise in pointing out Martí as the intellectual author of Moncada and the second did not hesitate to define the Liberation Front that was founded as "Sandinista." The people have rewarded this wisdom, and for that reason, although they fight for the ideals of socialism, the Nicaraguan people are above all Sandinista and Danielista, just as the Cuban people are above all Martiano and Fidelista.

**5- Another feature that distinguishes them is their radicalism.** These were not half-

measures. The changes carried out at the socioeconomic, structural, political, and legal levels were very radical in order to benefit the less favored sectors and combat the poverty inherited from centuries of exploitation. These changes, of course, unleashed the reaction of the empire and its local allies in the upper classes.

**6- Reciprocal respect and loyalty.** Not because it preceded it in time and enjoyed greater experience, did Cuba ever try to belittle, tutor or ignore the Sandinistas. On the contrary, there are plenty of examples of the respect, delicacy, and tact with which Fidel always treated his leaders, even in difficult moments of the war when divergences arose between the different tendencies of the FSLN. However, Cuba gave signs from very early on of a generous solidarity that was manifested in the most diverse spheres of cooperation and was sealed with the blood of combatants and civilian collaborators in the different stages of the Revolution. According to Fidel himself: "Nicaragua was one of the countries that best used Cuba's collaboration in health and education."

The Nicaraguan people, for their part, have always been on Cuba's side, even in the fateful days when Somoza lent the territory for the invasion of Playa Girón and asked the mercenaries to bring him a hair from Fidel's beard. The pilot Carlos Ulloa, who fell fighting in Girón, washed that affront with his blood, and years later, Fidel, himself in Managua, offered his entire beard in a symbolic gesture to the Nicaraguan people.

**7- Leadership.** Both Revolutions have had strong and clear leaders who have known how to guide the destinies of their people with firmness and wisdom. Fidel Castro managed to unite the different revolutionary forces, successfully lead such a radical process, and, above all, maintain resistance against an empire that had done everything it could to try to destroy it. His leadership and that of his successors have had a great impact, not only on a continental level but even on a global level.

The Sandinista Revolution had among its founders extraordinary leaders, such as

Carlos Fonseca and Tomas Borges, and today it has in Commander Daniel and Compañera Rosario an experienced leadership with undeniable popular and international prestige. Fidel, who never gave away praise, said this to Daniel in a message for the 35th anniversary of the triumph of the Sandinista Popular Revolution: "You and Rosario, as was later the Bolivarian leader Hugo Chavez, unavoidable champion of the struggle for socialism and the anti-imperialist revolution in Latin America, will occupy a place of honor in the history of the peoples of this continent."

For these seven reasons and for many more that cannot be put into words, we Cubans feel the joy of the Nicaraguan people as our own in celebrating this 45th Anniversary, and no occasion is more propitious to renew the commitment bequeathed by our heroes, to honor each day more these exemplary relations that forged years of struggle and sacrifice and that nothing and no one can stand between these two sister Revolutions.

Long live the 45th Anniversary of the Sandinista Popular Revolution.

Long live the indestructible brotherhood between Cuba and Nicaragua.

Sandino Lives, the Struggle Continues.

Free Homeland or Death.

Homeland or Death, We Shall Win.

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# Hands off the UAW!

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## **Feds' probe is retaliation for urging peace in Gaza**

What's behind the investigation of United Auto Workers union president Shawn Fain by U.S. government-appointed monitor Neil Barofsky? The inquiry comes just eight months after UAW members won big wage gains by striking Ford, General Motors, and Stellantis (which took over Chrysler).

This was the first big strike in the U.S. since the Teamsters' strike against UPS in 1997. The UAW has started organizing drives in southern auto plants. It won a union recognition election at the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The capitalist government took advantage of corruption charges involving both UAW officials and Chrysler corporation executives to impose a monitor on the UAW in

2021. Stealing money from a union is reprehensible, but it's chicken feed compared to the crimes committed by the auto companies and their government.

Over 40 years of givebacks and job cuts devastated entire cities, including Detroit and Flint, Michigan. General Motors closed nine of its ten plants in Flint, impoverishing the Black-majority city.

Why wasn't former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder sent to jail for poisoning the children of Flint with filthy water?

The 2009 government bailout imposed pay tiers that sharply cut the pay of newly hired employees. These pay cuts helped GM to rake in \$100 billion in profits in the following decade.

The victorious UAW strike last year restored equal pay for equal work.

### **'Stay in your lane'**

The current investigation is ostensibly about an internal union dispute concerning UAW Secretary-Treasurer Margaret Mock. But it's really about the UAW President Shawn Fain supporting a ceasefire in Gaza.

The UAW is so far the largest union to demand an end to the killing of Palestinians. Other union leaders urging a stop to the war include American Postal Workers Union President Mark Diamondstein, who is Jewish.

Government monitor Barofsky urged Fain to be silent. Barofsky called Fain the night before the UAW president spoke at a Dec. 14, 2023, news conference calling for a ceasefire.

As the UAW attorney Benjamin Dictor [pointed out](#), Barofsky's action had nothing to do with his job as a monitor. Even Barofsky admitted that "this issue is outside the

Monitor's jurisdiction."

This was an outrageous attempt to make a union leader shut up. Big business, if they tolerate unions at all, want labor leaders to "stay in their lane."

The wealthy and powerful want to go back to the days of the Cold War. AFL-CIO President George Meany supported the dirty U.S. war against Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia that killed millions, including 58,000 GIs.

Unions supporting a ceasefire in Gaza is a good first step. We hope the UAW and the rest of the labor movement go further.

The UAW's endorsement of Joe Biden won't stop the Trumps. Only mass action, like the UAW strike last year, can do that.

Government Monitor Neil Barofsky needs to be fired. Hands off the UAW.



# Huelga en la Suiza Dairy, una cuestión de soberanía alimentaria

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**NOTA:** *A la hora de terminar el artículo, se reporta que la Fuerza de Choque de PR arrestó a 16 manifestantes frente a los portones de la Suiza Dairy para derle paso a los rompehuelgas.*

Ya va más de un mes que la Central General de Trabajadores de Puerto Rico está en huelga contra la patronal peruana Grupo Gloria, que administra la procesadora de productos lácteos Suiza Dairy (SD). Ésta, es una de las tres procesadoras de leche en este país que juntas representan una de las menguadas industrias alimentarias autosuficientes que quedan.

Hay un convenio colectivo acordado entre las partes, pero faltaba la aportación de la empresa al plan de salud, lo que se había establecido durante las negociaciones que la SD respondería en otro momento.

Para obtener más detalles de esta lucha, Struggle-La Lucha entrevistó al secretario del sindicato, Scott Barbés Caminero. Aquí se incluyen extractos de esta entrevista.

**SLL:** ¿Cual es el motivo de la huelga?

**SBC:** “Estamos reclamando que se solucione la aportación al plan médico, puesto que las condiciones de salud que padecen nuestras trabajadoras y trabajadores están estrechamente vinculadas al trabajo que realizan. Y que ante la privatización de los servicios de salud en Puerto Rico la empresa entonces tiene que asumir los costos de la salud de estos trabajadores. Hay una alta incidencia de cáncer, problemas óseos, diabetes, presión alta. Se nos han muerto compañeros incluso

estacionando estos

camiones, allí luego de trabajar 14, 16, 18 horas y ahí quedan en el camión con ataques cardíacos”.

“También estamos reclamando que se respete un acuerdo que llegaron con el grupo de los vendedores de la empresa, y luego de haber llegado a un acuerdo sobre el tema de las comisiones y los salarios, la

empresa desde el Perú determinó que no iba a honrar el acuerdo y en menos de 24 horas de alcanzado ese acuerdo lo retiró de la mesa”.

“Además, denunciamos la represalia en contra de los trabajadores a su ejercicio democrático y

constitucional y humano sobre todo al derecho de la huelga. La compañía en vez de traer una propuesta para solucionar el conflicto lo que hizo fue el despido masivo de más de 400 trabajadores y trabajadoras estableciendo un cierre patronal ilegal”.

“Estamos en un momento crítico de la lucha ante la insistencia de un juez que emitió una orden de cese y desista de las actividades de paralización que aquí se realizan. Y tenemos información de que la empresa ha contratado una empresa violenta de seguridad para romper la huelga y permitirle el acceso a otra compañía de limpieza de toda esta maquinaria. Planteamos que no vamos a permitir ni a los rompehuelgas ni a esa empresa subcontratada porque ese trabajo le pertenece a la unidad de trabajadores y trabajadoras de nuestro sindicato y no vamos a dejar que le quiten su trabajo”.

“Por eso solicitamos al pueblo solidario a que se den cita en aras ya no tanto de apoyar solidariamente la huelga, sino de defender combativamente la línea de piquete porque se juega la vida de la industria lechera completa de Puerto Rico porque es la más grande y poderosa y ellos la quieren destruir”.

**SLL:** ¿Cuál ha sido el papel del gobierno?

**SBC:** “De parte de Fortaleza (residencia oficial del gobernador Pedro Pierluisi) no ha habido ninguna expresión positiva; al revés, dijo que él no está interesado después que el producto llegue a las casas de la manera en que debería estar llegando. Aquí se juega la seguridad alimentaria de un pueblo; esto es importante dentro de la canasta básica y evidentemente el gobierno no tiene interés en el pueblo. Es un gobierno neoliberal extremadamente abusivo que esta misma semana aumentó la luz y el agua. Así que en ese sentido el gobierno no está protegiendo al pueblo”.

“Ante esa realidad nuestro planteamiento ha sido que alguien tiene que intervenir en lo que aquí está

sucediendo. Es una industria esencial y lo que la empresa Gloria del Perú está haciendo en Puerto Rico es lo que otras empresas hicieron por ejemplo con la industria agropecuaria. Aquí hubo un ataque masivo en contra de una industria que proveía alimentos, como el pollo, a toda la isla. Desde que nació el primer huevito hasta que llegaba al plato del hogar y estas grandes industrias grandes multinacionales distribuidoras de pollo congelado en el mundo empezaron un ataque en contra de nuestra industria hasta destruirla. Y eso es lo que está sucediendo aquí. Incluso tenemos la sospecha de que el objetivo que está tratando de lograr la empresa es destruir o llevar a un mínimo la producción de leche fresca en Puerto Rico para entonces apropiarse totalmente de la industria de la leche de larga duración ó UHT con el objetivo entonces de matar la ganadería en Puerto Rico para el beneficio de ganaderos del extranjero y traer importada la leche UHT a Puerto Rico. Hacer un ‘dumping’ al igual que hicieron con los huevos y los pollos. Y básicamente someternos a más a la dependencia y la inseguridad alimentaria hacia el beneficio de otras industrias que no tienen nada que ver con el pueblo de Puerto Rico y mucho menos con el deseo de salud y de producción nacional. Eso obviamente

sigue debilitando al pueblo, a nuestra fuerza trabajadora, y sigue creando condiciones para que los puertorriqueños y puertorriqueñas tengamos que abandonar nuestra tierra.

Por eso que estamos dando esta lucha porque aquí se juega mucho más que la aportación al plan médico que nosotros estamos exigiendo".



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# Strike at Suiza Dairy, a question of food sovereignty

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**NOTE:** *At the time of finishing this article, it was reported that the PR Police' Tactical Unit Force had arrested 16 protesters in front of the gates of the Swiss Dairy to make way for the strikebreakers.*

It has been more than a month since the General Central of Workers of Puerto Rico has been on strike against the Peruvian capitalist association Grupo Gloria, which manages the dairy processing company Suiza Dairy (SD) here. This is one of the

three milk processing companies in this country that together represent one of the few remaining native food industries.

A collective agreement was reached between the CGT and SD, but the company's contribution to the health plan was not included because it had been established during the negotiations that SD would respond at a later time.

To get more details on this strike, Struggle-La Lucha interviewed the union's secretary, Scott Barbés Caminero. Excerpts from this interview are included here.

**SLL:** What is the reason for the strike?

**SBC:** "We are demanding that the contribution to the medical plan be resolved, since the health conditions suffered by our workers are closely linked to the work they do. And that given the privatization of health services in Puerto Rico, the company then has to assume the health costs of these workers. There is a high incidence of cancer, bone problems, diabetes, high blood pressure. Our coworkers have even died when parking these trucks, after working 14, 16, 18 hours and there they lie in the truck, with heart attacks."

"We are demanding also, that the agreement reached with the group of the company's salespeople be respected. But after having reached an agreement on the issue of commissions and salaries, the

company from Peru determined that it was not going to honor it and in less than 24 hours after reaching that agreement, they withdrew it from the negotiating table."

"In addition, we denounce the retaliation against the workers for exercising their democratic and

constitutional human rights, above all, the right to strike. "The company, instead of bringing a proposal to solve the conflict, what it did was the massive dismissal of

more than 400 workers, establishing an illegal lockout."

"We are at a critical moment in the struggle because of the insistence of a judge who issued a cease and desist order on the stoppage activities we carry out here. And we have information that the company has hired a violent security company to break the strike and allow another company access to clean all these machineries. We state that we are not going to allow either the strikebreakers or that subcontracted company because that job belongs to the workers of our union and we are not going to let them take their jobs."

"That is why we ask the people solidarity in order not so much to support the strike, but to combatively defend the picket line because the life of the entire dairy industry of Puerto Rico is at stake since it is the largest and most powerful and they want to destroy it."

**SLL:** What has been the role of the government?

**SBC:** "On the part of Fortaleza (official residence of Governor Pedro Pierluisi) there has been no positive expression; On the contrary, he said that he is not interested as long as the product reaches the homes. The food security of our people is at stake here; This is important within the basic food basket and evidently the government has no interest in the people. It is an extremely abusive neoliberal government who this week increased electricity and water fees. So, in that sense the government is not protecting the people."

"Faced with this reality, our approach has been that someone has to intervene in what is happening here. It is an essential industry and what the company Gloria from Perú is doing in Puerto Rico is what other companies did, for example, with the agricultural industry. Here there was a massive attack against an industry that provided food, like chicken, to the entire island from the moment the first egg was born until it reached the families' tables. Then, these large multinational industries

that distributed frozen chicken in the world began an attack against our industry until it was destroyed. And that's what's happening here. We even have the suspicion that the company's objective is to destroy or bring to a minimum the production of fresh milk in Puerto Rico and then completely take over the ultra-pasteurized milk or UHT milk industry. Killing the livestock industry in Puerto Rico for the benefit of farmers from abroad who would bring imported UHT milk to Puerto Rico. Do 'dumping', just like they did with the eggs and chickens. And basically subject our country to more dependency and food insecurity towards the benefit of other industries that have nothing to do with the people of Puerto Rico and much less with our health and national production. This obviously continues to weaken the people, our work force, and continues to create conditions that push Puerto Ricans out our land.

That is why we are fighting this struggle; because here there is much more at stake than the contribution to the medical plan that we are demanding."

