

Trump has a special hatred for Africa and people of African descent

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In this photo provided by U.S. Africa Command, the U.S. military is launching airstrikes against Somalia on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025.

Within the first three weeks of his second presidential administration, Trump's

crimes have included:

- Fascist round-ups of immigrant workers, with hundreds being deported in military aircraft while being shackled. Trump is setting up a concentration camp for immigrants in Guantánamo on land stolen from Cuba.
- Trump launched a storm of anti-trans attacks, radically removing trans people's rights, banning gender identity from all official documents such as passports, banning transgender women and girls from participating in women's sports, and restricting or even eliminating gender-affirming care.
- Menaced Colombia with a trade war when Colombia's President Gustavo Petro protested the mistreatment of Colombian immigrants.
- Trump is seeking to take over Greenland, annex Canada, and is threatening to invade Panama. Thousands of U.S. troops have been sent to the Mexican border. Trump has ridiculously ordered renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America.
- Now, Trump wants to seize Gaza and kick out two million Palestinians who have survived 15 months of genocide.
- Yet, with all of his attacks on Latin America and Palestine, the first country that Trump bombed was the African country of Somalia.

Trump has a special hatred for Africa and all Black people. He wants to turn back the clock to the days of undisguised white supremacy.

On his [second day](#) in office, Trump rescinded President Lyndon Johnson's 1965 executive order banning discrimination in hiring by the federal government and its private contractors. [Washington Post](#) columnist Karen Attiah has rightfully called Trump's campaign against Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), an effort at resegregation.

Trump's attendance at the Super Bowl depends on the message "[End Racism](#)" being removed from the end zone.

Darren Beattie — Trump’s pick to be the State Department’s Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs — is an open bigot.

[Beattie wrote](#) on X: “Competent white men must be in charge if you want things to work. Unfortunately, our entire national ideology is predicated on coddling the feelings of women and minorities, and demoralizing competent white men.”

The apartheid connection

Donald Trump’s entire life as the offspring of a real estate mogul has been coated with bigotry. Trump and his daddy were sued by the U.S. government in 1973 for refusing to rent to Black people.

Trump took out full-page newspaper ads when five innocent Black and Latinx youths were framed for assault in the 1989 “Central Park” case. Trump has never apologized, even though the Exonerated Five were freed after years in jail and compensated.

One of the five, [Yusef Salaam](#), has been elected to the New York City Council.

On Feb. 3, Trump condemned South Africa for a law that has taken small amounts of land from whites. Thirty years after the fall of apartheid, whites still control 70% of land in South Africa, all of it stolen from Africans.

[Trump whined](#) on his Truth Social account that “South Africa is confiscating land, and treating certain classes of people VERY BADLY.” The term “certain classes” means white settlers.

Trump is now [suspending](#) all U.S. aid to South Africa, most of which funds HIV/AIDS prevention efforts. That’s as genocidal as the U.S.-made bombs that killed thousands in Gaza.

Fox News and all fascists call any efforts at land justice in South Africa to be “White Genocide.” During Trump’s first administration, two pro-apartheid white farmers from South Africa — [Kallie Kriel and Ernst Roets](#) — met with National Security Advisor John Bolton.

Kriel and Roets also [met with](#) United States Agency for International Development (USAID) officials. This shows how this agency, which is being shut down by the Trump regime, was about U.S. domination, not helping people.

Elon Musk — Donald Trump’s virtual co-president — is the son of an apartheid-era emerald mine owner. Musk also attacked the land law, as did Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Vice President JD Vance’s mentor is the billionaire [Peter Thiel](#), who was brought up under apartheid. Thiel’s millions in campaign contributions were vital in electing Vance as a U.S. Senator from Ohio.

Alongside Trump’s attacks on immigrants, Palestinians, and Black people are his vicious attacks on transgender people. Bigotry hurts all poor and working people.

Trump & Co. want to return to the days before the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, which helped smash open colonial rule. Millions of people need to come out in the streets — as we did during the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020 — to stop this fascist regime.



LA groups protest war criminal Netanyahu's White House meeting

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Activists gathered outside the Zionist consulate in Los Angeles on Feb. 6 to denounce war criminal Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's White House visit and the continued U.S. imperialist escalation against the people of Gaza, the West Bank, and all of Palestine.

Organizers from several organizations participated in the demonstration, including the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Al-Awda - The Right to Return Coalition, Code Pink, and Justice 4 Palestine.

During the event, alleged reports of a possible shooter in a building across the street brought out the police and fire department. John Parker of the Harriet Tubman Center addressed the crowd:

"This is not going to scare us away. We know that police and the state will try to

discourage protests with fear and sometimes intentional provocations. I don't know if this was them or a fascist Zionist trying to scare us, but the point is, it will not stop us. It will just encourage us to do more."

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

Lev Koufax is an anti-Zionist Jewish activist.





New Orleans nurses extend strike through Super Bowl Sunday

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Nurses employed at the University Medical Center in New Orleans began striking on Feb. 5. Originally, the National Nurses Organizing Committee - the union representing 600 nurses in the UMC system and affiliated with National Nurses United - only planned on a two-day strike. But now it's set to last through Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 9 because of contract requirements of the replacement-worker staffing agency.

They went on strike back in October as well. So, this is the second time the union called a strike and yet they still don't have their first contract because the bosses at LCMC Health System have been stalling. The nurses voted to unionize in December 2023 and have been in these contract negotiations since March 2024. Enough is enough!

In a [press release](#), RN Shonda Franklin said:

“We don’t take this decision lightly. But so many of us are tired of seeing our fellow nurses leave UMC because management can’t ensure basic things like uninterrupted lunch breaks on our 12-hour shifts. It’s time for a change, and a strong contract is how we get that done.”

These nurses and other medical workers are always there when our community needs them. They were there to take care of the victims of the New Year’s Eve French Quarter terrorist attack, just as they were all throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In both cases, they were dealing with dangerous understaffing, long hours, and many other problems caused by the for-profit healthcare system.

History proves that the needed workplace change won’t come without a union and a struggle. These nurses are showing how to do it.







Google finally admits it pursues advanced AI weapons programs

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Google is among the largest companies in the world. Its influence on the global high-tech industry cannot be overstated, making it a very potent leverage for the United States. Officially, the company is “pacifist” and insists on “a peaceful use of high-tech”. That is, it was until a few days ago. Namely, Google’s parent company, Alphabet, has dropped all this superficial “pacifism”, including a public promise it would “never pursue” advanced artificial intelligence research for military purposes such as developing weapons and ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) assets.

[In a blog post published on February 4](#), Google updated its public “ethical guidelines” regarding AI, removing any references to the use of such advanced technologies solely for peaceful purposes. For years, the controversial company was adamant that it would “never pursue high-tech that could cause or are likely to

cause overall harm”.

One of the authors, Demis Hassabis, stated that these guidelines were being “overhauled in a changing world” and that “AI should protect national security”. Hassabis is the CEO and co-founder of Google DeepMind and Isomorphic Labs, both of which are incorporated into the Alphabet and deal with advanced AI research. He is also an official AI advisor for the government of the UK.

Along with Hassabis, Google’s Senior Vice President for Technology and Society, James Manyika, [argued that](#) “as global competition for AI leadership increases, the company believed democracies should lead in AI development that was guided by freedom, equality, and respect for human rights”. They also claimed that they “believe that companies, governments, and organizations sharing these values should work together to create AI that protects people, promotes global growth, and supports national security”.

By 2009, Google’s initial public motto of “don’t be evil” was downgraded to a “mantra”. Worse yet, when it was finally incorporated into the Alphabet by 2015, not even this “mantra” was included in the conglomerate’s ethics code. Interestingly, Manyika has been involved in close cooperation with the U.S. military.

In 2019, he co-chaired the Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on U.S. Innovation Strategy and National Security along with Admiral William H. McRaven, [where they issued a report titled “Innovation and National Security: Keeping Our Edge”](#). This means that Google has essentially always been involved with the U.S. military. The evidence for this is overwhelming and involves much more than just conferences and reports. Namely, back in December 2023, the U.S. announced that it wanted to [deploy “Skynet-style weapons”](#) against its geopolitical adversaries and wanted its so-called Big Tech to work on such projects.

By April last year, even the mainstream propaganda machine revealed that the

Pentagon was using advanced AI to “kill Russian troops”. Precisely in those terms. [The New York Times reported](#) that the U.S. military was using Project Maven to “revolutionize modern warfare”. The program was started by none other than Google in 2018, or seven years before its “updated ethical code” that switched from “don’t be evil” to “do the right thing”.

Project Maven was purely a military program from the get-go, as it allowed the Pentagon to use ISR data more efficiently by coordinating all battlefield assets, resulting in better target acquisition. This allegedly “caused an uproar” among the company’s “pacifists” who supposedly “urged Google to have nothing to do with it”. In reality, the program’s development continued, [only officially moving to “other contractors”](#), as the U.S. military would never give up on finding [“shiny” new ways of killing](#).

Project Maven has grown exponentially since 2018 and was actively being tested in NATO-occupied Ukraine, [where the Pentagon is sharing battlefield data directly with the Neo-Nazi junta forces](#). NATO military personnel, particularly from the U.S. and UK, were deployed there to help the Kiev regime with using the advanced AI system in “exploring new ways of finding and exploiting Russian vulnerabilities, even while U.S. officials try to navigate legal restraints about how deeply they can become involved in targeting and killing Russian troops”.

This is yet another confirmation that [NATO is directly involved in targeting Russian soldiers](#), as there’s no “layered way of killing someone”. You’re either doing it or not. Albeit quite disturbing, this is hardly surprising, given the fact that several Western top-ranking officers have been [openly bragging about their direct participation in attacking Moscow’s forces](#).

The Pentagon itself even boasted that Project Maven is a way to “harness its competitive advantage in technology to maintain superiority over Russia and China in an era of renewed superpower rivalries”. This is yet another confirmation that

[Washington DC will stop at nothing to remain relevant in the geopolitical arena](#), regardless of the means.

As for Google's "non-involvement for moral reasons", that also turned out to be yet another blatant lie, as Eric Schmidt, one of Alphabet's top-ranking officials, said they've been "drawing on lessons from Ukraine to develop a new generation of autonomous drones that could revolutionize warfare". So much for the alleged "uproar" over using advanced AI as a weapon. And yet, although [Project Maven is often presented as some sort of a "quiet, invisible wunderwaffe"](#), the U.S. is frustrated by Russia's ability to counter such weapons with [its electronic warfare \(EW\) systems](#).

Still, the Pentagon and the Big Tech aren't giving up. Namely, the U.S. military no longer even bothers hiding the fact that it's working on ways to use civilian assets as ISR platforms, [including commercial satellites](#) and public electronic devices. [These were previously used "only" for spying](#). However, the U.S.-led political West now wants to find ways to fight wars by essentially weaponizing any such device, be it smartphones, security cameras, PCs or laptops, etc.

One of the more disturbing developments is the use of advanced AI in cyber warfare, an increasingly important segment of the modern concept of total war. The rapidly advancing development of more powerful and complex AI is concerning in and of itself, but [pairing it with unlimited Internet access takes this to a whole new level](#), possibly with unimaginable and irreversible consequences. However, the Pentagon has zero qualms about such risks.

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From Xizang to Appalachia and Altadena: A tale of opposite disaster responses

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Trump's recent visits to climate disaster sites underscore capitalism's failures, while China's response to the Xizang earthquake shows the way

President Donald Trump recently visited two U.S. climate disaster sites — Asheville, North Carolina, and Los Angeles. In addition to racist rants against immigrants and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) hires, he also targeted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Trump said his goal was to shut down the already underfunded agency and pass the

problem of disaster relief to the states and local politicians to avoid federal responsibility.

Western North Carolina, particularly Buncombe County, suffered the worst damage and loss of life from Hurricane Helene. Entire villages in Appalachia were wiped out, and 105 of the 230 Helene victims lived in North Carolina. Some residents went weeks without water or power.

People in Appalachia remain cold and homeless

More than four months after Hurricane Helene struck, many residents in western North Carolina remain essentially homeless. They are temporarily housed in hotels and face eviction during a freezing winter. More than 1,600 families lost access to Transitional Sheltering Assistance because FEMA was unable to contact them digitally.

California disaster continues

The Palisades and Eaton Fires in California were contained after nearly a month, but the danger of mudslides remains. To date, 29 people have been reported dead, and victims are still being identified. At least 17,000 homes and structures were destroyed, leaving families homeless and left to fend for themselves.

Meanwhile, predatory landlords have hiked rents, often violating Governor Newsom's rather weak emergency decree limiting rent increases to 10% this month.

Health consequences in the region have not yet been fully measured, especially for young children, infants, and older people, whose lungs are more at risk of disease from inhaling poisonous air. The Los Angeles-based Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice has [called on the government](#) to convert military production from bombs and guns to manufacturing air purifiers and personal protective equipment (PPE).

While Trump demagogically attacked Los Angeles's Black Mayor, Karen Bass, he did not condemn price-gouging landlords, multi-million-dollar insurance companies, or profit-hungry utility companies such as Southern California Edison. Residents in Altadena, where 75% of African Americans living there own their homes, have charged the company with negligence and greed.

Trillions to the war machine

Nevertheless, the U.S. government continues to funnel trillions into the war machine, which includes genocide in Palestine. Imperialist war remains the priority for U.S. government spending.

China's disaster response to the Xizang earthquake

While the Eaton Fire broke out on Jan. 7 in the United States, people in China's Xizang Autonomous Region (referred to as Tibet in the Western press) suffered a devastating 6.8-magnitude earthquake. What followed in China contrasts sharply with what transpired in the U.S.

China's President Xi Jinping ordered all-out rescue efforts to save lives. He called for top priority being given to treating the injured, meeting the basic needs of those affected, and speeding post-disaster recovery.

The earthquake struck at 9 a.m. Village representatives from the local government and the Communist Party of China immediately alerted the central government and went door to door to begin rescue efforts — even before specialized teams arrived. [Military aircraft from the Western Theater Command](#) took off early that day to set up a command station in Dingri County. Disaster teams, medical personnel, and supplies — including members of the People's Liberation Army — were already on their way.



A report and video titled “ Heroic Rescues After the Xizang Earthquake” from The Point in Beijing, released just 24 hours after the quake, explain the process in depth. What’s remarkable is that these efforts took place at high altitudes, in freezing temperatures, and with limited daylight. Pictures show Chinese rescue teams using drones to light up the area and working around the clock.

More than 14,000 people participated in the rescue efforts, and 46,000 have been relocated and housed. By Jan. 8, the largest highway had been cleared, and hot meals were available.

The Chinese People’s Armed Police Force’s Xizang Contingent organized a voluntary blood donation drive in response to a critical shortage at the Xizang Autonomous Region blood center caused by the earthquake.

A new recruit told the [Global Times](#), “As soldiers, it’s our duty to help the people in the disaster area.” About 200 soldiers took part in the drive.

Here are a few videos and pictures depicting the Chinese government’s efforts on the ground:

“A total of 407 people have been rescued and over 30,000 relocated after a magnitude-6.8 [#earthquake](#) jolted southwest China’s [#Xizang](#) Autonomous Region. [Governments at all levels deployed rescuers, funds and relief supplies to the quake-struck area.](#) [Pictures](#)

[Prefabricated housing was assembled](#) in approximately 2-3 minutes by the China Railway Group Limited (CREC).

Workers solidarity is universal

In Gurong Village, Dingri County, 31-year-old village leader Sang Jie sprang into action as soon as the first tremors struck. After alerting the central government, he organized local teams to rescue people by digging them out with their bare hands until professional crews could arrive. A [Facebook video](#) from CGTN features an interview with him.

In Los Angeles, Marcia Garcia, an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala, sprang out of bed after hearing about the fires in Altadena. With her sons, she grabbed buckets and hoses and drove to the historic Black community in Altadena to help. In an NPR interview, she said, “Our values and our principles come first. That’s what our parents taught us. They always used to say, ‘Help others without concern for who they are or why they need help.’”

In western North Carolina, similar stories of heroism and sacrifice emerged. A young boy hiked more than 11 miles through mountainous terrain to reach his mother. Eddie Hunnel, carrying only a life vest and rope, jumped into the New River to save a woman trapped in a house being washed away by the storm. He paid little attention to his own safety, though he later admitted he was shaken when the real danger sunk in. Hunnel was in the area for his son’s wedding.

From China to Los Angeles and Appalachia, ordinary people have shown an incredible capacity for sacrifice and altruism and the ability to work together. Such cooperation and solidarity are key to human survival.

What is missing in Los Angeles, North Carolina, and the United States as a whole is a system that matches our natural ability to cooperate, protect one another, and act

heroically when needed — a system that puts people’s needs before profits.

China’s President Xi Jinping summed it up best: “Saving lives is the most important thing.” It should always come before capitalist profits and imperialist war.



Forum Feb. 7: Elon Musk & Rising Ruling Class Fascism

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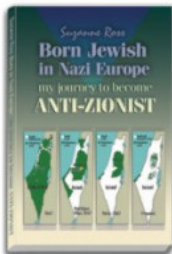
Join us at The Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice for a Public Forum on the role Elon Musk plays in promoting fascism throughout the world. Not only a major supporter of Trump – Musk also supports the **Alternative for Deutschland Party** in Germany and the **British Reform Party**, openly fascist organizations.

SPEAKERS

Lev Koufax will discuss the implications of Musk's overt rise to the head of the fascist movement. Koufax comments will be based on his widely shared article published online in struggle-la-lucha.org:
“Nazi Billionaires, Fascism in the Elon Musk Family Tree.”

Lev Koufax is a Jewish anti-zionist organizer with the Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly. His articles regularly appear in Struggle/La Lucha magazine.

Fatinah Palestinian organizer and leader in the struggle for the **Right to Return** and **Palestinian Liberation**. Moderator of **Voices of Palestine Live** and Co-founder of **Unmute Humanity** **unmute humanity**.



Dr. Suzanne Ross will join us online from New York. Her book, “**Born in Nazi Europe, My Journey to Become Anti-Zionist**,” which was released at the end of last year has become an instant success leading to speaking engagements attended by hundreds of people. Ross will explain why so many Jewish people are protesting Zionism in solidarity with Palestine. As a longtime supporter of freedom for political prisoners both in the U.S. and Palestine, Ross will report on her key support for Mumia Abu-Jamal and join us to call for his freedom.

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The Super Bowl con game: Billionaires get richer on our dime

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Gov. Landry wines and dines the super-rich, promises corporations low wages, tax breaks, freedom to union-bust, discriminate, and pollute

Millions in taxpayer dollars spent to rehearse a military occupation of New Orleans

You've worked hard and deserve to enjoy a good game. Come Sunday, get your chips and dip, BBQ, gumbo, beer, and relax.

But read on to see what the Super Bowl extravaganza costs you the other 364 days of the year. As we experience a few hours of entertainment, the mega-wealthy run away with a pot of gold at our expense.

Benson Family Got Rich By Extorting Public Funds

Let's start with the Saints franchise. The Benson family — first Tom and now Gayle — have followed a playbook of using the franchise to suck up public money. The billionaire Gayle Benson got rich by threatening to take the Saints elsewhere and pocketing the money once the state caved in to her demands for more of our tax dollars.

If the city owned the team, like they do in Green Bay, hundreds of millions of dollars would return to the city. Instead, the whole state subsidizes Benson's profits with our tax dollars. The franchise pays no rent to use the Superdome (and the Benson family doesn't pay a dime for using the Smoothie King Center, either), and they pay no sales taxes on the hundreds of millions in ticket sales, concessions, and merchandise, despite how much they charge for them.

The state even paid the Bensons \$186 million of our money in 2011 to keep the team in New Orleans and another \$392 million through 2025. On top of this, they sold a massive office building to Benson for \$80 million with real estate tax exemptions (meaning more free money for her), and the loan is guaranteed by public debt. The \$138 million renaming fee paid by Caesar's also goes right to Benson, with no benefit to the city.

'But Queen Benson gives us turkeys ...'

Benson has managed to convince people she's generous and good with her turkey giveaways and donations. Don't be fooled by these publicity stunts. Every bit of her so-called charity is a tax write-off and a photo-op. What she gives is a tiny fraction of what she has taken from us. Meanwhile, reporters recently exposed emails that prove that she and the team management conspired with the media and the former DA Leon Cannizaro to cover for the Catholic Church as it sought to shield clergy from rampant rape and sexual abuse charges. Clearly, we workers have our morals,

and the rich — whether Benson, Landry, Trump, Biden, or Musk — have their own.

The NFL operates the same way. Its alleged charitable activities in the lead-up to the game are nothing but a smokescreen to distract from the fact that it is earning billions from the Super Bowl while giving us next to nothing.

Local Capitalists Get Rich While We Get Nothing

The local hospitality moguls rake in millions from the Super Bowl, telling us it's "good for the economy," but none of those profits seem to trickle down to us. Small vendors have been banned. Almost none of the taxes derived from the boost in business go back to the city. Millions are spent to flood the city with cops. Taxes levied at hotels and restaurants are given to unelected private organizations like the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, the Convention Center, and New Orleans and Company. And they claim they can't afford to fund our schools or to give us workers health insurance, sick leave, vacation pay, or a living wage.

The most recent renovations of the Superdome cost \$506 million. That's on top of \$376 million in 2016. Meanwhile, the school board has to beg \$20 million. While it's the Mayor who's blocking this agreed-upon sum, the City Council, despite its outcry, is complicit. They've all wasted millions of our tax dollars on the more than 500 projects meant to impress the luxury yacht owners who have shown up for the Super Bowl. They're accommodating private planes at the airport while the rest of the city falls apart — literally. How many buildings have collapsed in the last few months? Hell, we can't even get street lights replaced or potholes filled, but the city can fork over millions to Benson and other elites, expecting us to serve them while we can't even afford rent.

Governor Landry and President Trump miss no opportunity to wine and dine capitalists with our money

Gov. Landry, who is bought and paid for by corporations and who personally benefits from state funds (our money), is hosting a week of lavish events for some of the richest people in the world. Executives and owners of Amazon, Tesla, Google, Meta, and oil and gas companies, to name just a few, are showing up for the big game, and Landry is rolling out the red carpet. They will all wind up in special suites that cost between \$750,000 and \$1.2 million, paying tens of thousands for tickets to the game, enjoying special treatment that none of us can possibly afford. Nosebleed seats cost \$5,000 a pop. Meanwhile, Landry is pushing for tax cuts for these mega-rich parasites while he raises our sales taxes to the highest in the country.

He's especially sucking up to Zuckerberg's company Meta, giving them special tax exemptions, rewriting laws for them, offering discounted electric rates, and subsidizing their new mega AI data center near Monroe that will use up to a third of the state's electric capacity, endangering us all in times of crisis, especially during hurricane season. He's stealing our money to hand over to Meta so they can drain our electricity, destroy the environment (these data centers are major contributors to climate change), all so they can create AI that will steal our jobs or spy on us.

This is Landry's plan for Louisiana — loot the state treasury for every cent we pay in taxes to make his pals richer, pay off his stormtroopers, and pocket as much money as he can. Even though Landry and the legislature have already rammed through the increase in our sales tax among many other anti-worker laws, we'll have the chance on March 29 to reject some aspects of his tax plan at the ballot. Vote no on amendment 2 to reject the tax plan, and vote no on amendment 3 to keep kids from being tried as adults.

Meanwhile, President Trump has decided to attend the Super Bowl this weekend to rub elbows with his billionaire friends. His visit will bring the Secret Service on top of the state police, ATF, FBI, and National Guard who have been patrolling the French Quarter as part of Landry's racist attempt to, in his words, "bring New

Orleans to heel.”

The armed forces currently patrolling the streets of New Orleans have nothing to do with protecting us. Landry is taking advantage of our grief and fear over last month’s tragic terror attack to test out a military occupation of New Orleans. His sweeps of homeless encampments and constant antagonizing of locals are all part of pandering to real-estate developers and other millionaires he serves. Trump’s attendance at the game is a slap in the face of everyone he has attacked in his first few weeks in office, a display of the luxury he lives in while we are impoverished by his executive orders.

Enjoy the game this weekend, rest, and gear up for the fight we’ve got on our hands. It’s the working class vs. the billionaires. They’ve got their superyachts, jets, and skyboxes, but we’ve got the power of millions if we join together to fight for our right to a decent life.



Palestinian factions respond to Trump's Gaza 'occupation' remarks

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□ **Hamas** condemned Trump's statements "in the strongest terms." "We affirm that these statements are hostile to our people and our cause and will not serve stability in the region. Rather, they will pour oil on the fire. We will not allow any country in the world to occupy our land or impose guardianship over our great Palestinian people who have offered rivers of blood to liberate our land from occupation and to establish our Palestinian state with Al-Quds as its capital." Hamas called on Trump to

retract his statements, which they deemed irresponsible and at odds with international law. They called on the Arab League and UN to address these comments.

□ **Palestinian Islamic Jihad** considered that Trump's comments, made while receiving the wanted Netanyahu, "are nothing more than a new version of the ill-fated Balfour Promise—where those who have nothing are promised to those who do not deserve it."

They called the event "a meeting between the war criminal and the arrogant real estate mogul, which epitomized the reality of the American-zionist project in our region." This project works through intimidation, brute force, and genocide, "flouting all laws, regulations, and the will of our peoples."

PIJ affirmed that these statements leave no doubt that the US is leading a war of genocide, displacement, and the expansion of occupation. They considered Trump's plans, from ending UNRWA to seizing land, are a dangerous escalation that threatens regional security.

PIJ concluded: "Our Palestinian people, who have been resisting for over a hundred years, will not succumb to the dictates of Trump or anyone else. His foolish statements will only serve as motivation for us to reinforce our resistance until we achieve our objectives of liberating our land and ending the occupation. Our Palestinian people and their resistance forces are more determined and resolute than ever in confronting these conspiracies, and we call on the Arab and Islamic peoples to stand against this conspiratorial project, which targets all the peoples of our region and portends serious impending threats."

□ The **Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine** was similarly direct: Gaza is not a real estate project.

They considered the statements "nothing but an extension of the genocide war

waged by the Zionist enemy under the direct American cover, and an attempt to establish a new colonial project based on ethnic cleansing and the uprooting of our people from their land.”

They added: “Gaza is not a commodity in the hands of a war merchant like Trump or anyone else; rather, it is an integral part of historical Palestine, which stretches from Ras al-Naqoura to Rafah, and it is the gateway upon which the forces of colonialism have repeatedly crashed throughout history.”

“Any dream of controlling Gaza is merely an illusion that will shatter against the rock of the steadfastness and resistance of our people, and the fate of any American occupation force in the Strip will be no different from that of the Zionist enemy; our people will confront it with all their strength and determination, just as they repelled the Zionist aggression.”

“Gaza will forever remain a graveyard for invaders and an oasis of steadfastness and resistance for its free and dignified people.”

The PFLP called on all people to “confront this colonial scheme.” “We especially urge the active forces in the United States to take to the streets and declare their rejection of this new crime, which reflects the true face of American imperialism that colludes with the Zionist occupation. Our struggle against this colonial, extirpatory project is the battle of all free peoples who reject colonialism, displacement, and the uprooting of a free people from their land.”

□ Similarly, the **Mujahideen Movement** strongly condemned the statements of Trump and those around him. They considered the statements to reflect a determination to continue aggression against the Palestinian people. They noted that attempts to obstruct reconstruction serve the Zionist agenda. They affirmed that Trump will not achieve what Biden was not able to. “The genocide committed by the Nazi Zionists with American weaponry failed to displace our people, and Trump’s

threats will not succeed in what their criminal arms failed to achieve.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. Salem Attallah, suggested moving zionist settlers to an American state, as “no zionist invader will ever have our security and safety on our land as long as there’s a people and the determines resistance committed to reclaiming all its legitimate rights.” He noted that the international system has become a tool of American-zionist hegemony and arrogance.

The Movement also noted that Trump’s reception of the criminal Netanyahu represents contempt for ICC decisions, and they rejected his statements that “expose the ugly face of the United States.” They stated, like other factions, that Trump’s plans are a serious threat to the region and world. Yet, they noted that a people who faced American weapons for 15 months will not kneel to American words: “his plans will fail due to the steadfast resistance of our people.”

□ The **Popular Resistance Committees** saw the statements as embodying American values. They considered Trump’s reception of Netanyahu as a reward for his “fascist entity’s genocide against women, children, and the elderly...with American support.”

They called for popular action rejecting Trump’s statements globally to confront their danger.

Abu Mujahid affirmed that the Palestinian people and their resistance will thwart the goals of the zionist enemy, remaining steadfast and again foiling displacement plans.

“The plan to displace and eradicate our people has fallen and failed under the feet of our displaced people who returned to their land from which they were displaced under the bombing, destruction and war of zionist-American genocide.”

He added that “Egypt and Jordan will not allow the existence of an alternative homeland for the Palestinians...” and that American administrations have not broken

the will of the Palestinian people despite their unlimited resources.

Abu Mujahid noted: “If Arab countries refuse to normalize with the Zionist entity and submit to the American decision biased towards the criminal Zionist entity, and stop paying the billions of dollars with which America finances its aggression against our peoples, then the criminal Trump will not be able to implement his malicious criminal plans.”

“It is time for us, as a Palestinian people, to put aside all our differences and adhere to our unity on the basis of protecting the constants and legitimate Palestinian national rights.”

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Trump and Musk ‘close’ USAID

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Havana, Feb. 4 — The “gibberish” was formed in Washington. The couple of the moment, Donald Trump and Elon Musk, closed USAID — the United States Agency for International Development, — one of the arms that mask US interventionism in the world, one of the claws of the CIA and other intelligence services to obtain information about other countries and influence their internal and external policies, a tentacle of the State Department to foment dissidence that leads to “regime change” when it is provided, in short: a driving force behind US positions on the world stage.

Musk, the tsar of governmental efficiency at the head of the department created especially for the purpose of bringing order to the administrative institutions of the State and even probably privatizing it, had for days been criticizing the agency on his powerful networks and, although it may seem unheard of to you, he went so far as to describe it as “a radical left-wing psychological political operation”, which is impossible to prove and very difficult to believe even for the most naive earthling, but that is of no importance for the absolute power enthroned in the White House.

In any case, on Sunday, after signing an executive order freezing foreign aid, Trump followed the rhyme and told reporters that USAID had been run “by radical crazies, we will get them out and then we will make a decision”.

USAID is being dismantled by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). With a single stroke of the pen, the police closed its doors and put up yellow tape to prevent employees from accessing the facility, its website was disconnected, as were the accounts of hundreds of its employees and hundreds of fired contractors.

The AP news agency even said that senior USAID officials — the “candorosos” John Voorhees, director of security, and deputy director Brian McGills — were escorted out of the building after blocking DOGE’s access to secure systems and refusing to hand over classified material. But the almighty DOGE accessed it, including intelligence reports, which is something else. They were unaware that Musk had

passed sentence: USAID is a criminal organization and it is “time for it to die”.

The Democrats came to the defense of USAID, created in 1961. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said late last week that any attempt to dissolve USAID would be “illegal and contrary to our national interests,” but Trump made it clear to him that he would not require an act of Congress to eliminate it. “I don’t think so. Not when it comes to fraud. There is fraud. These people are crazy. And if it’s fraud, we wouldn’t have a congressional act, and I’m not sure we would have one anyway.”

Senator Andy Kim (Democrat-New Jersey), who was one of the agency’s soldiers, came out quickly to defend it: “Its vindictive way of trying to shut down USAID sends signals to the whole world that we are a nation at war with itself,” and sends a message to adversaries that “the United States is distracted and divided.” “Distracted, I don’t know, but divided, yes.”

However, Secretary of State Marco Rubio tempered the situation when he announced his appointment of the acting director of USAID: “There are many functions of USAID that will continue, that will be part of US foreign policy, but they have to be aligned with US foreign policy.” If you didn’t understand, the translation is easy, the policy spearheaded by the Trump-Musk duo, and of which Rubio is a devalued underling, has as its ultimate goal “making America — read it carefully: the United States — great again.”

So far they have not spoken, or I have not read anything about USAID’s close coordination with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the spearhead and front for the spy services that works with non-governmental organizations, nor how their alliance with the Pentagon will turn out, where some of their manuals recognize their role in so-called counterinsurgency and nation-pacification operations.

Considering the services provided, I would venture to say that we will soon see the same old boy, with almost identical aims, perhaps with a different name, remodeled and more efficient, to guarantee the hegemony of the USA against an emerging world ready for multipolarity.

For now, a couple of well-intentioned questions: Will they or won't they leave the budget of more than 50 billion dollars to the whatever-it's-called, to be fished out of the swamp? Will the generous contributions to the organizations of the anti-Cuban mafia lobby in Florida flow again and with them the allowances to their low level employees in Cuba?

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New York Rise Up for Trans Youth

protest Saturday, Feb. 8

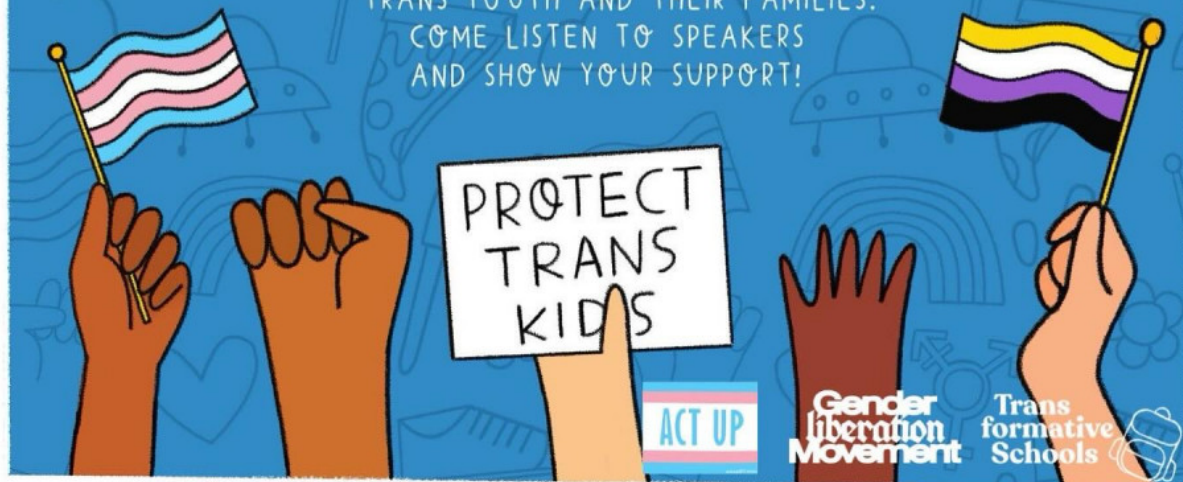
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RISE UP FOR TRANS YOUTH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
UNION SQUARE - 1 PM

A SPACE TO UPLIFT AND EMPOWER
TRANS YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES.
COME LISTEN TO SPEAKERS
AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



RISE UP FOR TRANS YOUTH! Show UP and show OUT this Saturday at Union Square at 1PM. Be in solidarity with trans youth, their families, educators, and medical professionals providing life-saving healthcare. Get connected to organizations like Transformative Schools, ACT UP NY, & Gender Liberation Movement mobilizing and supporting families and trans youth.

Hospitals NYU Langone, New York Presbyterian, and Mt. Sinai (across from union square) are preemptively cancelling appointments for young trans people. This is against NY State Law and against their oaths to do no harm. Show up and demand they reverse their decision immediately!

Have questions? Want to endorse? Email info@genderlib.org

