

# Leonard Peltier's 80th birthday statement released

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Greetings All,

On this Wrongful Conviction Day, Leonard Peltier, the longest-serving Indigenous

political prisoner, is incarcerated in lockdown-modified operations conditions at USP Coleman I, operated by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Yet, in this moment of silence, Leonard speaks. To honor his birthday and all those who are unjustly convicted and incarcerated, the Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee has released a video of Leonard Peltier that is going viral. Narrated by renowned scholar Ward Churchill and set to a video created by award-winning filmmaker Suzie Baer, the film most importantly centers Leonard's personal reflection on his 80th year.

Jenipher Jones, Mr. Peltier's lead counsel, commented, "This powerfully moving film captures the essence of who I know Leonard to be. I am grateful to Professor Churchill and Suzie Baer for their work and longstanding advocacy of Leonard. As the recent execution of Marcellus Williams-Imam Khalifah Williams shows us, we as a society bear a responsibility to uplift the cases of all those who are wrongfully convicted and also hold the government accountable to do that for which it professes to exist. We must challenge our impulses of blind blood-thirst for guilt and the use of our legal systems to carry out this malignant pathology. There is absolutely no lawful justification for Leonard's incarceration."

"Leonard Peltier is Native elder whose wrongful incarceration is shameful. His continued imprisonment exemplifies the historical cruelty of the US Government toward Native people. The US BOP's treatment of Leonard Peltier is unlawful, and he deserves his freedom." - Suzie Baer

"Until Leonard Peltier breathes free air, we are all caged. When will this government commit one act of Justice? " - Dawn Lawson

Below, please find Leonard's Statement.

To view the film, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Peltier80thPresentation>. We hope to

have additional updates on Leonard soon. In the meantime, please engage our calls to action or donate to his defense efforts. Miigwech.

## **LEONARD PELTIER'S 80th BIRTHDAY STATEMENT 2024 ©**

Greetings my Friends, Loved Ones, Relatives, Supporters,

When I was a child, I looked to my Elders to learn how to live within Mother Earth's rhythms.

I yearn to sit by the fire with my loved ones and have our children look to me to learn the mysteries of Mother Earth. I want to laugh, share the pipe, and gaze into the eyes of a woman who does not carry handcuffs.

I have become an Elder. I suppose, in many ways, I am still the nine-year-old who founded The Resistance among my peers at Wahpeton Boarding School, the young man willing to sacrifice everything to protect my people, and the young man who worked hard and played hard when the chance arose.

At the same time, I feel every second of these past eighty years wreaking havoc on my body.

I have been losing my eyesight, but my inner vision is not that of an old man. I long to get out there and work. My mind is filled with ideas to combat the greed and corruption that spread like a poisonous mold through the halls of those who govern us.

When I was sentenced, I stated:

"I do feel pity for your people that they must live under such a ugly system. Under your system you are taught greed, racism and corruption, and the most serious of all, the destruction of our mother earth. Under the native American system we are

taught all people are brothers and sisters, to share the wealth with the poor and needy; but the most important of all is to respect and preserve the earth, to me considered to be our mother.”

I could not help but see far and wide. I saw the continued colonization and destruction of Mother Earth and the ongoing termination of an entire People.

I perceive more than most of you know, even in lockdown. I see spirit warriors stand up and speak out; it does my heart good.

I also see the erosion of laws meant to protect our very right to survive. Civil rights used to be a pretense. They were never a true thing. Now, I see that the government is not bothering to pretend.

We cannot continue to allow greed, racism, and corruption to rule us.

Remember, my people. Remember who you are. Mother Earth herself flows through our veins. We endure. The greed, corruption, and disdain of the colonizers will bring them to their ruin. They seek to ravish Mother Earth while chasing the almighty dollar.

We have survived their apocalypse. We are not simply enduring; we are destined to thrive.

The lockdowns have not been kind to my body. I am not going to stand here and cry over what happens to an eighty-year-old body held in lockdown for over four years. I will continue to plan, think, and change what is within my reach.

Hope is a hard thing, but I still hold hope. The parole denial was not unexpected. I will not say I was overjoyed with the outcome, but we knew. They may yet surprise us with the answer to the appeal Jenipher Jones and Moira Meltzer-Cohen filed.

Jenipher Jones has assured me from the start that she is fully committed to my case. I trust her word. Jenipher will fight for me and with me in court if the appeal is rejected.

My friends, I need you to fight for you.

Police are beating children in the streets. The Parole Commission still illegally holds many of us long past our release dates. The Supreme Court has made it impossible for people to challenge wrongful convictions.

Indigenous people are still being forced from our land - we protect Mother Earth. They have stripped her bare and now want our resources. Our people go missing at a staggering rate, and no one blinks.

We are awaiting the Uhuru verdict to determine whether free speech exists, a verdict that may well come down on my eightieth birthday.

And - I am still in prison.

The Constitution reads, "We, the People."

We must tell those in power we ARE the people.

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This statement was meant to be released on my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was in a ten-day lockdown, and my Board waited for me to approve the final edits.

I regret that no statement was released on my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I regret that this country has been taken by those who can cage human beings in conditions that would be illegal for dogs.

As I said, I need you to fight for you. I fight every day for my freedom with my legal team. I am now fighting for my life. They sentenced me to Death by Incarceration. They are trying hard to enforce that.

They have never managed to cage my Spirit. They never will. Do not allow anyone to cage yours.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse

Doksha,

Leonard Peltier

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# Assassinated under U.S. command: Nasrallah murdered in apocalyptic bomb attack

By Gary Wilson

The U.S. was behind the September 27 assassination of Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in an apocalyptic bombing attack using 85 U.S.-built and supplied BLU-109 bunker-buster bombs in a residential area of Beirut.

Nasrallah had led the Lebanon-based liberation organization for 32 years. His assassination was part of a broader massacre, as the same Israeli airstrikes resulted in the deaths and injuries of hundreds of Lebanese civilians.

The same attack that resulted in Nasrallah's death also took the life of Brigadier General Abbas Niforooshan, the deputy chief of operations for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Council.

Nasrallah's daughter, Zainab Nasrallah, was also killed.

Israeli airstrikes in the following days killed Hamas' leader in Lebanon, Fateh Sherif Abu el-Amin, along with his family. Another Israeli airstrike in Beirut killed the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) military security chief, Mohammad Abd al-Aal, military commander Imad Odeh, and Abdelrahman Abd al-Aal.

On Oct. 1, the Associated Press reported that the Israeli Occupation Force "has moved into southern Lebanon ... opening a new front" in its war on the people of



Iranian women hold pictures of Lebanon's Hassan Nasrallah and Palestinian flags at a protest in Tehran on Sept. 27.

Palestine and of Lebanon.

Nasrallah's assassination was ordered from New York City by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, where he appeared before a nearly empty U.N. General Assembly meeting. Netanyahu's office released a photo of him inside an office at the U.N. headquarters in New York while using a landline telephone to approve the strike on Beirut.

Responsibility lies ultimately with the U.S., which finances and arms the Zionist regime. President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris – both Democrats – and Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson have expressed support for the bombing, praising the assassination. The U.S. recently authorized an additional \$8.7 billion in arms to Israel, facilitating its ongoing actions in Gaza, the West Bank, Yemen, and now Lebanon.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III spoke twice with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant in the hours before the

bombing attack, presumably giving the order to proceed (the tail does not wag the dog; Austin is the commanding officer, the head of the Pentagon, and he gives the orders, not the other way around as the official news reports claim). The news report added that General Austin "expressed full support for Israel's" operation in Lebanon and "made it clear

that the United States remains committed to the defense of Israel."

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was a brilliant leader who twice defeated Israel. Nasrallah was killed because of his unwavering support for Palestine.

The great Palestinian scholar Edward Said recalled meeting the "remarkably impressive" Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and noted he "adopted a strategy toward Israel quite similar to that of the Vietnamese against the Americans: We cannot fight them because they have an army, a navy, and a nuclear option, so the only way we can do it is to make them feel it in body bags."

Hezbollah is a political party in Lebanon born out of the resistance against Israel's illegal invasion and military occupation of southern Lebanon in the 1980s and 1990s.

Nasrallah and Hezbollah spearheaded the resistance against Israel on two occasions, resulting in significant victories: first,

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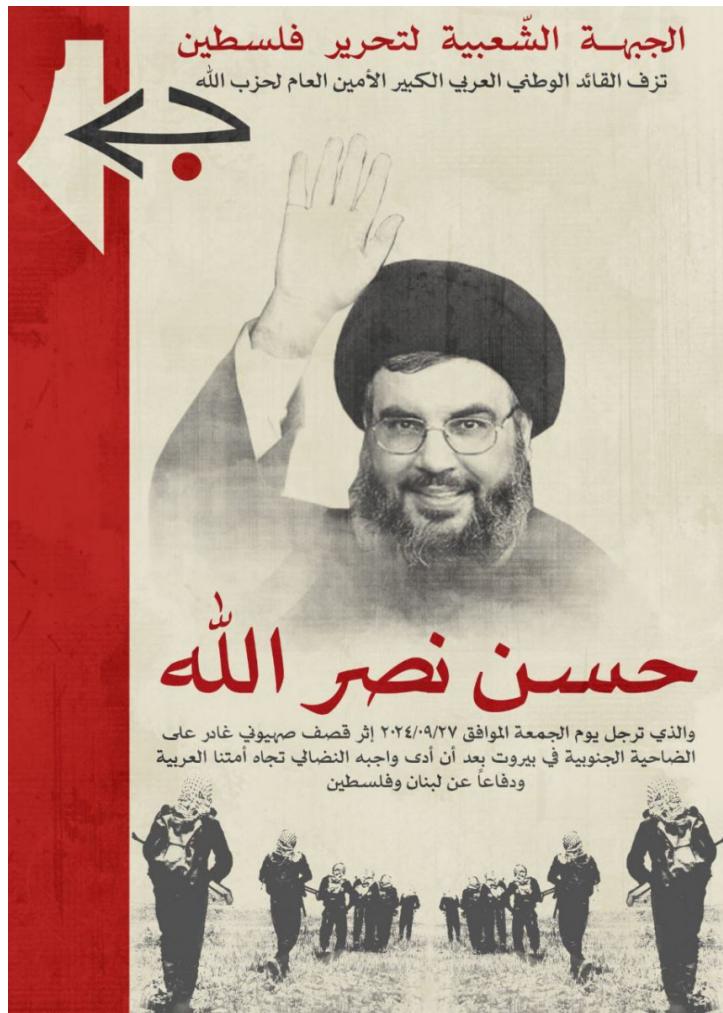
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# **PFLP on the assassination of Hassan Nasrallah**

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The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine exalts the great national Arab leader, the Secretary-General of Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, who passed on Friday 27/9/2024, as a result of a treacherous zionist raid on the southern suburb of Beirut after he carried out his duties of struggle toward our Arab nation in defense of Lebanon and Palestine.

The banner of resistance will not be broken, and the martyrdom of the Master of Resistance marks the beginning of a new phase of greater strength and determination to continue on the same path.

The Popular Front mourns the Master of Resistance, the Secretary-General of Hezbollah, and a group of Hezbollah's brave leaders, martyrs on the path to Al-Quds.

In the name of its Secretary-General, his deputy, its Political Bureau, Central Committee, and all its cadres and members at home and in the diaspora, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine mourns to our people, the nation, the Axis of Resistance, and the liberation movement, the leader of the resistance, the master of martyrs, and the inspiration of an entire generation, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah "Abu Hadi," the Secretary-General of Lebanese Hezbollah, and a group of heroic leaders of the resistance who were martyred in a cowardly zionist assassination in the southern suburb of Beirut, coordinated and planned with the criminal American enemy.

The Front expresses its deep solidarity with the brothers in Hezbollah—leadership, cadres, and fighters—and the Lebanese people, and the Axis of Resistance, in this great and significant loss. We send them a clear message: Your wound is our wound, the blood of your leaders is our blood, and the martyrdom of the Master of Resistance, Hassan Nasrallah, represents the beginning of a new phase of resistance, more powerful and determined to continue on the same path.

Palestine, Lebanon, the entire nation, and indeed the global liberation movement have lost an exceptional leader and a symbol of Arab and revolutionary resistance worldwide. The great martyr was a unique leadership figure in every sense of the word, enjoying a high stature in the struggle against occupation and the American enemy. He was distinguished by his steadfast positions supporting the rights of Arab peoples, foremost among them the Palestinian cause. He was characterized by rare courage in facing threats and by political acumen that enabled him to anticipate regional and international developments, making him capable of dealing with the most complex challenges that faced the resistance, whether militarily or politically. He had clear fingerprints on the victories achieved by the resistance in Lebanon,

foremost among them the July victory and the expulsion of the zionist occupation from southern Lebanon in 2000.

The great martyr dedicated his life to serving the cause of resistance, sacrificing the precious and dear, most notably the loss of his eldest son, Hadi, who was martyred in a heroic battle against the occupation, setting an exemplary model in sacrifice and loyalty to the cause.

The impact of martyr Nasrallah was not limited to the Lebanese arena alone but transcended borders to become a symbol of resistance throughout the region and a pivotal leader in supporting Palestinian resistance factions, providing them with all the logistical support, military training, and weapons they needed. His historic decision to support the resistance in Gaza during the Al-Aqsa Flood battle had a great impact in enhancing the capabilities of the Palestinian resistance. Since the founding of Hezbollah, the Palestinian cause was strongly present in its doctrine, and the martyr always emphasized that the liberation of Al-Quds is a legal and moral duty. Through his role in developing the party's arsenal of advanced rockets and weapons, he managed to create a balance of horror with the zionist entity, contributing to protecting Lebanon from repeated attacks.

The Master of Resistance departed to join his fellow martyrs, never abandoning his position in the front lines, resisting until the last moment. While we today feel the bitterness of loss, we stand tall in facing this enemy who thought that targeting the leaders of the resistance, foremost among them the great martyr Hassan Nasrallah and his fellow leaders, would break the will of the resistance.

The martyrdom of the Master of Resistance represents a grave loss, but it will not weaken the resolve of the resistance nor diminish its determination; on the contrary, the ranks of the resistance in Lebanon and everywhere will increase in insistence on continuing the confrontation with this tyrannical enemy who understands only the language of force. The blood of these martyrs will form new fuel for the fire of

resistance, which will not die down until the liberation of Palestine and all occupied Arab lands.

We pledge to the martyred leader and all the free resistance fighters that the response to this zionist crime will be commensurate with the crime itself. The resistance continues, stronger and more united on all fronts of support like one body, armed with the will of the peoples and their rallying around the legitimate option of resistance in defending our occupied lands and our dignity until achieving victory over this usurping zionist entity and its allies and agents in the region.

Glory and eternity to the soul of the martyr leader and the martyr leaders, and we will certainly be victorious.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine  
Political Bureau  
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<https://t.me/PalestineResist/59507>

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# Venezuela announces arrest of U.S. Navy SEAL, weapons seizure

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Mexico City, Mexico, September 16, 2024 ([venezuelanalysis.com](http://venezuelanalysis.com)) - Venezuelan Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello reported the arrest of a U.S. Navy SEAL alongside two Spanish citizens allegedly linked to intelligence agencies.

The foreign citizens are accused of plotting to assassinate President ~~Nicolas~~ Maduro and other high-ranking Venezuelan officials.



At a [press conference](#) on Saturday at the ministry's headquarters, in front of some of the 400 seized firearms linked to the reported plot, Cabello accused Wilbert Joseph Castañeda, an active duty U.S. sailor, of leading the effort on behalf of U.S. intelligence.

“Castañeda is the head of the operation, placed here by the CIA,” said Cabello.

Castañeda’s arrest was first [reported](#) earlier this month. At the time, White House

Spokesperson John Kirby denied that the Navy serviceman was in Venezuela on official business and argued his travel was for personal reasons.

In his press conference, Cabello said the alleged assassination plot was uncovered after authorities were tipped off about a weapons shipment from the U.S. that was illegally smuggled into the country.

“The U.S. is behind this operation. The U.S. is handing over these firearms, they allow them to freely circulate so they can arrive in Venezuela and be used in an operation,” said Cabello. He claimed the weapon parts were disguised in containers to be assembled upon arrival.

The Venezuelan interior minister said the discovery of the firearms unraveled a “terrorist plot” that included an effort to kill the president alongside high-ranking figures such as Vice President Delcy Rodríguez and Cabello himself. He added that the conspirators aimed to attack public infrastructure, including water supplies, electricity, and transportation.

Cabello said security forces had also uncovered a conspiracy to launch grenades at the Argentinian Embassy in Caracas in order to generate a diplomatic incident to be blamed on the Maduro government. Venezuela recently suspended the agreement that allowed Brazil to assume custody of the Argentine diplomatic residence in Caracas where six individuals tied to the U.S.-backed opposition had sought asylum fleeing charges.

Venezuelan authorities likewise arrested five other foreigners in connection to the denounced plans, including two Spanish citizens, José María Basoa Valdovinos and Andrés Martínez Adasme, who were accused of having ties to Spain’s National Intelligence Center.

Two other U.S. citizens, David Estrella and Aaron Barrett Logan, were also detained

on charges of being “hackers.” Cabello went on to announce the arrest of a Czech individual by the name of Jan Darmovzal who was supposedly brought into the conspiracy as a mercenary.

The U.S. State Department issued a reaction denying the allegations, calling them “categorically false”.

Cabello shared images of conversations on a messaging application allegedly showing Castañeda discussing violent plans on election night with an individual identified only by his alias “El Flaco.” In these chats, Castañeda talked openly about taking advantage of the unrest in the country following the electoral authority’s announcement that Maduro had been reelected in order to assassinate the president.

“We want the world to know that Venezuela is under siege by U.S. imperialism,” stated Cabello. “The U.S. allows its territory to be used to arm [radical] groups.”

The Venezuelan official further demanded that the U.S. government address the allegations and “clarify” the role of its agencies and the control over weapons smuggled to “overthrow a foreign government.”

Several other Venezuelan nationals were accused of participating in the alleged operation. Cabello alleged ties to the hardline opposition, including to José Miguel Estrada who was convicted over his role in the [assassination attempt](#) against Maduro on August 4, 2018. Vente Venezuela, the organization led by far-right opposition leader María Corina Machado, considers Estrada a political prisoner. Cabello added a total of 14 individuals in Venezuelan prisons that were connected to the conspiracy.

Cabello compared the plot with “[Operation Gideon](#),” a paramilitary action that aimed to topple the Maduro government. In May 2020, the Venezuelan armed forces

neutralized the attempted incursion with speedboats that had departed from Colombia, with six invading operatives killed and dozens arrested.

Jordan Goudreau, a former U.S. Green Beret and the head of that operation, was recently [arrested](#) in the U.S. to face federal arms smuggling charges after allegedly shipping weapons, ammunition and other military equipment to Colombia.

Two other former green berets, Airan Berry and Luke Denman, were detained and handed 20-year sentences before returning to the U.S. on a [prisoner exchange](#) last year.

*Edited by Ricardo Vaz in Lisbon, Portugal.*

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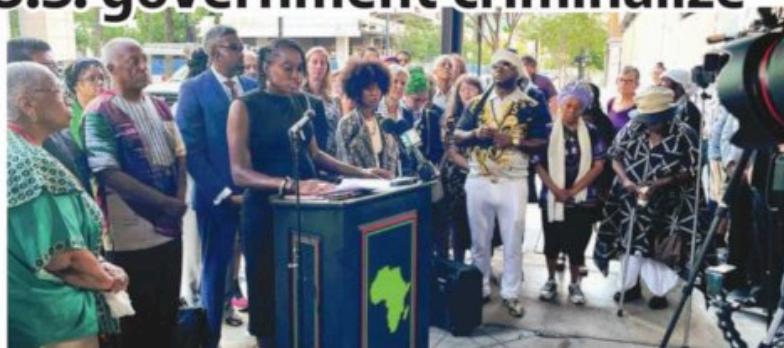
## Don't let the U.S. government criminalize international solidarity

By Cheryl LaBash

UPDATE, Sept. 12 – In a major blow to the prosecution, the Uhuru 3 were cleared of the central charge of working as Russian agents. The defense successfully argued their focus was solely on Black liberation. Although they were found guilty of conspiring against the U.S. government, the defendants and their legal team remain confident in their fight and plan to appeal the conspiracy conviction.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 5 – This morning, the U.S. government continued presenting its "evidence," which may conclude the prosecution portion of the trial as early as Monday.

The U.S. government is attempting to criminalize international solidarity but has come up against a solid and growing wall of support for the Uhuru 3 when their federal trial opened Sept. 3 here in Tampa. Collectively known as the Uhuru 3 — Omali Yeshitela, Chair-



Uhuru supporters, from around the country, rallied at a press conference on Sept. 3

man of the African People's Socialist Party, Penny Hess, Chair of the African People's Solidarity Committee, and Jesse Nevel, Chair of the Uhuru Solidarity Movement — are falsely accused of being pawns of a foreign government. And, of course, that foreign government would need to be Russia to justify spending so much on the investigation and what, at the outset, looked like a lengthy trial.

The proverbial election interference elephant in the room is undoubtedly AIPAC and "Israel" that get a free pass. Not to mention the holier-than-thou

U.S. government interventions on every continent, "color" revolutions like the one preceding the war in Ukraine.

What an indictment of the U.S. government that it would even suggest that an African freedom organization with a 50-year history would need a foreign power to instruct them to fight for reparations.

But, as Yeshitela was quoted in the New York Times this week, "We're just a vehicle that's being used to assault free speech." And — as the Black Alliance for Peace included in their

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Verifying the votes at a precinct in Caracas.

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## **Say no to racism in Springfield,**

# Ohio!

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The racist campaign against the Haitian community in Springfield, Ohio, is dangerous and must be stopped.

Both Donald Trump and his running mate, Ohio Senator J.D. Vance, are fanning the flames of racial hatred. They're claiming that Haitians living in Springfield are eating people's pets. Billionaire Elon Musk repeated these lies to his nearly 200 million followers on X (formerly known as Twitter).

These ludicrous allegations using racist stereotypes can't be regarded as a mere joke, as many candidates of the Democratic Party are doing. They are the stuff that can lead to mob violence.

What [Trump, Vance, and Musk](#) are telling people is that Haitian people are "dangerous savages" who have to be put down and driven out. A neo-Nazi gang called the Blood Tribe was bellowing the same message when they marched through Springfield in August carrying swastika flags.

Instead of investigating these Nazis, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is considering [filing a lawsuit](#) to prevent migrants from coming to Ohio. That's reminiscent of an 1807 Ohio ordinance that required Black people coming into the state to post a \$500 bond.

The tragic death of 11-year-old Adrian Clark last year in Springfield when his school bus was struck by a Haitian driver is being used to whip up racism. The plea of Adrian's father, Nathan Clark, a teacher, not to use his son's death to spread hate is being ignored.

Vance posted on X that “a child was murdered by a Haitian migrant.”

[Nathan Clark responded](#) at a Springfield City Commission hearing, saying “My son was not murdered. He was accidentally killed by an immigrant from Haiti ... don’t spin this towards hate.”

On Sept. 12, a racist bomb threat forced Springfield’s city hall, two schools, and other facilities to be evacuated. The schools involved had many Haitian students.

### **Revenge for liberating themselves**

The current racist hysteria is another chapter in over 230 years of revenge against Haitian people for having conducted the only successful slave revolution in history.

The wealthy and powerful in the United States and Europe have never forgiven Haitians for doing so. From Texas to Maryland, U.S. slave masters lived in fear of “another Haiti” breaking out on their plantations.

It was Haitian President Alexandre Pétion who gave Simón Bolívar ships and guns to liberate much of South America from Spanish colonialism. Venezuela’s elected President Nicolás Maduro is standing on the shoulders of Pétion and Bolívar.

The white supremacist President Woodrow Wilson had U.S. Marines steal Haiti’s gold reserve and occupy the country for nearly 20 years. The Marine who assassinated the Haitian national hero, Charlemagne Peralte, was obscenely awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

While Trump & Co. are spreading filthy lies about Haitians in Ohio, the Biden Administration wants to re-occupy Haiti using soldiers from Kenya and other countries.

### **A long history**

Springfield, Ohio, has seen mob violence before. Richard Dickerson— sometimes spelled Dixon — was taken from his jail cell there and hanged from a telegraph pole by a mob of racists on March 7, 1904.

Two thousand came to watch the African American die. Revolvers were passed around so that the corpse could be shot up.

After killing Dickerson, the mob then went to the “Levee” district by the river and burned 150 Black people out of their homes. White firefighters did nothing except protect the drinking establishment owned by Charley Bray, a white saloon keeper.

While all this was happening, Company A of the Ohio National Guard’s Ninth Battalion — an all-Black outfit — was kept bottled up in the armory by Springfield Mayor Bowlus. (Cleveland Gazette)

But there’s another side to Springfield’s history. Seventeen miles away are the Wilberforce University and Central State University campuses, both historically Black institutions (HBCUs).

John Brown lived in Springfield, Ohio from 1845 to 1851, running the “Perkins and Brown” wool warehouse there.

Frederick Douglass first met John Brown in Brown’s Springfield home. There, Brown revealed to Douglass his great plan to turn the Allegheny Mountains into a guerilla stronghold. (“John Brown” by W.E.B. Du Bois)

Springfield’s Black community righteously rebelled in 1967 against racism.

Like other communities across the Midwest, factory closings have deeply wounded Springfield, pushing back the labor movement. Yet today 1,300 United Auto Workers

Local 402 members work at Springfield's Navistar truck plant.

The labor and people's movements have to mobilize to stop the racist hysteria being incited by Trump and Fox News. Beat back the racist attack!



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# **Stand in solidarity with Booker Ngesa Omole, CPK National Vice Chairperson**

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The Communist Party of Kenya (CPK) has strongly denounced what it describes as “the illegal and politically motivated arrest of our National Vice Chairperson, Booker Ngesa Omole,” on September 7, 2024.

Posting on X (formerly Twitter), the CPK explains that: “Booker was on an official assignment for the Communist Party of Kenya, en route to China, a country with which Kenya has ongoing diplomatic relations. In a shocking display of abuse of power, Booker was arrested aboard a Qatar Airways flight bound for Beijing via Doha. The immigration police at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) acted on a stop order with no basis in law.”

This action by the Kenyan authorities in forcibly preventing one of its citizens from travelling to China on an official invitation is particularly outrageous and provocative as it occurs in the immediate aftermath of President William Ruto’s own visit to China to attend the summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and

serves to expose the venal and duplicitous nature of the Kenyan comprador bourgeoisie.

The CPK note that: "The arresting officer even mocked him of competing with the president by thinking he can travel to Beijing when the head of state has just concluded his visit to China. We must ask ourselves: Why is this government so afraid of Booker's trip to China? What truths does he carry that they fear?"

The CPK has been in the forefront of the recent upsurge in the militant struggle of the Kenyan youth, workers, poor and other sections of the people against poverty, attacks on living standards, repression and subordination to imperialism and Booker himself is a courageous and inspirational leader who has clearly struck fear into the hearts of the regime.

Booker and his party are also good friends and close comrades of Friends of Socialist China. He was the [main speaker](#) at our meeting on 'Africa, China and the rise of the Global South', held at London's Marx Memorial Library on March 16 this year.

We join with the CPK, the risen people of Kenya and communists, anti-imperialists and democrats around the world in demanding that the Kenyan authorities drop any charges against Comrade Booker, return his travel documents and other possessions, and cease their harassment and repression against the Kenyan progressive movement and people.

## **Statement from the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of**

# Kenya (CPK)

## **Comrade Booker's Illegal Arrest: A Cowardly Attack by a Regime in Fear**

Fellow Kenyans, comrades, and the international community, we come to you in a state of fury and defiance after the illegal and politically motivated arrest of our National Vice Chairperson, Booker Ngesa Omole, on the 7th of September, 2024.

This regime has once again shown its true colors—an administration of fear, repression, and state-sponsored harassment against those who dare challenge its authority. Booker was on an official assignment for the Communist Party of Kenya, en route to China, a country with which Kenya has ongoing diplomatic relations. In a shocking display of abuse of power, Booker was arrested aboard a Qatar Airways flight bound for Beijing via Doha. The immigration police at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) acted on a stop order with no basis in law, detaining him for six hours before handing him over to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI). The state is desperately trying to silence the leaders of the revolutionary movement. What was the basis of Booker's arrest? Incitement to violence—an outrageous and baseless charge meant to humiliate and intimidate. The arresting officer even mocked him of competing with the president by thinking he can travel to Beijing when the head of state has just concluded his visit to China. The absurdity of this explanation exposes the fragile paranoia gripping this regime. The Kenyan government is willing to expend more resources chasing after revolutionaries than addressing the real criminals plundering our country. We must ask ourselves: why is this government so afraid of Booker's trip to China?

What truths does he carry that they fear? Let it be known: there is nothing illegal about Booker's travel! The same President who continues runs from the truth in Kenya only visits China to peddle lies and more lies. The hypocrisy is staggering.

Booker was taken from JKIA to Central Police Station under the cover of night,

where he was locked up for two hours. It was only due to public pressure and multiple calls to the Inspector General that he was released at 11 p.m. But the damage had been done.

His travel documents—passport, yellow fever card, and boarding pass—were confiscated, and to this moment, the state has yet to return them. Let this be clear: the charges of incitement and the use of Section 56 of the Police Act are relics of colonial rule, unconstitutional and out of place in post-2010 Kenya. These laws must be quashed from our penal code, and we demand their immediate abolition. This harassment will not deter us. The Kenya Kwanza regime, led by the dictator William Ruto, must return Booker's travel documents immediately and cease this state-sponsored witch hunt. They can try to harass us, intimidate us, and fabricate charges, but the truth is on our side. The only criminals here are the ones sitting in power, auctioning off our country to imperialists and multinational corporations.

Ruto shall not change. He is beyond reform. Every act of repression only cements what we have long known: the only solution for this nation is to remove him from power once and for all. The Kenyan people deserve leadership that fights for them, not against them.

The Communist Party of Kenya, alongside all revolutionaries and patriots, will continue the struggle for justice, freedom, and dignity. To the Kenyan people, rise up! Let this illegal arrest serve as a reminder of the lengths this regime will go to maintain its grip on power.

We shall not be silenced. Ruto and his cronies have no future in a free and just Kenya. The people shall prevail. The revolution will triumph. Return Booker's documents! Stop the witch hunt! Ruto must go!

Signed, The Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of Kenya In solidarity with the oppressed masses of Kenya

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DNC's message:

# WAR! WAR! More WAR!

By Sharon Black

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SLL photo: Sharon Black

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

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

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

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

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

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## Venezuela: Supreme Court delivers

# electoral review verdict, confirms Maduro victory

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Caracas, August 22, 2024 ([venezuelanalysis.com](http://venezuelanalysis.com)) - The Venezuelan Supreme Court (TSJ) has concluded its review of the July 28 presidential elections in the Caribbean country.

On Thursday, Venezuela's maximum judicial authority ratified President Nicolás Maduro's victory to secure a third term that will run from January 10, 2025, to January 10, 2031.

In a press conference with state officials, diplomatic representatives and reporters, TSJ President Carysilia Rodríguez began by reaffirming the court's jurisdiction and recalling recent electoral processes in Brazil, Mexico and the United States that were ultimately settled by judicial rulings. The magistrate then proceeded to read the verdict.

"We certify in an unobjectionable way that the examined electoral evidence confirms the results proclaimed by the National Electoral Council (CNE) which saw Nicolás Maduro reelected as president," she said.

The CNE [declared](#) Maduro the winner with 52 percent of the vote, compared to 43 percent for US-backed opposition candidate Edmundo González.

Rodríguez stated that a team of national and international experts had conducted a review "with the highest technical standards" of the voting records submitted by electoral parties and candidates and found them to "fully coincide" with data from the CNE's tallying centers.

The TSJ president, who also heads the body's electoral branch, additionally stressed that the CNE should publish the "definitive results" in the National Gazette before an August 28 deadline. Venezuela's electoral authority has not published detailed results broken down by voting center, with officials denouncing massive [cyberattacks](#) against state infrastructure.

On July 31, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro [requested](#) that the CNE's electoral branch intervene following fraud claims and violent unrest in the days after the vote.

Rodríguez declared that the CNE [submitted](#) electoral evidence as required, as did most political parties and [candidates](#) that took part in the July 28 contest. Two of the former presidential hopefuls, Enrique Márquez and Antonio Ecarri, did not deliver voting tallies. Both went on to introduce appeals before the TSJ, with Márquez calling for the TSJ president to recuse herself over alleged political biases and Ecarri requesting that the court's constitutional branch clarify the respective responsibilities of the electoral branch and the CNE.

In delivering the final ruling, which is not appealable, Rodríguez recalled that hardline candidate González was in contempt of court for not appearing as summoned and not consigning the requested evidence. She urged Attorney General Tarek William Saab to launch investigations for crimes including usurpation of functions, document forgery and digital infractions.

Thursday's verdict was welcomed by government officials, with Foreign Minister Yván Gil saying that the ruling "turns the page" on the elections and that the country is "at peace." For his part, Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino praised Venezuela's institutions for "fulfilling their role."

On Wednesday, González and far-right political leader María Corina Machado issued a joint [statement](#) arguing that the Supreme Court holds no competency to validate

electoral results and demanding that the CNE comply with their claims that González was the victor by a landslide. His campaign team set up a website showing purported voting tallies, though the authenticity of the uploaded documents has been called into question.

Machado and González went on to vow that the latter will take office as president next January.

The hardline US-backed opposition has reiteratedly refused to recognize electoral defeats over the past two decades, often spurring violent street protests in response. In recent weeks, US officials have voiced support for González's claim and emphasized the need for a "transition" in the Latin American country.

On Thursday, US Senators including Rick Scott (R-FL) and Jim Risch (R-ID) announced the so-called [VALOR](#) Act to "promote democracy" in Venezuela. The legislation includes an emphasis on economic sanctions against the Caribbean nation.

The Maduro government has repeatedly rejected foreign meddling and attacks on Venezuelan sovereignty. It has denounced a US-led coup attempt following the latest election. Caracas [suspended](#) diplomatic relations with Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru and the Dominican Republic earlier this month, accusing the respective governments of being "subordinated to Washington" and interfering in internal Venezuelan affairs.

The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry has likewise [rejected](#) a UN expert panel report on the July 28 vote due to "perverse political intentions" and for breaking the terms agreed to with the CNE. The four-person UN team [claimed](#) the lack of detailed results generated a "negative impact on confidence in the outcome" and also pointed to the suspension of post-electoral audits.

Caracas had previously [taken aim](#) at “blatant lies” by the Carter Center’s observation mission.

In contrast, a series of other international accompaniment teams endorsed the Venezuelan electoral process. A delegation from the US’ National Lawyers Guild (NLG) issued a [statement](#) affirming that its members “witnessed no instances of fraud or serious irregularities and found overall voter satisfaction with the electoral process.”

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# 2024 Olympics: Racism, misogyny & transphobia

By Melinda Butterfield

In the imperialist era, the Olympic Games were never just about athletics or international goodwill. The United States and other Western imperialist powers dominated the bodies that planned, organized and carried out these events, always striving to use this platform to further their global aims.

It's a remarkable accomplishment that countries of the Global South and socialist countries like China, Cuba, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can field skilled athletes who can challenge and win medals despite the global athlete drain by the U.S. and Europe.

The 2024 Summer Games in Paris will go down in infamy for allowing the Zionist apartheid regime of "Israel" (and its master, the U.S.) to compete

while committing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza. Meanwhile, Russia is banned from the games because of the U.S.-NATO proxy war in Ukraine.

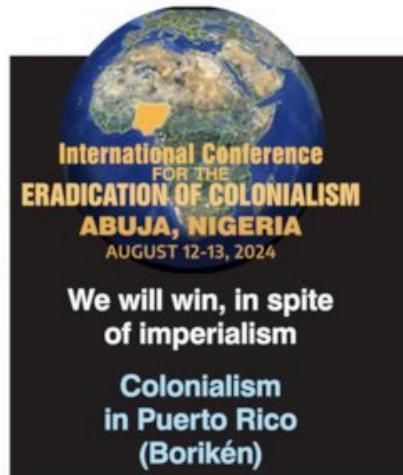
This year, in addition to the usual colonialist and racist dynamics, the Olympics has been gripped by the global trans panic and a calculated hate campaign against trans women on social media.

First came a concocted outrage campaign labeling the Olympics opening ceremony as "blasphemous" because of a tableau featuring drag performers and dancers seated around a table. Far-right groups and media labeled it

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Algerian boxer Imane Khelif celebrates after winning an Olympic gold medal on Aug. 9.



## Justice for Sonya Massey

### 'Black jobs'

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The logo features the text "NATIONAL MARCH & SPEAKOUT FOR TRANS LIVES" in a stylized, bold font. "NATIONAL MARCH" is at the top in blue, "SPEAKOUT" is in the middle in white, and "FOR TRANS LIVES" is in red at the bottom. A hand holding a rainbow-colored fist is on the right side.

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