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A mile from George Floyd Square

Trump's ICE thugs execute a legal observer

By Sharon Black

Less than a mile from where Minneapolis police lynched George Floyd in 2020, the U.S. government has claimed another life in the same streets. On a quiet residential block, in the middle of protests against Donald Trump's expanding immigration dragnet, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent shot 37-year-old legal observer Renee Nicole Good in the head as she sat behind the wheel.

Good was not a "suspect" in any crime. She was a legal observer who chose to stand with her neighbors and document federal agents terrorizing the community. Her car was blocking the street only because armed ICE and other federal agents had turned that neighborhood into a mil-

Who are Nicolás Maduro & Cilia Flores –

'First Revolutionary Combatant,' Cilia Flores and Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro raise their fists together at a public event in Caracas. Flores and Maduro were seized during the U.S. invasion of Venezuela on Jan. 3, 2026.



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U.S. Christmas bombing of Nigeria to reassert control in West Africa

By Gary Wilson

On Christmas Day 2025, while much of the world marked a religious holiday, U.S. warplanes carried out airstrikes in Nigeria's Sokoto State. Washington described the operation as a precise counter-terrorism mission against ISIS-linked fighters, framed as an urgent response to attacks on Christian communities.

That explanation conceals the real political meaning of the strikes. Far from a limited security action, the bombing represents a renewed intervention by U.S. imperialism aimed at reasserting control over West Africa – using military force to discipline states, secure access to resources, and contain the spread of anti-imperialist independence movements in the Sahel.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and largest

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Trump's primetime rant: lies,



Map of Nigeria highlighting Sokoto State, site of U.S. Christmas airstrikes, and Zamfara State, a neighboring region affected by ongoing violence in northwest Nigeria.



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Trump pardons drug trafficker, declares war on Venezuela

By John Parker

Based on a talk given in Caracas, Venezuela, on Dec. 11 at the People's Assembly for Peace and Sovereignty in Our Americas, organized by the Simón Bolívar Institute.

The execution of defenseless survivors in the water is a blatant war crime. This deliberate killing of shipwrecked people – and the killing of over 80 people assassinated by drone, since none of them were a result of an armed conflict – the killing of defenseless civilians is murder under U.S. law.

This disregard for stated law is not new, especially today. The illegal kidnapping of Venezuelan immigrants, treated worse than dogs, tortured, deported to El Salvador, is also not new and reflects the treatment in the U.S. against Black and Brown and Indigenous people, including the kidnappings of children, with the added insult and horror of child abuse, sometimes ending in death in the detention centers. All of this is continuing at this very minute. This is the so-called



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Hands off Venezuela!

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Chicago, Nov. 11: Military veterans protest U.S. bombing of fishing boats off Venezuela.

Photo: The Final Call

War on Venezuela looms as opposition grows

By Gary Wilson

Nov. 22 — The Trump administration is preparing to launch a new phase of operations against Venezuela within days, according to four U.S. officials who spoke to Reuters on Nov. 22. The escalation comes despite polling showing overwhelming public opposition to military intervention and growing international condemnation of U.S. actions in the region.

Reuters reports that covert operations are expected to be the first component of the new phase, with options under consideration including attempts to overthrow the government of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

The escalation builds on months of military buildup in the Caribbean. The Navy's largest aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, arrived in the region on Nov. 16 with its strike group, joining at least seven other warships, a nuclear submarine, and F-35 aircraft. Since September, U.S. forces have carried out at least 21 strikes on alleged drug boats, killing at least 83 people, mostly in the Caribbean.

The New York Times reported in October that Trump signed a classified "presidential finding" authorizing the CIA to conduct covert operations in Venezuela. According to the Times, these operations could include sabotage, cyber-attacks, psychological operations, or other actions intended to "prepare the battlefield" for further military action.

On Monday, the administration plans to designate the

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Zohran Mamdani's win: A vote against racism, a mandate for class struggle

By Sharon Black

Democratic Socialist Zohran Mamdani's resounding victory for New York City mayor against billionaire-backed Andrew Cuomo was a vote against racism – and a direct rebuke to Trump's "Make America White Again."

The unabated Islamophobia in the campaign's final days was aimed at whipping up racism and division. Cuomo joined right-wing shock jocks who claimed Mamdani would "cheer for another Sept. 11." Trump called him a "communist," threatened to deport him – though Mamdani is a U.S. citizen born in Uganda to South Asian parents – and vowed to cut off federal funds to a Mamdani-led city.

The electoral man tells the story. The wealth-



Mass demonstrations against the U.S.-backed genocide in Gaza helped fuel Mamdani's campaign, galvanizing Muslim and working-class voters across the city.

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Return of 'Big Stick' Latin America under the gun

By Gary Wilson

The U.S. continues to escalate military pressure against Venezuela – and against Colombia and Cuba as well.

On Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth announced the deployment of the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78) to the Caribbean.

The USS Ford – the most lethal strike platform in the world – joins an already massive U.S. military buildup in the region: 10,000 U.S. troops, at least eight warships, P-8 surveillance planes, and F-35 jets are now deployed under the Trump administration's so-called "counter-narcotics" operation. U.S. troops have also landed in Trinidad and Tobago, just miles from Venezuela, for five days of "joint exercises" seen across the region as a clear act of intimidation.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro called it a violation of international law and Latin American sovereignty. Petro charges Washington with illegal acts of imperialist aggression

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Voting for Mamdani is voting against racism

Stop the billionaires from stealing the NYC election

On the eve of the Nov. 4 New York City mayoral election, the billionaire class is going all out to defeat Zohran Mamdani.

The chief weapon of the wealthy and powerful is racism against Mamdani, who is Muslim and was born in Uganda.

It's not just Fox News and the New York Post, both owned by the Murdoch family, which are spewing hate nonstop.

Mamdani's chief opponent – former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo – went on Sid Rosenberg's bigoted WABC radio talk show. Cuomo laughed when Rosenberg claimed Mamdani would welcome another Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

Mamdani responded eloquently. "Islamophobia is not seen as inexcusable," he said in a video

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By Stephen Millies



Zohran Mamdani
at a union rally



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