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Editorial: From the Fields of Gaza to the Streets of the World — ILPS Members Help Advance The Peoples' Struggles.

After more than a year, the return of the ILPS Newsletter comes at a time of renewed strength, unity, and militancy among the peoples of the world. In the past months, our member organizations have taken to the streets, to the farms, to the factories, and to the center of imperialist power, proving once again that international solidarity is alive, growing, and more necessary than ever.

In March, on the Day of the Landless 2025, ILPS members across continents mobilized under the banner *"Peasants Rise for Land! Intensify Peasant Struggle against Imperialist Plunder, War, and Militarism."* In powerful photos and actions, peasants, workers, youth, and activists joined hands to affirm that the struggle for land is inseparable from the struggle against imperialism and settler colonialism. From reviving Gaza's farmland defying the genocidal siege and bombardment to landless farmers occupying and cultivating idle land, these actions reminded the world that land belongs to those who till it, not to occupiers or corporations.

The victories and struggles of ILPS member organizations reflect a broad, fighting unity. In the Philippines, Nexperia workers won an inspiring victory, showing that organized workers can push back against union-busting and exploitation, even in the heart of global electronics supply chains. Across Latin America and the Caribbean, ILPS actions have raised the banner of anti-imperialism, connecting local battles against mining plunder, debt traps, and state repression to the global fight for people's sovereignty.

Africa Liberation Day 2025 was marked by determined mobilizations in Kenya and beyond, confronting neocolonialism and honoring the legacy of pan-African resistance. In Canada, our member organizations challenged the weapons fair CANSEC and denounced the G7 summit, while also standing shoulder to shoulder with Amazon workers fighting for dignity and fair conditions. In Europe, the League confronted NATO directly in the Netherlands, rejecting militarism, occupation, and war profiteering.

Meanwhile, in the very belly of the main imperialist beast the United States, ILPS member organizations have boldly defended the people's struggles, from solidarity with Palestine to supporting striking workers and fighting anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-immigrant vio-

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All these actions come on the heels of the successful 7th International Assembly of ILPS, where delegates from across the globe reaffirmed the League's commitment to unite, strengthen, and advance the people's struggle against imperialism, feudalism, and capitalism. The 7th Assembly was a milestone proof that despite attempts to divide and silence us, the League has grown stronger, broader, and more resolute.

The ILPS has shown that it unites with and embodies the struggles of the people. Women fighting against patriarchy fight at the forefront of the League against the exploitation of women workers and peasants, as well capitalism's use of women's inclusion as a means of further exploitation of the toiling masses. Indigenous peoples, oppressed nations and nationalities link arm and arm through the League and confront national chauvinism and racism. And migrants facing intense exploitation, xenophobia, and fascist attacks by imperialist and reactionary regimes find allies in their fight for liberation within the ILPS.

This first issue of the revived newsletter aims to do more than simply document events; it is a testament to the living spirit of resistance that beats within our member organizations and the communities they serve. It is a reminder that our struggles, though diverse, are bound together by a shared vision: a world free from exploitation, oppression, and war; a truly liberated earth.

As we continue forward, let this be an invitation to deepen our solidarity, sharpen our analyses, and expand our ranks. From the farmlands of Gaza to the factory floors of the Philippines, from the picket lines of Amazon workers in Canada to the protests at NATO's doorstep the peoples of the world are rising.

In unity and struggle against imperialism, we will continue to resist.

In solidarity, we will continue to win.

ILPS Members Take Action on Day of the Landless 2025

March 29 is the global Day of the Landless, a day marking the struggles of peasants, agricultural workers, fisherfolk, and all those who suffer from the hardships of landlessness. These people and their communities toil laboriously every day to produce the abundant resources of food and agricultural products that circulate the entire globe, and yet have no access to the very products they create and no power over the very land that they live and work on. For the peasant and farming communities of the world, landlessness is at the root of their exploitation and oppression.

Day of the Landless is marked every year by ILPS to shine a spotlight on the struggles of landless peoples and the fights they are waging to break the shackles of feudal exploitation and give the land to the tillers. Peasants rising up against despotic landlords, agricultural workers waging militant strikes against large plantation owners, fisherfolk going up against the global seafood mega-corporations, and the liberation movements of semi-feudal semi-colonial nations fighting to overthrow the comprador governments that keep their countries in feudal backwardness for their own gain, are all celebrated on this day.

2025's Day of the Landless saw ILPS taking part in a month-long campaign alongside other global networks such as the Asian Peasant Coalition, the Peoples' Coalition on Food Sovereignty, and the Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific. A month of community education sessions, global webinars, and sharing of peasant interviews online culminated in a day of action and Global Landless Speakout where ILPS members from around the world shared about their fight for land, food sovereignty, and national liberation. Below are some of the excerpts from the Global Landless Speakout and interviews done in the lead-up to the peak of the campaign.

Azra Sayeed, ILPS Secretary General commented:

"We mark this day as our reaffirmation to expose and fight for the right of the peasantry to the collective ownership of agricultural land. Our calls, most importantly our fights have to be based on a united front of the various forces of the people to resist against imperialist control and plunder; our militant responses are for the liberation of our land and resources and breaking the shackles of persistent deadly colonialism.

Over 2 billion people live in rural areas across the three continents who had been colonized in the past, and can largely be considered to be living under semi-colonial, semi-feudal framework even today in the 21st Century. A vast majority of the rural populations across the continents of Africa, Asia and South America are largely landless, the percentage could be as high as 90% which fully reflects the colonial history of our continents.

It is of critical importance to emphasize the strong parasitic relationship of the bourgeoise compradors and bureaucratic capitalists of our nations with the imperialist powers, whether they be from the US, or China or Russia. The current situation of a vast majority of landless farmers across Asia, Africa and Latin America could not have happened without the richest 1% elite of our countries who have been instrumental in the national and international development and implementation of international laws and agreements providing monopoly capital so called legal mechanisms to steal the labor of our peasants, and the working class, as well as plunder the rich bounty of our lands."

Okakah Onyango of the Revolutionary Socialist League, member of ILPS Kenya, stated:

"Africa, a continent rich in resources, remains shackled by neocolonial exploitation. It holds 30% of global mineral reserves, 12% of known oil reserves, 65% of the world's arable land, and vast amounts of rare earth minerals crucial for modern technology. Yet, Africa's people remain among the most food-insecure populations globally. This is not accidental—it is the result of a deliberate system of economic dependency imposed by imperialism.

The extraction of Africa's wealth is controlled by multinational corporations and neocolonial governments, who dictate the terms of trade, control land use, and suppress efforts toward self-sufficiency. This dependency was cemented by colonial rulers who structured African economies to serve European markets, a system inherited by post-colonial elites who continue to facilitate foreign control in exchange for personal wealth.

Today, African governments rely heavily on foreign aid, with western financial institutions using debt as a weapon to enforce policies that prioritize corporate profits over the well-being of the people. According to the UN Economic Commission for Africa, illicit financial flows have drained over $1 trillion from the continent in the last fifty years—funds that could have built food sovereignty, infrastructure, and strong local economies. Instead, we are locked in a cycle where our governments are more accountable to creditors than to their own people."

AGRA Indonesia explained in an interview:

"Recent reports have highlighted serious concerns regarding human rights abuses in Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)-funded projects in Mandalika, particularly involving the Indonesia Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC). The situation escalated when ITDC, accompanied by military personnel and a police SWAT team, entered areas of Mandalika earlier this month at the start of the Ramadan season. The area is where indigenous communities legally own land with certificates.

In a troubling turn of events, the authorities began what many are calling illegal land expropriation. This has resulted in the displacement of indigenous peoples and peasants, who have lived on and cultivated the land for generations. Despite their legal rights to the land, these communities face increasing pressure to vacate their homes and farms to make way for large-scale tourism and infrastructure developments. The abuse of indigenous peoples' land rights in the Mandalika Special Economic Zone (SEZ) has sparked protests and calls for urgent intervention, as this situation exemplifies a broader pattern of disregard for the rights of marginalized communities in AIIB-funded projects. Reports indicate that the actions of ITDC, supported by the military and police, violate both national and international human rights standards, fueling fears of further exploitation in the name of development."

The National Fisheries Solidarity Organization in Sri Lanka stated:

"The National Physical Development Plan, alongside neoliberal economic policies, has led to the displacement of countless individuals who depend on land and natural resources. The state's focus on infrastructure, urbanization, and large-scale industrialization has resulted in significant land grabs. Between 2000 and 2015, over 10,000 acres of agricultural land were forcibly acquired for various development projects, many without proper compensation or consultation with affected communities. This process has been largely driven by the needs of corporate entities and powerful stakeholders who stand to benefit from these development projects, often at the expense of the local populations.

The impact of these land grabs has been devastating. Many farmers have lost their means of livelihood, as their agricultural lands are transformed into industrial zones, highways, or tourist resorts. For instance, the implementation of large-scale tourism and infrastructure projects in the coastal and forested regions has led to the displacement of entire communities. In some cases, these projects have led to a loss of access to freshwater sources, which is critical for the survival of local communities. Moreover, these "development projects" often fail to provide alternative employment or compensation to those displaced, leading to heightened poverty and social unrest."

Landlessness in Latin America was also described:

"An analysis of national agricultural censuses across 15 Latin American countries paints an even bleaker picture. It shows that the largest 1% of farms control more than half of the agricultural land in the region. This means that the largest farms occupy more land than the remaining 99% combined. On average, these farms are over 2,000 hectares in size (equivalent to 4,000 soccer fields). In countries like Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay, this number is even higher, with the largest 1% of farms in Argentina reaching over 22,000 hectares. These vast expanses of land are often used for large-scale commercial agriculture, including the production of food crops and biofuels, largely for export.

The situation is further exacerbated by the role of foreign investors, particularly from the US and Europe. These investors, including pension funds, banks, and wealthy individuals like George Soros, have channeled vast sums of money into farmland across Latin America. Through special farmland investment vehicles, both local and foreign companies have been able to acquire large tracts of land, often displacing local farmers and indigenous communities in the process. The phenomenon of land grabbing is not only contributing to inequality but also undermining the livelihoods of local populations."

But as the ILPS Secretary General reminded us as the closing of her Global Landless Speakout remarks:

"Over centuries, monopoly capital has to face the resistance of the peasantry. Not only do we have the example of Gaza's liberation struggle but across the globe there is an abundance of organized resistance including armed resistance against imperialism. The farmlands of the Philippines have been under constant attack by US imperialism, but the rural communities fighting for their lands and livelihood have never bowed down to the brutal state forces who are nothing but the goons of world's No. 1 terrorist, the United States of America. The Lumad struggle over indigenous lands against mining corporations of course comes immediately to mind. In Argentina, Brazil and across the South American continents, peasant struggles abound against corporate land grabs. British troops that maintain occupation-like presence in Kenya have been fought against for their exploitation, especially environmental damage to communal lands. Finally, I would like to share a militant struggle from the Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek landless farmers. In Peshawar, Pakistan they were being forced off land they had tilled for more than a century, but they decided to resist. Apart from militant struggle against a feudal lord, they fought a case in the courts filed by the landlord demanding their eviction. They have up till now been able to keep the land, though after losing his case, the landlord has threatened them with use of gang force, and has now filed a case in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. A similar case

filed by PEPSICO in India against farmers on charges of stealing its potato seed, was also lost by the corporation.

The national liberation struggle will of course come at a cost. Over generations, we have already proved that we are prepared to pay that cost for our liberation, for our dignity and oppose and defeat the dominant imperialist class. We need to unite our forces, develop alliances across the different sectors may they be workers, migrant workers, women, youth, health workers and teachers, lawyers. They are all critical to win back our lands, our genetic resources, to engage in militant struggles for a future free from exploitation and plunder of monopoly capital, free from genocidal wars, a world that is based on just and lasting peace!"

In Pictures: ILPS Member Organizations Take Action for a Liberated Earth and a Liberated Palestine

Progressive Fishers Group Pamalakaya: Pilipinas together with KALIKASAN People's Network for the Environment joined over 1000 demonstrators in a "Blue March" on June 7, 2025, the eve of United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) in Nice, France. The action aimed to project attention on urgent issues affecting oceans and coastal communities like reclamation and dredging that will result irreversible damage to the environment and livelihood of thousands of small fisherfolk.

Also condemned by the action was the illegal arrest of the international volunteers aboard the Freedom Flotilla who were delivering aid to Gaza. The arrest was carried out by Zionist forces responsible for the ongoing genocide in Palestine.

In Pictures: Reviving Gaza's Farmland

To combat famine and the blockade in Gaza, The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature (APN) launched the green resistance project “Revive Gaza’s Farmland” to support farmers in cultivating their land despite widespread destruction. Over 1,000 dunums were cultivated with vegetables, benefiting 530 farmers producing more than 5 million kgs of vegetables to help feed our people under siege, and 17 greenhouses were rehabilitated. APN also provided poultry, fishing nets, and established and rehabilitated water wells serving over 6,000 people.

Victory for Nexperia Workers in the Philippines!

The following is an address given from the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), the largest federation of trade unions in the Philippines, and a member of the Philippine country chapter of the ILPS, at an event hosted by the People Over Profit network.

Good day to all our fellow workers, allies, and supporters.

I am Mary Ann Castillo, the union president of Nexperia Phils Inc Workers Union-NAFLU-KMU. I thank you for inviting me to speak at this forum. Our recent victory is a testament to our unwavering commitment to justice, dignity, and the rights of every worker. Nexperia is a company making billions. It serves a broad global customer base across various industries, including automotive, industrial, power, computing, consumer, and mobile/wearable sectors. They are known for supplying essential semiconductors to companies worldwide. A company that supplies parts for tech giants like Bosch, Continental, Apple, Huawei, LG Samsung.

A company that tells the public they follow the highest standards for sustainability and corporate responsibility. But behind closed doors, they treat Filipino workers like disposable tools. Before our strike last March, we were faced by dismissals by the company, an estimate of 600 workers were laid off. This fight was ongoing alongside our collective bargaining agreement (CBA) negotiations.

Our decision to strike was not made lightly. It was the culmination of months of negotiations, appeals, and patience. We initiated our CBA negotiations in early 2024, aiming for a fair PHP 50 daily wage increase, considering the rising cost of living and our significant contributions to the company's productivity. However, management remained firm on a mere PHP 17 increase, far below our reasonable demand. More distressingly, they dismissed four of our union leaders, including myself, on baseless grounds. These actions were clear attempts to undermine our union and silence our voices. Despite 21 negotiation sessions and three conciliation hearings, no meaningful progress was made. Our calls for justice were met with indifference, leaving us no choice but to assert our rights through a strike. Before we even went on strike, we were faced by an assumption of jurisdiction order from the Department of Labor and Employment, who, to us, became enemies when they decided to side with the capitalist Nexperia. But we defied the order and proceeded with our strike.

Our victory was achieved through unity, resilience, and the power of solidarity. On March 5, 2025, over 1,000 of us commenced a 74-hour strike. Inside the plant, 600 workers halted production, while another 600 formed a picket line outside. Management responded by cutting off electricity, water, and blocking essential supplies like medicine and food. Yet, we stood firm. Our strength was amplified by the unwavering support from various organizations from different sectors such as the youth, women, farmers, and of course, our fellow workers from the Philippines, and internationally.

Even when faced with attempts to disperse our picket lines and threats of forceful intervention, our collective resolve did not waver. The culmination of our efforts led to significant concessions from management:

Reinstatement of two union leaders: myself and our Public Relations Officer were reinstated. Wage increase: a structured increase of PHP 17 in 2024, PHP 19 in 2025, and PHP 21 in 2026. Signing bonus: an increased bonus of PHP 20,000, up from the initially offered PHP 18,000.

Non-retaliation assurance: management committed to no retaliatory actions against those who participated in the strike.

These achievements were not just victories for our union but for workers everywhere, demonstrating that collective

action can overcome even the most formidable challenges.

Our journey doesn't end here. This victory serves as a foundation for future endeavors:

We will persist in advocating for the reinstatement of the remaining dismissed union leaders and ensure that management honors all agreements.

We will build stronger alliances with other labor unions and organizations to fortify our collective bargaining power. We will continue to implement programs to educate our members about their rights, ensuring they are well-informed and empowered. Our committees will monitor management's adherence to the agreed terms and promptly address any violations. We will continue to fight for the family living wage and the end of ₱96.

We know that our fight has not ended because the root cause of our exploitation, US Imperialism, the global capitalist system, still exists. It has opened us to other struggles, like the struggle of farmers, the youth, among others. We see that to be able to be truly free, we need to continue our fight for national democracy.

Our struggle has illuminated the path forward, not just for us but for countless workers facing similar challenges. We have shown that unity, determination, and solidarity can bring about meaningful change.

Let us carry this momentum forward, continuing to fight for justice, dignity, and the rights of all workers.

Mabuhay ang manggagawang Pilipino! Mabuhay ang manggagawa ng buong mundo!

ILPS Actions in Latin America and the Caribbean

The following are an abridged selection of articles from the recent first issue of the ILPS Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Newsletter. You can read the full articles and others in the newsletter at https://peoplesstruggle.org/en/announcing-the-ilps-latin-america-and-caribbean-regional-newsletter/

Bicycle Caravan, Memory without Borders

Friday, March 21, 2025: Fourteen cyclists of the Colectivo Estamos Aqui *(We Are Here Collective),* who had ridden 1700 km from Mexico City to the Guatemalan border, were greeted by ILPS Vice Chair Samuel Villatoro and other ILPS members as the cyclists crossed the bridge between the two countries.

The BiciCaravana Memoria sin Fronteras (*Bicycle Caravan Memory without Borders*) from Mexico City to Guatemala City was organized by the Colectivo Estamos Aqui. It aims to draw attention to some 5,000 Guatemalan babies who were stolen and sold for international adoption to unwitting families in Canada, the United States and other countries by members of the Armed Forces of Guatemala and leading government officials during the fiercely repressed 36-year liberation struggle in this Central American country.

ILPS Vice Chair Samuel Villatoro linked the history of the stolen babies to the over 200,000 killed and the 40,000 disappeared during the armed conflict, including his father, Amancio Samuel Villatoro, a union leader, who was captured in 1984 and tortured and assassinated by the Guatemalan army.

The next morning the cyclists headed out early for a 70-km ride to a finca (farm) run by former members of Rebel Armed Forces (*Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes*, FAR), one of the four guerilla groups that fought the US-backed Guatemalan regime between 1960 and 1996, when a peace agreement was signed.

International support for SITTGE workers in Mexico

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: An international on-line forum co-organized by the ILPS Mexico Chapter was held to support the over 400 workers of the Sindicato Independiente de trabajadores y trabajadoras de Gobierno del Estado (Independent Union of State Government Workers - SITTGE) in San Luis Potosi, a major industrial center about 6 hours drive north west of Mexico City. SITTGE workers are struggling for justice, decent salaries, good working conditions and an end to the regional government's "Dirty War" against their union.

More militant independent unions started to be set up in large numbers, sparked by the success of struggles like that at the General Motors assembly plant in Silao, Guanajuato, where, in February 2022, plant workers voted to quit the CTM (La Confederación de Trabajadores de México) and join the Independent Union of Industry Workers (SINTTIA), in the process winning their best wage hike ever.

An impressive list of speakers at the online forum included Miguel Wong, Chairperson of the ILPS Mexico Chapter, Pablo Héctor González Loyola of the Unidad Cívica Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Perpetua Mejía Echeverría, Vice President of the International Union of Public Services and Allied Workers' Associations, part of the World Federation of Trade Unions, Ricardo Maldonado Olivares, Presidente de la Central Autónoma de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de Chile (CAT) and other representatives of unions and people's organizations.

Marie Boti, representing Commission 7 (Women) of the ILPS, and Malcolm Guy, ILPS LAC Coordinator, were also invited to speak. A week earlier ILPS Vice Chair Samuel Villatoro participated via Zoom in a well-attended press conference to support SITTGE.

Meanwhile, ILPS Mexico member groups, including the Coordinadora del Movimiento Amplio Popular (CMAP), and their allies, have set up a solidarity encampment for the SITTGE workers in front of government offices in San Luis Potosi.

Remembering Amancio Samuel Villatoro and Guatemala's disappeared

Comrades, friends and family gathered in downtown Guatemala City on March 29, 2025 to commemorate Amancio Samuel Villatoro, a Guatemalan union leader who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by the Guatemalan military on March 29, 1984 during the armed liberation conflict in this Central American country. The event was hosted by the Organization bearing his name, and the ILPS.

The event, held at the Maria and Antonio Goubaud Carrera Foundation, was presided by Samuel Villatoro, ILPS Vice Chairperson and the founder of the Amancio Samuel Villatoro Organization, who was a young boy of 9 when his father disappeared. Samuel has dedicated his life to seeking justice for his father and the over 40,000 disappeared and 200,000 killed in Guatemala during the 36-year armed conflict. Samuel's sister, brother and families also attended the event.

The commemoration included the presentation of a documentary film honoring the lives of Filipino revolutionaries, Professor Jose Maria Sison and his wife Julieta de Lima, to illustrate the link between the struggles of the peoples of Guatemala and the Philippines for genuine freedom and liberation, despite the physical distance that separates the two countries. Prof Sison had regularly sent his regards to the family and comrades of Amancio Villatoro on this day.

Amancio Villatoro was the founder and coordinator of the union at Chiclets Adam's and a leader of the National Workers' Center (CNT) and the National Union Unity Committee (CNUS), at both the national and international levels. On January 30, 1984, on his way to a union meeting, he was kidnapped in central Guatemala City and disappeared. His whereabouts remained unknown until 1999, when the Diario Militar (Military Diary which was located in Washington, DC) confirmed that he was killed on March 29, 1984 since the code 300 was listed alongside his name and photo (this code in the Diary signifies murder of those captured).

The remains of Amancio Samuel Villatoro were finally recovered in November 2011 from a mass grave at a military detachment in Comalapa, Chimaltenango, some 60 km west of Guatemala City. That's when his son's life changed forever.

Samuel explained that the aims of the Amancio Samuel Villatoro Organization are to rescue the historical memory of the union, student and people's movements for new generations seeking to build a better Guatemala.

The Organization provides legal accompaniment and psychological support for the families of the disappeared, operates the Foundation of The Museum of the Martyrs of the Trade Union, Student and Popular Movement, and other educational and cultural activities. It organizes the yearly Tour de la Paz Justa cycling event and Medical Missions to needy communities in Guatemala.

Africa Liberation Day 2025 with ILPS Kenya

Members of ILPS Kenya militantly commemorated Africa Liberation Day 2025 with a variety of events across Nairobi and the whole country. The theme of this year's events was "Revolutionary Pan-African Unity: The Battle for Socialism Against Imperialism."

One event held at the United Kenya Club in Nairobi was organized by the Wahenga Youth, Kasarani Social Justice Center, and with special help from the Communist Party (Marxist) of Kenya and All African Peoples' Revolutionary Party. This event also had the sub-theme of "Understanding Comprador and Bureaucrat Capitalism in the Neocolonies and Advancing the Struggle for National Liberation against Imperialism." The event included multiple panel events, a plenary session synthesizing strategic actions, and a press conference. Two films were then shown, one highlighting the 2024 mass uprising against the IMF-backed Finance Bill of the ruling Kenyan Ruto

regime, and another on Cuba's historic role in supporting Africa's national liberation movements in Angola, Namibia, and South Africa.

Another event was organized in Nairobi by the Revolutionary Socialist League, Ukombozi Library, Kenya Left Alliance, Kongamano La Mapinduzi, Makomanda Band, Social Justice Centres Nairobi Chapter, Social Justice Centres Traveling Theater, Women in Social Justice Centres, Kenya Palestine Solidarity Movement, National Students' Caucus, Socialist Workers' Movement, ILPS and other progressive organizations and movements in Kenya. This event included singing, militant chanting, and speeches by community leaders from many of the organizations mentioned above.

Finally, organizations such as the Revolutionary Youth League, Revolutionary Women's League, and others held another event in the countryside of Gem province. This took the form of a mass meeting in which members from the local peasant organizations spoke about the issues that were affecting them and provided solutions from their perspectives. Leaders from ILPS member organizations took the lead in synthesizing the responses from the masses. The following issues were raised by the rural-dwelling participants in the meeting:

- Rampant unemployment especially amongst the youth. Unemployment and landlessness were widely understood to be at the roots of acts of petty crime in the community as people are deprived of producing for their own basic needs.
- Food insecurity and lack of access to agricultural inputs. Farmers are not able to save their seeds. Malnourishment comes from this even as farmers are pushed to work much harder as the land is getting more barren due to use of fertilizers, while at the same time the price of fertilizers is rising. Hence, there is a decreasing harvest with increasing price of inputs.
- Lack of infrastructure. This leads to much lower productive capacity of the community while forcing farmers to work even harder than is needed. This also refers to the lack of paved roads that instead get incredibly muddy and difficult to use during the rainy season.
- Lack of education and poor educational resources for students. While the Kenyan constitution states that education should be free, there are actually many payments that need to be made for school materials and often the government does not fund schools leaving communities to pool their own dwindling money to keep schools going.
- Poor access to health and a weak healthcare system in general. Why does the government bother to give out health cards to access hospitals, when it's promoting and implementing massive privatization schemes that have made healthcare more expensive, making it hard for hospitals to even purchase the equipment they need to care for patients.
- Domestic violence and attacks on women. This was linked to food and resource insecurity in which poverty-insecurity within families leads to conflict, and this has a disproportionate affect on women and children. Young girls often get pregnant and are also infected with sexually-transmitted diseases. As these young girls try to pursue further education, the grandparents are left to look after the newborns as well as bear the cost of their daughters' further education. The lack of community education to teach men to value women more in society, especially when patriarchy is espoused from the highest levels of government, also leads to many attacks, rapes, and even murders, of young women in the community. Lack of education hits young women especially hard and was identified to be one of the main roots of women being relegated to household tasks and early pregnancies.
- Corruption and feuding between government leaders over influence and stakes in government contracts, therefore neglecting the needs of the people. This issue is at the root of nearly all of the ones listed above.

Despite all the hardships mentioned by the community, the people expressed their continued decisiveness to fight for their rights and to develop their country for their own betterment. The ILPS organizations celebrated the fighting spirit of the masses and made clear the need to struggle against the anti-people US-Ruto regime, leading up to the planned June 25th protests on the anniversary of the 2024 struggle against the IMF-backed Finance Bill of Kenya.

ILPS in Canada Confronts CANSEC and the G7 Summit While Standing with Amazon Workers

Shut Down CANSEC!

On May 28 in Ottawa, ILPS-Canada mobilized to protest the CANSEC arms fair—the largest weapons expo in Canada. The demonstration aimed to disrupt an event where imperialist corporations and government representatives in suits gathered to showcase "leading-edge technologies" used in military operations responsible for killing civilians, particularly in Gaza. Protesters condemned the normalization of war profiteering and Canada's complicity in the genocide in Gaza and support for fascist and reactionary regimes. The 300 protestors chanted and blocked the entrance to the event for at least 3 hours. Despite the protest being peaceful, police responded with force, arresting at least 13 participants and assaulting others. Still, the demonstrators successfully delayed the show and made their opposition to Canada's imperialism, arms trade and support for state violence known.

Resist the "Genocidal 7" G7

In Calgary, ILPS-Canada organized a counter-summit on June 14 and a protest march on June 15 to oppose the G7 Summit held in Kananaskis, Alberta. The events brought together organizations and individuals under a shared goal: to expose and challenge the G7—referred to as the "Genocidal 7"—for coordinating global imperialist exploitation and oppression. The people's forum created space for dialogue about how local struggles in Calgary intersect with broader liberation movements in the global South. The following day's march amplified these connections, uniting voices against the systems of imperialist domination and military aggression orchestrated by G7 powers. The mobilization of 500-600 people marked a major step in strengthening the anti-imperialist movement particularly in Calgary, Alberta, and generally across Canada. Parallel activities to Resist the Genocidal 7 (G7) were also held in Edmonton, Albert (June 15) and Vancouver, British Columbia (June 21).

Boycott Amazon Campaign!

Boycott campaign results in massive losses for Amazon

According to recent surveys, 49% of people in Quebec have decreased their spending on Amazon. 17% completely boycott the platform, while subscriptions to Amazon prime have dropped from 38% to 29%. In addition to this, a number of municipalities and institutions, often under pressure of their unionized workers or civil society organizations, have stopped buying from Amazon.

The "Here, we Boycott Amazon" campaign was launched following the closures of all Amazon facilities in Quebec in retaliation to the recent unionization of the DXT4 warehouse in Laval. It was quickly endorsed by more than 50 groups, among them many of the major trade-unions, student associations and community groups in the province. The closures put more than 4,500 workers out of a job.

In addition to sending a strong message to Amazon that its anti-labor practices would not go unpunished, the "Here, we Boycott Amazon" campaign aims to put pressure on the "Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ)" provincial government to offer better compensation to the fired workers. Rather than defending the fired workers, the CAQ has allowed Amazon to withdraw from its legal obligations in case of mass layoffs, notably allowing them to not put a reclassification committee in place. The now massively unpopular CAQ has once again demonstrated its complete disregard for workers' rights and firm standpoint in defense of capitalist interests.

Anyone can still endorse and follow the campaign at https://boycottamazon.ca/en/. ILPS members, especially trade-unions and other workers associations, are invited to endorse the campaign and send a solidarity messages to the Amazon Workers Union - CSN and Amazon workers in Quebec.

We notice a renewal of interest in North America, especially among the youth, for organized labor. ILPS salutes this and invites people to organize not merely trade-unions, but to organize class struggle unions, deeply rooted in the working class and able to wage combative political campaigns against the capitalists and the State. As the Boycott Amazon campaign did: dare to break the fatalism of the union apparatus, dare to struggle, and dare to win

The League Resists NATO in the Netherlands

The Resist NATO campaign once again rallied anti-imperialist organizations from around the world against the annual NATO Summit, strengthening the will of the peoples to oppose militarism and war. Launched in 2024 in Washington, DC, the Resist NATO campaign successfully organized a counter-summit and mass mobilization during that year's NATO meeting. In 2025, it continued this momentum by organizing another Peoples' Summit, mobilizations, and a series of events under the slogan:

"Resist US-NATO Aggression, Bases, Militarization, Plunder, and War! Advance Peoples' Struggles for Peace and Liberation!"

The program of the Resist NATO campaign ran from June 20 until June 24, the day of the official NATO summit.

On June 21, the Resist NATO Peoples' Summit opened with keynote speeches by Victor Garcés, Vice Chair of the ILPS, and a solidarity message from Jorge Valero Briceño, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Belgium. Speakers from Kenya, Palestine, La Réunion, the Philippines, Pakistan, and the Netherlands set the tone for workshops that followed, covering a wide range of crucial topics. These workshops addressed issues such as student and youth organizing, mobilizing women against war, resisting militarism, the role of cultural workers, solidarity with the Filipino struggle, support for Palestine, and opposition to military spending. The Peoples' Summit concluded with the adoption of a unity statement.

A broad mobilization took place on June 22 in the Netherlands under the slogan "Protest for a Just Peace," which brought together various counter-summit initiatives, including a bloc organized by Resist NATO. Azra Sayeed, Secretary General of the ILPS, spoke at the rally. The Resist NATO bloc staged an effigy action involving hundreds of participants who carried banners they had created during the Art Build on June 20, another component of the campaign. The demonstration brought thousands into the streets of The Hague to oppose NATO and resist imperialist wars.

Additionally, the campaign program included activities such as "All Around the World Women Say No to NATO" on June 22 and a "Bloc (NATO) Party" on June 24.

The Resist NATO campaign successfully united movements around the "Statement of Unity of the Peoples' Summit to Resist NATO: Peoples of the World, Resist NATO and US-Led Imperialist Aggression! Advance People's Rights, Just Peace, and Liberation!" Organizations that participated affirmed their determination to continue this struggle with unwavering commitment.

Defending Peoples' Struggle in the Belly of the Imperialist US

With Trump's presidency in the US, the people are facing an era of open fascism in the highest seat of power in the country. Trump has swiftly maneuvered to consolidate his power and ramp up fascist attacks on the people in all spheres of life including education and health care, and particularly targeting workers, students, women, and beyond. Impacts have been immediate: the state is terrorizing working people and especially migrant communities. It pushes its fascist offensive through slashing health and social services and regulatory agencies, fomenting division and violent attacks against migrants, and utilizing its law enforcement agencies and military to crack down on opposition. Often in collaboration with local government, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency is conducting raids targeting day laborers, trade union leaders, and workers in the garment, agriculture, restaurant, meat processing and other industries throughout the county. Agents kidnap migrants in broad daylight at their workplaces, schools and neighborhoods, violently tear them away from their families, imprison them with no due process, and disappear them for days and weeks. Migrants reporting to routine immigration appointments are being abruptly detained and deported. While the Trump regime tests the limits of the legality of its crackdown and openly violates the law, it also uses the courts to defend its illegal

and unconstitutional practices on the one hand, and disregards court orders to comply with the law on the other.

Under these conditions, the people continue to resist. There is an urgent need to build a united movement of the broadest range of people to fight together against fascism and war. Thus, the ILPS-US country chapter developed an updated framework for its Defend Peoples' Struggle (DPS) campaign to: "Defend Our Communities! Defend Peoples' Struggle!" to defend the right to fight back! Under this framework, ILPS-US members are working together and with other organizations to oppose federal immigration raids, develop their own community patrols and rapid response defense networks, and increasing the militancy of their protests. ILPS-US is also bringing organizations together to discuss conditions and share lessons on strategies and tactics to sharpen our collective analysis, organize our forces against the people's common enemy, and connect this fight to global struggles against fascism and US imperialism - the number one terrorist in the world!

Through the waging of the DPS campaign it also became clear that most pressing issues to further develop into mass struggles are 1) Economic conditions, including inflation, low wages, unstable employment, debt, etc.; 2) Housing 3) Education 4) Healthcare 5) Environmental plunder. ILPS-US launched the People Over Profit (POP) campaign for people to take up local fights on these issues based on their conditions.

By waging these campaigns, ILPS-US is building up to its Third National Assembly October 11-13th 2025 in Washington DC. This opportune time of crisis must be seized to strike at the enemy through interlinking campaigns – Defend Peoples Struggle and People Over Profit– and to build the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist united front. Mass mobilizations against the seat of political power of US imperialism with President Trump at the lead, will be a convergence point for our campaigns and a significant contribution to the international efforts of the League in dealing a blow to the imperialist beast from within.

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