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## Editorial: Len Cooper, ILPS Chairperson

At a time when global crises are no longer isolated but deeply interconnected, this issue stands as a testament to the growing unity of peoples' struggles across continents.

The work of the International League of Peoples' Struggle continues to bring together movements resisting imperialism, repression, and exploitation. Founded to coordinate anti-imperialist and democratic struggles worldwide, ILPS today links hundreds of organisations across dozens of countries in a shared project of resistance and transformation.

What emerges clearly from this issue is not simply a catalogue of injustices but a pattern. From Latin America to Africa, from the Pacific to West Asia, we see the same forces at work: militarisation, economic coercion, environmental destruction, and the suppression of dissent. Yet equally, we see something else: resistance that is increasingly coordinated, internationalist, and determined.

The recent global month and week of action centred on Venezuela, India, Palestine, and the struggles of the landless demonstrate that solidarity is no longer symbolic. It is organised, deliberate, and growing. These actions are not isolated protests; they are part of a broader effort to confront imperialist aggression and assert the rights of peoples to sovereignty, dignity, and self-determination.

Nowhere is this contradiction more visible than in the Northern Marianas, where climate catastrophe is inseparable from militarisation and extractive industries such as deep-sea mining. The crisis there underscores a broader truth: environmental destruction is not accidental it is driven by systems that prioritise profit and geopolitical dominance over human survival.

In Africa, the convergence of struggles is equally stark. The campaign against the France-Africa Summit highlights ongoing neo-colonial relationships, while the repression of activists such as Booker Omole exposes the lengths to which states will go to silence dissent. These developments are not isolated they reflect a global pattern of shrinking democratic space in the face of organised resistance.

Meanwhile, Venezuela and Cuba remain on the frontlines of US aggression, enduring economic and political pressure designed to undermine sovereignty. Yet their continued resistance



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speaks to the resilience of nations refusing to submit to imperial dictates.

This issue also brings into focus the role of global financial institutions. As movements mobilise against the IMF and World Bank, it becomes increasingly clear that economic policy is not neutral, it is a terrain of struggle. Debt, austerity, and structural adjustment are not merely economic tools; they are mechanisms of control that shape the lives of millions.

Geopolitics, too, remains in flux. The so-called “Islamabad Talks” between the United States and Iran reflect shifting alliances and tensions, while raising deeper questions about power, negotiation, and the future of global stability.

In West Asia, and particularly in Palestine, the struggle continues with urgency and clarity. The fight for land, rights, and survival persists against overwhelming odds, supported by regional and international solidarity networks that refuse to allow the issue to be marginalised or forgotten.

Across all these contexts from military exercises such as Balikatan in the Philippines to evolving US national security strategies the same question arises: whose security is being defended, and at whose expense?

What this issue ultimately reveals is a world in contest. Imperialism is not retreating but neither are the peoples resisting it.

If there is a unifying thread, it is this: the struggles documented here are not separate stories. They are interconnected fronts in a broader movement for justice, sovereignty, and liberation.

And as these movements continue to converge, so too does the possibility of building a truly international front capable not only of resisting oppression, but of shaping a different future.

## Recent Global Activities of ILPS

*By the ILPS General Secretariat*

### ***Global Month of Action: Stand with Venezuela and Against the US-Led Imperialist Offensive in Latin America and the Caribbean!***

In January 2026, the ILPS, alongside its allied organizations in the Resist US-Led War Movement, International Women's Alliance, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), and the Philippine-Bolivarian Venezuela Friendship Association held a month of action in response to the blatant acts of piracy, mass murder via drone attacks on boats, and the outright kidnapping of the President and First Combatant of Venezuela. The coalition of organizations that ILPS was a part of held a launch webinar in January to announce the month of action, with speakers from both the government and the grassroots commune movement in Venezuela.

Throughout the month, ILPS and the other participating organizations produced education and propaganda materials that were

used for community education and to hand out at actions within countries. This included a political advisory and FAQ on the situation in Venezuela, the role of US imperialism in destabilizing the country, and the resilience and militancy of the people in fighting back. Finally, the campaign issued a sign-on statement drafted by ILPS Bolivia titled, the "Universal Declaration of the Peoples of the World Against US Imperialism and for Peace, Sovereignty, and the Self-Determination of Peoples."

Through the month of action, mass mobilizations and indignation rallies were held by ILPS members throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and in many countries around the world, including a rally and solidarity conference held between Venezuelans and Colombians at the border of the two countries.

You can view these materials, the sign-on statement, footage of actions, and everything else related to the month of action by visiting [peoplesstruggle.org/vz-action](https://peoplesstruggle.org/vz-action).



### ***Global Week of Action: Destroy US Imperialism! End Imperialist War and Conquest! Take Back Our Peoples' Land and Sovereignty!***

At the end of March 2026, ILPS held a week of action to coordinate activities for four back-to-back action days.

The first major action day was March 26 for the sham court appearance of kidnapped Venezuelan President Maduro and First Combatant Flores in New York City. Members of ILPS joined the mass mobilization outside of the building in which kidnapped Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores being held by the same US government that illegally abducted them in its attempt to break the Bolivarian Revolution. This attempt by the US did not work, as people took action around the world and in the streets of Caracas in the hundreds of thousands calling for the return of Maduro and Flores

and the full independence and sovereignty for the people of Venezuela.

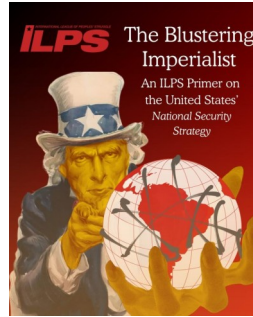
The second action day was March 28 to join the global day of action against Operation Kagaar called for by Indian grassroots organizations. The bloodthirsty campaign by the fascist Modi regime has been waging all-out war against indigenous Adivasi communities, peasants, and the revolutionary movement as it clears the way for imperialist mining interests in India. The people of the world declared their militant solidarity with the toiling masses of India through mass action on this day, with ILPS members taking to the streets in India, the Philippines, the US, the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, and many other countries.

The next day was the Day of the Landless on March 29. Peasants, fisherfolk, indigenous peoples, and other rural peoples mark this day of action annually to fight against land grabs, high usury in land rent, imposition of foreign-owned genetically-altered seeds, rising costs of farm inputs, and many other harsh impacts of the imperialist-backed landlord system across their countryside. Protests and education sessions were held by ILPS members in Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, and other countries, many of whom spoke online at the Global Landless Speakout.

The week culminated on March 30 with the 50th anniversary of Palestinian Land Day. As the Zionist entity, backed to the teeth by US imperialism, continues to implement its genocide against the Palestinian people through the ecocide and forced starvation in Gaza and police state and settler lynch mobs in the West Bank, the Palestinian people join the people of Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, and throughout the West Asia in resisting the fascist Zionist project until the full liberation of their lands. ILPS members in Senegal, Jordan, and many other countries took action in solidarity on Palestinian Land Day.

You can read more on the background to the ILPS week of action and see pictures and videos of ILPS members' actions by visiting [peoplesstruggle.org/march-actions](https://peoplesstruggle.org/march-actions). You can listen to the episode of the Peoples' Struggle Podcast on the Week of Action at [Ep. 6: Recap of the ILPS' March Week of Action - Peoples' Struggle Podcast | Podcast on Spotify](#) or by going to the "Podcasts" section on the ILPS website menu bar.

## *The Blustering Imperialist: An ILPS Primer on the United States' National Security Strategy*



"The United States government has come out with two strategic documents in the past few months, the National Security Strategy (NSS) and the 2026 National Defense Strategy (NDS). These documents are key in understanding the dilemma that US imperialism faces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The name of the dilemma is China. In other words, the major contradiction in the imperialist system today is between the imperialist powers, which is well articulated in the NSS."

These are the first words of the introduction for the new ILPS primer on the Trump regime's new NSS, divided into an analysis of US imperialism's current strategy of economic plunder, militarization, and rising fascism.

Download and read this new educational primer at <https://peoplesstruggle.org/en/the-blustering-imperialist-an-ilps-primer-on-the-united-states-national-security-strategy/>

## **Imperialist-Driven Climate Catastrophe in the Marianas Archipelago**



In mid April, our Mariana islands were devastated by Super Typhoon Sinlaku, a category 5 storm and the long-term recovery phase has started. The massive storm swallowed the entire archipelago. The islands of Saipan and Tinian were hit the hardest with winds around 170-80 miles per hour, followed by Rota and Guam with winds of up to 80 mph. The storm moved quite slowly and took over 50 hours to pass, bringing record rainfall and flooding. Many homes have been destroyed. Over 800 residents in Guam and over 600 residents in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) are in emergency shelters. Most residents in the CNMI remain without power or running water. Our islands were still recovering from prior super typhoons.

Like all other storms, Typhoon Sinlaku has been extremely traumatic and destabilizing. While we can say that our people have always been resilient and that we have endured typhoons for



centuries, we know that recent storms have grown more powerful and destructive because of the climate crisis and rising ocean temperatures. We have witnessed changes in our ocean including acidification, coral bleaching, and drops in fish schools.

This crisis is connected to the global use of fossil fuels and the military industrial complex. The U.S. military is one of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters and among the largest industrial consumers of fossil fuels. While they burn through millions of gallons of fuel with their war games and harmful operations, they also have compounded our vulnerability to the climate catastrophe by clearing and destroying land for their bases and causing immense contamination. Around 30% of Guam is occupied by U.S. military bases and we are in the middle of an unprecedented military buildup.

This is also compounded by nonstop war games, "training" and testing in the Marianas Islands Testing and Training Area, or MITT. While a majority of residents still lack power and have limited cellular or internet connectivity, we remain in the middle of a comment period for the MITT for a supplemental environmental impact statement. As a community that is often inundated with comment periods for very dense and technical proposals for harmful federal actions, we have very little capacity to respond at this time. The U.S. Navy will dramatically increase its use of sonar, explosives, and air activities within the archipelago. They are also permitted to take, kill, harass, and harm over 25 protected marine mammals and even more fish and corals.

At the same time, our islands are being targeted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for Deep Sea Mining. The east and west sides of the archipelago, over 50 million miles, have been identified as areas for extraction. The impacts would be catastrophic not just to our islands, but for the entire region of Micronesia. This is an attack on all Pacific sovereignty and a new form of U.S. economic exploitation and colonization. The Trump administration has fast tracked mining to compete with China over these resources and to pillage the colonies for "national security and economic prosperity." The Department of War is also hoarding these minerals for weapons development and AI war technology.

It is also important to understand that many of the storms that pass through here also make their way toward the Philippines or other parts of Asia, sometimes even stronger and more dangerous - these other countries whose sovereignty and security are also undermined by U.S. imperialism and military occupation.

Our communities are exhausted and overwhelmed. Recovery periods after disasters are easily militarized and federalized to reinforce colonial control. Now more than ever, mutual aid and solidarity are essential for our recovery, resilience, and resistance.

## Resist the France-Africa Summit!

*By the Revolutionary Women's League of Kenya*

The ILPS Kenya Chapter releases this statement to affirm its policy as an anti-imperialist organization joining the militant voices and action plans of other anti-imperialist forces to resist the return of French imperialism to our continent, Africa. Cloaked in schemes like *Africa Forward* and *Africa-France Partnerships for Innovation and*



*Growth*, France seeks to re-enter Africa under the guise of "partnership." Let us be clear, these are not partnerships. They are chains. They are humiliation for Africa and its people.

For over sixty years, French colonization in West Africa brought devastation. The Sahel region was stripped of its wealth, its people reduced to cheap labor, its future shackled by debt. Poverty, militarization, exploitation were the fruits of French rule. And now, France attempts to sneak back through Kenya, dressed in the language of innovation and growth.

These summits, extravagant conferences where deals are struck, are not for the people. They are for government officials, businessmen, and civil society representatives who are the puppets of imperialism. They gather not to serve Africa, but to protect their own interests.

The summit agenda speaks of climate change, financial reform, innovation, and growth. But beneath these words lies exploitation.

On climate change, the West promotes 'carbon offsets.' Corporations buy credits from underdeveloped countries, funding tree planting or conservation, while continuing to pollute their own lands. This is hypocrisy. It violates the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. Africa, which contributes the least to global emissions, is denied its right to industrialize, while imperialist nations refuse to cut their own pollution.

France boasts of its green technologies: renewable energy, electric vehicles, efficiency systems. But these will not liberate Africa. They will be sold to us, while our lands are seized for "green projects." Already, massive land grabs are taking place in Kenya's Kajiado, in the Congo Basin, in Liberia, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia. The colonial trade pattern continues to declare Africa as a market and a source of raw materials.

On financial reform, they speak of mobilizing funds, but not of canceling debt. Loans from the IMF and private lenders come with conditionalities, austerity, and higher interest rates. For Africa, this means more taxes, more cuts to public services, more misery. For imperialist nations, it means more profit.

France now eyes the blue economy, artificial intelligence, and health care. Sectors where its industries excel. These are not opportunities for Africa. They are levers for France to pry open our markets and tighten its grip.

In 2025, France's former colonies in West Africa; Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and Togo were ranked among the poorest in the world. Independence in 1960 did not free them. France remained a millstone around their necks, draining their wealth and strangling their people.

Therefore, who suffers most from this renewed imperialism? The African masses. Workers will be trapped in wage systems that starve them. Peasants, fisherfolk, and Indigenous communities will lose their lands, their resources, their dignity. Exploitation will deepen. Oppression will intensify.

Comrades, this is the reality of French imperialism. It is not innovation. It is not growth. It is exploitation dressed in imperialist fine words.

Thus:

We must resist.

We must fight.

We must declare:

No to imperialism!

No to French imperialism!

No to exploitation!

Africa forward not under France but under the power of its own people!

## **Justice for Booker Omole! Stop the Repression of Activists in Kenya!**

*By the ILPS Africa and West Asia Provisional Regional Committee*



On February 25, 2026, Booker Ngesa Omole, Secretary General of the Communist Party Marxist - Kenya (CPMK) was kidnapped by the Kenya Police Service, tortured, and brutally beaten to near death, having his tooth broken and finger cut with a pen knife. He was then taken to the Mlolongo Police Station, a station infamous for extrajudicial killings and systematic terror against the poor masses and political activists.

This act of blatant and naked fascism came just two years after the Kenyan people led a successful march on the Kenyan Parliament to block the Ruto regime's Finance Bill that would have privatized industries and other state assets and opened up the country to massive foreign investment and IMF loans.

Comrade Booker was arraigned on a number of trumped-up charges including threatening to kill a police officer, possession of a firearm (Booker is a legally licensed gun owner), possession of ammunition, 2 charges of assaulting two police officers, and possession and use of narcotics.

The judge ordered that he be remanded to Kitengelea Remand Prison as he awaits a pre-bail report from the probation officer. This is a tactic to delay justice for an innocent person who is yet to be proven guilty.

The government's case quickly began to unravel. During pre trial proceedings, Mr. Andrew Amoth, the lead police witness, filed an affidavit and took an oath before the court. In his sworn statement he described how he was used by the police and coerced through threats to frame Booker Omole. In his testimony he specifically named OCS Peter Mugambi and the investigating officer Mr Munene as the officers who led the fabrication of the allegations. The magistrate refused to allow Mr. Amoth from withdrawing his coerced statement.

In prison, Comrade Booker used the opportunity to turn his prison into a schoolroom, where he taught revolutionary theory to the other inmates, the majority of which were from the working class and imprisoned by the whims of the Kenyan bourgeois that dispossesses the workers through the class warfare of the police and courtrooms.

Booker and other revolutionary comrades were released just over a week later on a crushing consolidated bond of KES 1.4 million. This is not justice, but punishment by poverty, a continued assault on the revolutionary movement of workers and peasants engaged in a fight for their basic rights and dignity.

One of the main aims of fascism is to annihilate working class organizations for it is only the proletarian revolution that threatens the rule of Finance Capital. The Finance Bill, authored nearly word for word by the IMF-World Bank and its bureaucrat capitalist lackeys in the Kenyan government, sought crippling austerity that would drown the masses in further misery while filling the pockets of imperialist investors and the fascist comprador rulers of Kenya. They also sought to impose massive taxes for services that the people do not even receive. During this brave action of the Kenyan people, dozens were killed or disappeared while hundreds were injured and arrested, mostly youth.

Despite this state terror, the people have never ceased their organizing against the regime. CPMK has been at the forefront of organizing the port and warehouse workers in Mombasa, as well as the nurses strike in Nairobi, and has recently been intensifying its work at the Kitengela Export Processing Zones.

On May 11 and 12 of this year, the regime is hosting a Franco-African summit to reposition French imperialist interests in the continent with support from US imperialism, after being kicked out of the Sahel states. The kidnapping of Comrade Omole just months before this imperialist summit is clearly an attempt to silence anti-imperialist opposition.

## Venezuela and Cuba on the frontlines of US Aggression All Workers United

By *ILPS Argentina*

To understand the relationship between the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean, we must go back to 1786 when Thomas Jefferson, author of the US Declaration of Independence, argued that the early independence of the Spanish American colonies was not in the United States' best interest, but rather that it should only occur when the US was strong enough to seize them (letter to Archibald Stuart). From its founding documents to the present day, an imperialist rhetoric has been established, asserting that Latin America's natural resources rightfully belong to the United States, not to Latin Americans.

The Trump administration has fully embraced the 1823 Monroe Doctrine with its National Security Strategy, reintroducing the imperialist slogan "America for the Americans." Two hundred years later, in a new context, Trump argues that the entire Western Hemisphere should be under his political and economic control and serve US interests.

As a result, following the kidnapping of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and Congresswoman Cilia Flores—thus forcing negotiations under pressure and securing oil, vital during this period of high tension—the United States decided to intensify the economic, political, and military aggression it has been waging against Cuba for more than six decades.

Among the most serious measures are: the reinstatement of Cuba to the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism, which discourages international banks from doing business with the country for fear of U.S. sanctions; the reactivation of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, which empowers U.S. citizens to sue foreign companies that use nationalized properties in Cuba; the suspension of remittances through the cancellation of the license of the Cuban financial institution Orbit S.A.; and the tightening of immigration policies, including the suspension of humanitarian entry permits, family reunification, and the issuance of visas for cultural and academic exchanges.

This criminal blockade directly affects the daily lives of our sister nation, limiting access to medicine, food, technology, raw materials, and financing. This is not a mere diplomatic dispute,

but a true economic war against a people who have forged their own destiny.

Despite the constant siege, Cuba has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for resilience and dignity. Its public health system, its scientific development, and its commitment to solidarity have been internationally recognized. Thousands of Cuban professionals have provided medical care to dozens of countries, demonstrating that cooperation between peoples can and must prevail, even in the face of imperialist aggression.

Just as Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores inspired solidarity among broad democratic, popular, and anti-imperialist sectors throughout the continent, solidarity with the Cuban people was quickly felt. There is no other option but to reciprocate the support of those who for decades have sent doctors to all sister nations in need. Thus, throughout the continent, solidarity networks with Cuba have emerged not only to denounce the aggression but also to collect economic and material resources to support the island in this critical moment.

The crisis of U.S. imperialism is evident. By revealing its true nature, it only exposes the fear of an entire system struggling to survive but facing grave difficulties. The time has come for the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean to counterattack and defeat this enemy of the world's peoples. The struggle in every country is fundamental, especially in those with governments directly aligned with the United States, such as Argentina, Chile, and El Salvador, where it becomes a paramount anti-imperialist task. The time has come for our peoples to continue the liberation struggle of San Martín and Bolívar and free our continent once and for all from the chains that prevent our peoples from developing their full creative potential.

Today, Cuba remains a living example of what can be achieved through revolutionary struggle. That is why imperialism seeks to sink its claws into it. We draw strength from that history, convinced that we can achieve it once again. We look the enemy straight in the eye, knowing that just beyond lies the life we deserve, the life for which so many have fought and will continue to fight.





*By Azra Talat Sayeed, Secretary General of ILPS*

On February 21, 2026, the International Peoples' Front (IFP), ILPS, All Workers United (AWU) and Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD) organized a program in Bangkok, Thailand on 'Understanding the Imperialist Crisis and Advancing People's Resistance.' The main thrust of the program was on highlighting the geopolitical context of US militarization as well as its neoliberal policies, especially the role of imperialist international financial institutions the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. The opening remarks were given by Joms Salvador, Regional Coordinator, APWLD. She provided a briefing on the upcoming Fall meetings of the IMF and the WB to be held in October, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Azra Talat Sayeed, Secretary General, ILPS provided an overview of the National Security Strategy (NSS) of the US, and its military and economic implications for the Asia Pacific region. She highlighted the context of the competition between the US and China, and its repercussions on the Asia Pacific region.

From IBON International, Rodolfo Lahoy Jr spoke in detail on the IMF and World Bank, and their critical role in furthering US monopoly capitalism. These institutions, through their collaboration with puppets in neo-colonies provide mega-corporations access to critical resources including minerals and markets, amass wealth and allow dominance of finance capital. A critical mechanism for creating a hold on colonies is through debt. Loans provided by them are based on conditionalities which are especially used for accessing cheap raw material and low-cost labor. Stolen wealth is siphoned back to the headquarters of these institutions and corporations. Back to the United States, back to Europe. And the role of our elites, our national economies, is to help the IMF and the World Bank and US imperialism to do precisely that.

Cathy Estavillo, the Secretary-General of the Asian Peasant Coalition, also a woman peasant leader from the Philippines detailed the impact of US imperialist policies on the masses, especially women. The World Bank is promoting market-assisted land reform in the country which has resulted in land concentrated in the hands of the country's elite, to landlords; a program which has further attracted investors in agriculture industry, especially in context to land. Estavillo pointed out that while the country's elite and investors were able to make super profits, 51% of the population still lived below poverty, of which 20.7% were farmers. She emphasized that the answer to continued exploitation was to shut down the IMF & the World Bank. This is only possible through continuous organizing, even to the extent of the highest form of strife, and that is armed strife .

Apple Tanaree, the chairperson of Southern Riders Association, a union of platform workers in Krabi, Thailand spoke on the impacts of informalization of workers, especially gig women workers in the platform industry; she highlighted the rise of an unregulated Platform industry, where workers face immense exploitation; and that women riders were highly vulnerable. They have no insurance in case of accidents, and worst were not even recognized as workers. Her call was that since the IMF and World Bank, the mega-corporations were organized in their exploitation of workers, so must be the workers. Do not stand alone as isolated workers. Join movements, join people's organizations, build unions, build networks, mobilize in your communities, in your workplaces and across borders. That is the future we must build. We must create strong, democratic worker organizations that can negotiate, resist and shape policy. When workers unite across sectors and across nations, we are no longer victims, we become a force. We will organize and mobilize to make our demand to shut down the IMF World Bank a reality. Let us Fight!

## On the "Islamabad Talks" Between the US and Iran, a Pakistani perspective

*By Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek (PKMT)*

After 39 days of US imperialist aggression against Iran, a temporary ceasefire was agreed upon, with both parties coming to Islamabad, Pakistan for negotiating a 10-point agenda agreed by the US, with the government of Pakistan acting as the mediator. The Iranian state, its people, and global society at large were skeptical about the sincerity of the US's intent from the beginning based on the treacherous tactics of the US in the past. The US team, including Witkoff and Kushner, could only be considered a sham, displaying on one hand monopoly capital's interest laced with nepotism, and Zionist interests.

The team brought to the table by Iran was comprised of not only highly qualified statesmen, but also the bloodied belongings of the 168 martyred young girls from Minab, killed in the very first few hours of the Ramadan War. In fact the Iranian delegation named themselves 'Minab-168.' It was a clear demonstration that the statesmen brought with them the grief and tears of thousands of families not only in Iran but from occupied Palestine as well as Lebanon. Coming to the table was more to show the world that, even though their Supreme Leader was martyred, and the country had faced attack after attack, and had lived under sanctions for nearly half a century, they were still willing to try for peace, for their sake as well as the economic crises that is besetting the people of the world, globally.

What transpired at the negotiation table has not been shared entirely, but clearly arrogance and 'demands' with no substance were hallmarks of the US team. The US wanted to ensure that Iran would not be allowed nuclear weapons nor the capacity to develop them, but Iran had already agreed to cut their uranium enrichment levels in 2016; an agreement which the Trump administration had torn up in 2018 and reimposed sanctions. Secondly, the demand for Iran to let go of the Strait of Hormuz has already been widely ridiculed. The Strait was open with no tolls being paid, but it was the current US attacks that led to its closure. Iran was also being asked to step back from their support of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

By no measures had Iran indicated that it would back off from

its principled stand, and would allow itself to be bullied by the US. The talks were nothing but a face-saving for the US, as its barrage of threats against Iran made it the laughing stock of the world. It could be surmised that it deliberately created a break in the hostilities, to regroup and replan, stopping its slide into defeat.

US imperialism's grotesque genocidal face is well exposed. The people globally have created a titanic change in standing up to show the real imperialist intents of the US.

Though Pakistan is being highly praised for its role in holding the Islamabad Talks, one has to examine the deep political and economic mire in which the Pakistani state finds itself. The Pakistan government has the Strategic Mutual Defense Pact with Saudi Arabia, signed September 2025, which means that either of the two countries under attack will be defended by the other. Pakistan also has a huge odious debt, often bailed out by UAE and Saudi Arabia. While UAE, a blatantly pro-Zionist state asked back Pakistan for \$3.5 billion loan, Saudi Arabia and Qatar have provided \$5.0 billion to help out Pakistan in paying UAE's loan. Even as the negotiations were happening, Pakistan under its defense pact with Saudi Arabia, sent a military force to the country consisting of fighter jets to the King Abdulaziz base.

For countries such as Pakistan, who live under the shadow of US hegemony, with their compradors and bureaucrat capitalists playing 'heroes' on one hand, and middle-men on the other, peoples' struggles have to achieve their aspirations of breaking away from the yoke of debt, hunger, and humiliation surging ahead to fight for national liberation.

## ILPS Africa and West Asia Holds Webinar on Venezuela and West Asia

*Review of the recent webinar*

In the wake of the US's kidnapping of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and First Combatant Cilia Flores, on February 11, ILPS Africa and West Asia conducted a webinar to analyze recent US aggression and interventionist moves in Venezuela, the broader Latin America and Caribbean region, and West Asia. The webinar placed these heinous acts in the context of the fascist Trump administration's current escalation within the West-



ern Hemisphere as a part of the 'new' America First imperialist strategy, a desperate attempt of the Trump administration to address the US' strategic decline and the growing inter-imperialist competition in the world.

Gershom of the ILPS Zambia moderated the webinar, which featured two main speakers. First, Venezuelan political activist and educator Jesus Rojas spoke on the reasons why the US attacked Venezuela and kidnapped President Maduro. Comrade Rojas elaborated on the history of Venezuela, which had successive rulers who had been subservient to US interests, until 1999 when Hugo Chavez came to power and pursued a policy of national unity and sovereignty, a key component of which was the nationalization of the oil industry. Since then, the US has not stopped trying to forcibly take Venezuela's oil and install a puppet regime, undertaking several attempts to overthrow President Chavez and his successor President Maduro through coups, the imposition of over 1,000 sanctions, and other destabilization tactics.

The second speaker was Hassan al Jaajaa, with the Arab Group for the Protection of Nature and the ILPS Vice Chair for West Asia and North Africa, who spoke about the situation in Iran and escalating US hostility toward the country. Comrade al Jaajaa spoke of how in early January, the Iranian people were conducting legitimate demand-oriented protests to alleviate inflation and the crushing economic impacts of the US and EU sanctions. These protests were hijacked by the US and Israeli saboteurs, who killed thousands of people and destroyed hospitals, homes, and businesses in an effort to force regime change and undermine the people's resistance, unity, and sovereign claim on their resources.

Three reactors followed comrades Rojas and al Jaajaa. Amin Arar, with the Jordanian Popular Unity Party, expressed condemnation of the kidnapping of legitimately elected president Maduro. Arar pointed out how the US accused Maduro and other leaders of smuggling as an excuse to depose them. He concluded by calling on people to take action, one of which is to boycott companies supporting the Zionist entity.

Aileen Lee Miranda, with Gabriela Middle East, expressed her organization being "first and foremost internationalists, and as such, we fiercely carry the struggle for justice and true sovereignty of the oppressed masses. So, it is through international solidarity and collective action that we will be able to challenge systems and defend the people's rights and fight imperialist forces."

Winnie, with the Revolutionary Women's League in Kenya, condemned this direct attack on Venezuela by US imperialism, calling it a confrontation on the global oppressed people. "From Nairobi to Caracas, Gaza to Darfur, the Sahel, Congo, Ukraine, Iran, and more, the United States' imperialism has continued opening more war fronts, leaving only blood, anger, displacement, and suffering. This is not about democracy or human

rights. The mask has slipped. What remains is coercion, abduction, sanctions, and war as a policy to enforce obedience in a world refusing to kneel."

The webinar ended on a militant note, with Comrade al Jaajaa calling for people to resist and liberate themselves: "Oppressed and sanctioned society can and must bypass imperial choke points.... Communities feeding themselves, remaining rooted into their land, and refusing displacement under the screen of 'reconstruction.' This is how sieges are broken from within. Imagine our collective potential. The task before us is not only to oppose the empire, where it is visible, but to identify the siege where it has been normalized, embedded in supply chains, finance, food systems, and narratives, and to break it. United we stand, resist, fight, and united, we will be victorious."

## **Palestine: The Fight Continues**

*By Arab Group for the Protection of Nature*

*This article is an abridged version of a longer article. You can view it by following this link: <https://internationalsolidarity.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Palestine-The-Fight-Continues.pdf>*

Gaza, and Palestine as a whole, continues to fight asphyxiation under the screen of the Zionist colony and their imperialist counterparts' desperate regional war on life.

Since the so-called ceasefire, at least [671 Palestinians](#) (no doubt a conservative estimate) have been martyred in Gaza alongside the hundreds of thousands over the past two and a half years of genocide, ecocide and forced starvation. [77% of the population are still facing acute food insecurity](#) as a result of the Zionists's ongoing obstruction of food aid to keep the prospect of famine looming over Gaza. Rafah crossing, a key passageway for aid and medical evacuations, [has been closed](#) following US-Zionist strikes on Iran. Gas supplies continue to be blocked, forcing Palestinians to [use the wood of their destroyed homes](#).

The Board of Peace is working to execute Trump's 20 point peace plan with the hope of sealing the fate of Gaza and profiting from the process. [Jared Kushner tells us "there is no plan B"](#), while ethnic cleansing in plan A is made perfectly clear by offering no details as to where Palestinians will go during construction of the Riviera investment hub over the blood and bones of martyrs. On Wikipedia, pages are already being edited to [frame Palestinian villages in Gaza in the past tense](#) to erase memory and project colonization into the future.

Turn now to the West Bank, where the Zionist colony feels confident to abandon all whitewashing of their plans for wholesale annexation and to propel the Greater Israel project to secure itself as the regional hegemon. Settler-IOF militias have [killed 1121 Palestinians since October 2023](#), tormenting villages, torching lands, uprooting trees, demolishing homes, bulldozing, erasing. Nearly 700 Palestinians were displaced in January 2026 alone due to colonial attacks, the ["second highest single-month](#)

[displacement](#)" since October 2023, adding to the roughly [40,000 Palestinians](#) who have now been displaced from Tulkarm, Nur Shams and Jenin for over a year. A series of policies have been implemented in close succession to render annexation irreversible. Most recently, the Zionist cabinet has streamlined the [transfer of Palestinian land to state land in Area C](#) through shifting powers of land registration to the Israeli Ministry of Justice. Essentially, this is to formalize theft of Palestinian land and skip the hurdle of claims to it being cultivated or owned.

Yet, our trees continue to bear fruits. So far, APN has planted 3.1 million fruit-bearing trees across Palestine - the same number of trees uprooted between 2000 and 2012 by one of the most militarily-equipped settler colonies in the world. While they dial up spiritual-psychological torture by [closing the Al-Aqsa mosque to Palestinian Muslims](#) during the holy month of Ramadan, fresh produce from the land continues to be lovingly harvested and prepared for Iftar to break the fast.

To our comrades, we must reflect on and sharpen strategies of resistance to collectively disempower the financial, technological and psychological means of protracting and profiteering from these wars on life; from Palestine to Iran, Lebanon, Venezuela, Cuba, Sudan, and Yemen, among many. Stand with grassroots, Palestinian-led organizations like APN to break the siege from within Gaza, Palestine, by supporting the sovereign restoration of local agricultural capacities as one of the strongest defenses against forced starvation and blockade tactics.

Together, our efforts are working. Export agriculture in the Zionist colony is now said to be facing a ["looming collapse"](#) due to sustained boycott efforts. Spain is the first European nation to join other nations of conscience in [removing their ambassador](#) from the Zionist colony. While the function of the so-called ceasefire was to depress activism for Palestine, streets continue to be filled in solidarity. Images world over from Quds Day marches tell us this much, so too will the upcoming Palestinian Land Day.

United we will fight. United we will prevail.

Support APN's *Revive Gaza's Farmland* project: <https://apnature.org/en/gaza>

Support APN's work across Palestine and the region: <https://www.apnature.org/en/plant-trees>

## Resisting the US "National Security Strategy" and Defending Peoples' Struggle in the Belly of the Beast

By *ILPS United States*

Read the full analysis piece of ILPS-US, "Trump's National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy: "America First Means Putting the Ruling US Elite Above All," and the campaign paper for the Defend Peoples' Struggle campaign at [www.ilps.us](http://www.ilps.us)

The Trump regime released its version of the National Security Strategy (NSS) in November 2025 and subsequently the NDS in January 2026 emphasizing "America First," continuing from his theme of, "Make America Great Again," and plays to his working class middle class base of xenophobic narrow nationalists who feel repressed by big government. However, from his first administration into the second, Trump makes it blatantly clear that the America he speaks of is precisely the ruling elite - the US monopoly capitalists who have aligned with him and are helping eradicate the last semblances of bourgeois democracy to steer the country towards outright fascism.

As the imperialist US state strengthens its capacity for violence, it wields the same technology and tactics to demonize and repress peoples' movements fighting for justice. We have seen it in the many counterrevolutionary wars the US has waged around the world, but also in the repression of US-based movements. The 1033 program provides police departments with surplus military equipment which are even being used in ICE operations on civilians. The Trump's administration's immediate labeling of US citizens, Renee Good and Alex Pretti, who were murdered at the hands of ICE agents, as "domestic terrorists" without providing any evidence continues the regime's glorification of its own terror tactics against civilians as just and patriotic while vilifying any acts of self-defense, dissent or opposition by the people as dangerous and harmful to society.

The vision the National Security Strategy lays out for the people of the world is as bleak as it is delusional. The insatiable desire for "the world's strongest, most dynamic, most innovative, and most advanced economy" is in fact at the root of the intense instability and violence we see in the world today. Nevertheless, the US economy has been built on the gross exploitation of billions of people around the world, and will inherently always breed resistance by the very people it oppresses. From the farmers of the neocolonies who defy land theft by multinational cor-



## Balikatan as War-Preparation for US Imperialism and the Bureaucrat Capitalist State

By *BAYAN Philippines*

The Philippines-US Balikatan 2026 (shoulder-to-shoulder) is a militarist project that consolidates US military dominance in the Philippines and deepens the subordination of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to the US “Pivot to Asia,” which has repositioned US military and economic power projection since the 2010s toward the Asia-Pacific to contain China’s rise. The Pivot marked a deliberate rebalancing of US forces and alliances east of the Pacific, shifting emphasis from the post-9/11 fixation on West Asia (Middle East) while situating the Philippines as a central node in US war preparations. Balikatan, together with Salaknib (Shield), operationalizes this pivot by using the guise of “humanitarian assistance,” “disaster relief,” and “community projects” to normalize long-term US military presence and AFP operations in rural and indigenous areas, masking its underlying war-preparation function and widespread repression of rural communities.

This is only possible due to the US-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT), the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), the Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA), and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) — legal instruments that allowed US troops and de facto bases after the 1991 closure of the US’s Subic Naval Base and Clark Air Base. Together, these agreements turn Philippine territory into the US’s forward platform toward the South China Sea and Taiwan.

In 2023, Balikatan crossed a threshold when it began deploying

porations, to service workers in the US like the Starbucks baristas striking for better pay, the people will not be satisfied until they can control their own fate and build a society that puts people over profit.

The opportunity is ripe to grow the mass movement against US imperialist war and state terror at home. Across different classes, sectors and issues, people can be drawn into the struggle by linking the US’ neglect of people’s basic needs to the prioritization of war.

The ILPS US Country Chapter took up this organizing opportunity when it launched the Defend Peoples’ Struggle (DPS) campaign during the ILPS-US 2022 2nd National Assembly as a campaign against state repression. While this campaign was launched under President Biden’s heightened expansion of US war provocations, under Trump we are facing an era of open fascism in the highest seat of power in the world. Thus, ILPS-US has updated our framework - “Defend Our Communities! Defend Peoples’ Struggle!” Everyday communities are under attack, and we have to defend our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces from fascism. As people organize against these issues and rise up in struggle, we must defend the right to fight back!

We hope the campaign, and the entire ILPS US Country Chapter, will expand greatly with the upcoming 3rd National Assembly and Political Conference that we will hold at the end of May.

We all have a stake in the fight and must work together. By taking joint action around concrete demands to fight back against US militarism, the movement can build its strength and deal even greater blows to US imperialism and fascism!



more than 10,000 troops, including the largest-ever participation of US forces and the first significant involvement of allied militaries. It expanded to all major island groups in the Philippines, signaling its centrality in US forward-deployed operations.

BAYAN has long condemned Balikatan as a war exercise disguised as “humanitarian” and “security cooperation.” The drills function as a direct instrument of US encirclement of China, coordinated with allied states such as Australia, Japan, and France, while simultaneously reinforcing the capacity of the AFP and its US advisors to conduct internal counterinsurgency campaigns. At its core, Balikatan is about solidifying an unequal partnership that serves US imperialist interests, undermining Philippine sovereignty and endangering the security and wellbeing of the Filipino people.

In Balikatan 2025, the war-preparatory character became explicit. The drills simulated large-scale amphibious landings, maritime strikes, and “retake” operations that closely mirror contingency plans for conflict in the South China Sea and Taiwan Strait, transforming the Philippines into a rehearsal space for a potential US-China confrontation.

In Balikatan 2026, this trajectory intensified. The US Marines and other service branches practiced “distributed logistics from the sea,” dispersing forces across EDCA-linked islands and landing sites. The exercise also deepened coordination with Australia and Japan, reinforcing the broader “Quad-plus” and hub-and-spoke logic of US containment.

Balikatan has a direct class impact on the Filipino people, especially peasants and fisherfolk. The live-fire maritime strikes, missile launches, and naval maneuvers generate no-go zones over fishing grounds, forcibly barring coastal communities from their daily livelihoods. Farmers likewise face displacement when “counter-landing” and “retake” drills shut down fields and roads. The noise, pollution, and environmental damage from these exercises degrade coastal ecosystems and soil, while the AFP and US troops move through communities as an occupying force.

Balikatan epitomizes the bureaucrat capitalist state’s collusion with US imperialism. It entrenches unequal treaties, deepens dependence on US hardware and doctrine, and militarizes the countryside and the sea to the benefit of transnational capital and the Philippine political and economic elite. The struggle against Balikatan and the US-Marcos Jr regime is therefore inseparable from the broader fight to end US military presence, abolish the MDT, VFA, and EDCA, and advance a peace built on an independent foreign policy, social justice, genuine national sovereignty, and the sovereignty of the land and sea for the Filipino people — not for US imperialist war-planners and their wars of aggression.

## Emergency Fundraising for Organizations

### *From Prutehi Guahan:*

The Northern Marianas just experienced a devastating typhoon (See article, "Imperialist-Driven Climate Catastrophe in the Northern Marianas")

At this time any support is greatly appreciated. We have provided some links for organizations responding on the ground right now, including a form we created with our friends from Our Common Wealth 670 in Saipan for our community members to add their links for direct support. You can go to our directory and give to impacted families right now. These kinds of responses are even more critical and these periods after disasters are easily militarized and federalized to reinforce colonial control.

Use the directory to support families directly: <https://tinyurl.com/give4sinlaku>

### *From ILPS Kenya:*

The International League of Peoples’ Struggle - Kenya Country Chapter has launched a fund drive to support political prisoners in Kenya, with particular focus on Booker Omole, General Secretary of the Communist Party Marxist Kenya (See article, "Justice for Booker Omole! Stop the Repression of Activists in Kenya!")

Repression will not break us. It will only strengthen our resolve.

Support the struggle. Stand with political prisoners.

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