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LEONARD IS GUILTY OF NOTHING BUT STRUGGLING FOR HIS PEOPLE.

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The following message was sent out by the Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee on Sept. 6, 2024. For more information go to freeleonardpeltiernow.org.

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Leonard will not beg for forgiveness for a crime he did not commit. That is why he is still imprisoned — he will not leave on a lie.

Please spread the word. We do not know where this came from, but it must stop. □



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EDITORIAL

Execution of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi exposes U.S. hypocrisy, again

Workers World condemns the Israeli murder of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, a 26-year-old Turkish-American activist, who was executed by an Israeli sniper on Sept. 6, during a weekly protest against a Zionist settlement expansion in the town of Beita near Nablus on the West Bank. She had recently graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle where she was a respected organizer with the student encampment struggle against the Israeli genocide in Gaza.

Eygi was a member of the International Solidarity Movement, the same organization that 23-year-old Rachel Corrie belonged to when she was fatally crushed by an Israeli soldier driving an armored military bulldozer in 2003, as she attempted to stop the destruction of a Palestinian family's home in Gaza.

The response to this latest execution from the White House, besides calling it a "tragic loss," was to rely on the Israelis to "investigate" the shooting. That's like asking the fox to guard the chicken coop. The Eygi family, not trusting the Israelis, is asking that the U.S. government conduct an independent investigation, although the U.S. has never been impartial when it comes to their client state.

Some Palestinian resistance factions, characterizing Eygi as a martyr for their liberation struggle, are asking the United Nations to conduct its own investigation into the shooting as a war crime. They made a similar request to the U.N. to investigate the murder — also by an Israeli sniper — of the well-known Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in May 2022.

Compare the Joe Biden administration's response to the Eygi killing to that of the recent deaths of six Israeli hostages, including Israeli American Hersh Goldberg-Polin, announced on Sept. 1. Biden stated that he was "devastated and outraged." Then Biden went on to say, "Make no mistake, Hamas leaders will pay

for these crimes." U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said that the killing of the Israeli hostages was an act of "terrorism." (Washington Post, Sept. 3)



Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi

No U.S. officials expressed similar sentiments to describe the killing of Eygi or Corrie, both U.S. citizens.

The U.S. response to Eygi's assassination is like night and day compared to the death of the Israeli hostage. The reason is very simple: Eygi was a pro-Palestine activist and Goldberg-Polin was not. Goldberg-Polin's parents were allowed to speak before the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August while not one Palestinian speaker was invited to take the floor.

Israel's biggest ally is U.S. imperialism, which has armed the apartheid state with tens of thousands of tons of bombs and every type of sophisticated weaponry imaginable. These weapons have been used to massacre and wound tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians, mainly children and women, in almost a year of ethnic cleansing. Defending his position to defend Israel, Biden has stated that he is a Zionist.

The sniping murder of Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, like that of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, is not isolated or accidental incident. These killings are strategic acts by fascist occupiers in an attempt to terrorize anybody who dares to side with the oppressed Palestinian people, who are determined to liberate their homeland from the scourge of white settler colonialism.

But these murders continue to have the opposite effect of building and spreading more resistance and fightback in all forms, advancing the struggle to both free Palestine and to build anti-imperialist solidarity.

Dedicated activists like Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi will continue to inspire the resistance movement on a global scale to fight on. □



Seattle protest honors Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, Sept. 7, 2024.

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West Bank resistance confronts fascist Israeli occupation

The following statement was published on Resistance News Network on Sept. 1, 2024, by Saraya Al-Quds — West Bank Military Media. According to reports, Israel's occupation forces withdrew from Jenin on Sept. 7.

After several days of fierce combat and intense battles with the occupation forces, in a brutal aggression initiated by the enemy on several cities in the West Bank, during a new round of fighting we have named "The Horror of the Camps" as part of the Al-Aqsa Flood battle that our people are waging against the occupier, we inform our people of the most recent developments in the battle:

1. Tubas Brigade: Our fighters in the Brigade succeeded in carrying out five explosive device operations targeting enemy soldiers and their vehicles.

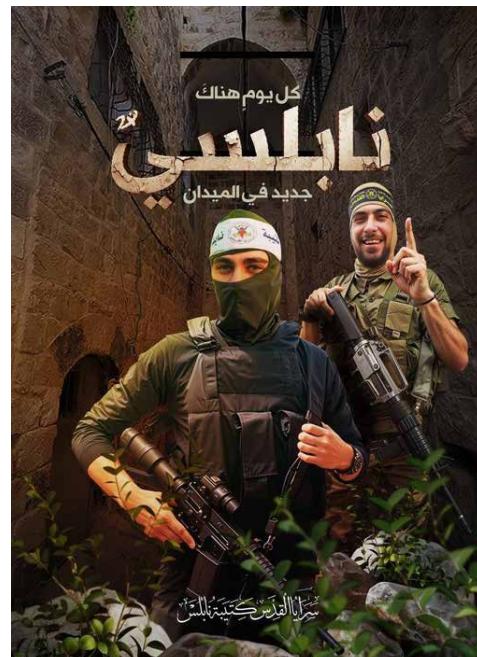
2. Tulkarem Brigade: Our fighters in the Brigade succeeded in carrying out six explosive device operations, resulting in severe casualties among the enemy soldiers and their vehicles, including [the] dead and wounded. Additionally, they trapped a group of enemy forces in an ambush, and our fighters took down a Zionist soldier in a sniper operation during the clashes.

3. Jenin Brigade: Our fighters in the Brigade succeeded in carrying out more than 15 explosive device operations, causing severe casualties among the enemy's vehicles and soldiers, of dead and wounded. Our fighters also trapped enemy soldiers in three well-prepared ambushes, one of which was complex and previously prepared to counter enemy incursions.

4. We bring good news to our Palestinian people that Saraya Al-Quds in the West Bank has entered a new phase of manufacturing and producing explosive devices, the impact of which the enemy will see on the battlefield.

5. One of the main factors for resilience during the Horror of the Camps battle, after faith in Allah, is that our people there have become highly aware of the importance of having weapons and military formations — and their role in defending the land and holy sites, without which this tyrannical enemy would have violated our land and honor.

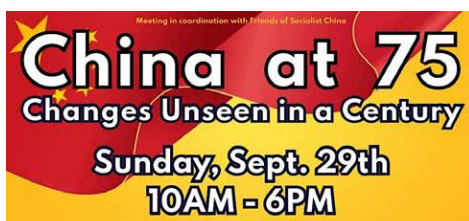
6. During this honorable battle so far, a number of heroes from Saraya Al-Quds and the Palestinian Resistance factions have been martyred, led by the martyr commander Mohammed Jaber Abu Shujaa. Saraya Al-Quds affirms that it is fighting this



Two fighters with the Saraya Al-Quds — Nablus Brigade.

battle alongside the heroes of the Palestinian Resistance factions, united and steadfast until the clear victory. Indeed, it is a jihad of victory or martyrdom: Battle of Al-Aqsa Flood.

This statement was lightly edited.



Don't miss 'China at 75'

the world, providing hope for other developing countries fighting for sovereignty against the forces of imperialism.

U.S. threats, military encirclement and hostile propaganda are escalating daily. In this consequential moment, it is paramount that socialist, anti-imperialist and progressive forces join together to explain and defend the role of China today.

The New York City event is jointly organized by Friends of Socialist China and Workers World Party in coordination with Black Agenda Report, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Qiao Collective and the International Manifesto Group. Many other organizations and individuals known for their political contributions in analyzing the Chinese Revolution will participate.

The New York City Assembly is on Sunday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. [Eastern Time], at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, at 165th Street and Broadway in Harlem, New York.

China at 75 – Changes Unseen in a Century is an event you do not want to miss!

Taking place in-person in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 29, this event is also being live streamed.

International Assemblies for Peace and Solidarity with China at 75, initiated by Friends of Socialist China, are also planned for London on Sept. 28 and Dublin on Oct. 4.

Oct. 1 will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, when Mao Zedong declared that "the Chinese people have stood up."

These unified events are monumental because of the enormous role China plays in the world today. The People's Republic of China, over the last 75 years, went from being a colonial holding looted by the world powers to now becoming the economic powerhouse of

The New York City program will include five panels in a Mass Assembly for Peace and Solidarity.

Eventbrite registration required for in-person participation: tinyurl.com/china75nyc. Please make donations at this same link.

Or watch online for free by pre-registering at the Zoom link: tinyurl.com/china75zoom.

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Is it a crime to tell the truth?

The trial of the Uhuru 3

By Dianne Mathiowetz
Sept. 9, 2024

The trial of the Uhuru 3 — Omali Yeshitela, Chairman of the African People's Socialist Party; Penny Hess, chair of the African People's Solidarity Committee; and Jesse Nevel, Uhuru Movement member — began on Sept. 3 in a Tampa, Florida, federal courtroom. The three are being charged with failing to register as Russian agents! They face prison sentences of 10-15 years if found guilty.

The following are the “overt acts” listed in the indictment:

- In 2015, Chairman Yeshitela attended a conference hosted by a nongovernmental organization, the Anti-Globalization Movement of Russia, entitled “The Dialogue of Nations.” Hundreds of delegates from around the world, including members of other U.S. anti-war organizations attended this conference, held in Moscow.
- Publishing a petition charging the U.S. with genocide.
- Speaking and organizing at United Nations hearings for reparations to African people in the U.S.
- Publishing an article opposing a ban on Russian athletes in the Olympics.
- Running for public office on a reparations platform.
- Speaking out against the U.S./NATO proxy war on Russia. (Burning Spear, Sept. 3)

The U.S. government's “proof” includes images of public events, such as marches and protest rallies for reparations and against police violence, educational webinars and other community activities.

Some 30 federal agents have had over two years to build their case since the July 23, 2022, early morning raid on the Uhuru House in St. Petersburg, Florida, the home of Chairman Yeshitela and the office of the Solidarity Committee in St. Louis. During the raid, agents seized computers, electronics, boxes of documents,



The Uhuru 3 with their comrades and supporters on the steps of the federal courthouse in Tampa, Florida, where their trial is being held.

PHOTO: BURNING SPEAR

photos, books and papers, while damaging doors, walls and furniture.

And what have they found? A history of more than 50 years of defending Black people against police murder and harassment, consistent organizing for poor people's needs for housing, healthcare and education; solidarity with oppressed peoples everywhere and opposition to imperialist war.

That history is what has brought scores of progressive and revolutionary organizations to attend the trial and offer their solidarity through written messages.

Among the many people traveling to Tampa-St. Petersburg to attend the trial are well-known activists, including Pam Africa of the MOVE Family and with International Concerned Friends and Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal; esteemed Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) veteran Efia Nwangaza; Jihad Abdulmumit, National Jericho Movement; Jill Stein, Green Party presidential candidate; Benjamin Prado of Union del Barrio and Cheryl LaBash, Co-Chair of the National Network on Cuba.

The courtroom has been packed with up to 100 supporters, plus others in an overflow room.

The government is expected to conclude its case today, and the lawyers for

Chairman Yeshitela, Hess and Nevel are prepared to deliver a vigorous and compelling defense of their clients' rights to freedom of thought and speech in the following days.

Justice and freedom for the Uhuru 3!

The Burning Spear website (theburningspear.com) includes versions in English, French and Spanish of testimony and solidarity messages. Supporters are encouraged to attend the trial and continue to send messages of solidarity.

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Joe el genocida, ahora Kamala la asesina

M.O. EDITORIAL

¿Cuántas muertes de palestinos son aceptables para la candidatura del Partido Demócrata de la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris y el gobernador de Minnesota Tim Walz? Del discurso de Harris en la Convención Nacional Demócrata el 23 de agosto y de su entrevista con CNN el 29 de agosto, parece que no hay límite.

Aunque Harris ha sustituido al presidente Joe Biden como candidata presidencial del Partido Demócrata, está muy claro que no ha cambiado ni un ápice de su política exterior, especialmente en lo que se refiere al apoyo y la financiación estadounidenses de la guerra genocida de Israel en Gaza. «Joe el genocida» simplemente ha sido sustituido por «Kamala la asesina».

El Partido Demócrata y Harris están atrapados en una contradicción que son incapaces de resolver. No pueden al mismo tiempo defender

al imperialismo estadounidense y a Israel y posicionarse contra la ocupación israelí de Palestina. Cuando afirma estar preocupada por la pérdida de vidas en Gaza, Harris habla por los dos lados de la boca.

En su discurso en la convención, Harris dijo: “Y que quede claro. Siempre defenderé el derecho de Israel a defenderse, y siempre me aseguraré de que Israel tenga la capacidad de defenderse”.

Dejando claro que apoya el “derecho a existir” de Israel, pasó a condenar a la resistencia palestina, especialmente a Hamás. En esencia, se comprometió a seguir armando a Israel hasta los dientes, permitiéndole llevar a cabo un genocidio.

Sin embargo, como vicepresidenta de Estados Unidos, Harris debería saber que las disposiciones de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas otorgan a los palestinos el derecho a defenderse de la ocupación israelí de sus tierras en Gaza y Cisjordania. La existencia misma de Israel

y sus acciones en la expansión de asentamientos ilegales viola varias disposiciones históricas del derecho internacional, así como las recientes sentencias de la Corte Internacional de Justicia de las Naciones Unidas.

El 19 de julio, la CIJ declaró que Israel debe poner fin a las actividades de asentamiento en Cisjordania y Jerusalén Oriental ocupadas y poner fin cuanto

grave de los derechos humanos.”

Si el genocidio intencionado contra 2,3 millones de personas en Gaza no es una “violación grave”, ¿entonces qué lo es?

El medio de noticias Mondoweiss escribió el 31 de agosto: “Según un reciente informe del Ministerio de Defensa israelí, Estados Unidos ha enviado más de 50.000 toneladas de armas y equipo militar a Israel desde el 7 de octubre, una media de dos envíos de armas al día”.

Harris y la dirección del Partido Demócrata también siguen ignorando los sondeos de opinión pública, incluidas las frecuentes encuestas de CBS News según las cuales el 60% de la población estadounidense y el 77% de los votantes demócratas exigen que Estados Unidos imponga un embargo de armas a Israel. (tinyurl.com/yc34t3wt)

Pero ni Harris ni su oponente republicano, el ex presidente Donald Trump, alterarán la estrecha relación del imperialismo estadounidense con el Estado israelí sólo porque el público se oponga. Tampoco les importa un ápice salvar vidas en Gaza. ¡No a Trump! ¡No a Harris! ¡No al voto por el genocidio! □



‘Kamala está en favor del genocidio.’ Manifestación en Union Square, Nueva York, 2 de septiembre de 2024.

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antes a su ocupación “ilegal” de esas zonas y de la Franja de Gaza. En un dictamen histórico, el máximo tribunal de la ONU ha declarado que la ocupación israelí de los territorios palestinos viola el derecho internacional.

Si Harris opta por ignorar a los tribunales internacionales, como vicepresidenta está obligada a defender la ley federal estadounidense que establece claramente que los países que reciben ayuda militar de Estados Unidos deben cumplir las normas de derechos humanos o corren el riesgo de perder su financiación.

La Ley de Ayuda Exterior establece que no se puede proporcionar ayuda a ningún país “que incurra en un patrón consistente de violaciones graves de los derechos humanos internacionalmente reconocidos.” La Ley Leahy prohíbe suministrar armas a “un país extranjero si el secretario de Estado tiene información creíble de que esa unidad ha cometido una violación

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