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Hezbollah condemns Israel's cyberattack in Lebanon

The following statement was issued by Hezbollah on Sept. 17, 2024, by @SuppressedNews on X. The first confirmed death was a 10-year-old girl named Fatima Abdullah from Beirut, Lebanon, due to a Pager device exploding after a cyberattack by Israel.

After thoroughly reviewing all the current facts, circumstances, and available information regarding the heinous attack that took place this afternoon, we hold the Israeli enemy fully responsible for this criminal aggression, which also targeted civilians and resulted in the martyrdom of several individuals and the injury of many others with various

degrees of wounds.

Our martyrs and wounded are the embodiment of our jihad and sacrifices on the path to Jerusalem, in support of our honorable people in Gaza and the West Bank, and as ongoing field assistance. Our steadfast stance of support, aid, and solidarity with the valiant Palestinian resistance will remain a source of pride and honor for us in this life and the hereafter. This treacherous and criminal enemy will undoubtedly face its just retribution for this vile aggression, in ways it expects and in ways it does not.

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Sit-in participants refuse to leave Harris/Walz presidential campaign office, demand moratorium on deportations. Philadelphia, Sept. 9, 2024.

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and Indigenous youth and trans people
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The ruthless ruling class today seeks
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Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

Harris and Trump both support Zionist genocide

This statement from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Central Media Office was posted on Resistance News Network on Sept. 11, 2024.

The Harris-Trump debate is a race to support the Zionist genocide, and both parties are panting over which of them is more loyal to the Zionist entity.

The last debate between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump comes to confirm once again that there is no difference between the Republican and Democratic parties regarding the Arab-Zionist conflict and supporting the occupation and the genocide war against our Palestinian people. The two parties rushed to defend the “right of the Zionist entity to defend itself” and competed to show which of them is more loyal to this entity.

While Harris, the Democratic Party can-

didate, outlined her vision of the conflict by adopting the misleading Zionist narrative about the events of October 7, she continued to talk about her party leading the war on Gaza directly and establishing a bridge to transfer weapons that contribute to the extermination of our people and the destruction of the Strip, and she also gave a blank check to continue supporting the occupation without conditions.

In contrast, the Republican Party candidate Trump expressed himself as the “permanent protector and savior” or “the awaited Messiah” of the Zionist entity, stressing his readiness to provide all possible support.

These expected positions expressed by the two candidates in their full support for the Zionist entity require the free voices inside the U.S. that support the cause of our people or reject the influence of the

Zionist lobby to use the ballot box as a means of pressuring the two parties to stop U.S. sponsorship of the ongoing war of extermination in Gaza and to struggle to bring about a radical change in U.S. policy towards the Zionist entity, despite the difficulty of that, at least in the near future.

What occurred in the debate between the candidates of the two U.S. parties confirms that the U.S. remains the U.S. — the head of evil in the world and the sponsor of Zionist terrorism — and there will be no change in the positions of the two parties unless the U.S. public realizes that it is paying the price for the two parties’ gambling with their future and privileges and their squandering of tax money in favor of the Zionist entity and their surrender to the will of the Zionist lobby.

The statement was lightly edited.

Assembly Sept. 29 in NYC to celebrate China at 75

Political movements, parties and organizations of the working class have called for a day-long assembly on Sunday, Sept. 29: China at 75. The assembly will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, when on Oct. 1, 1949, Mao Zedong declared that “the Chinese people have stood up.”

The event will confront the imperialist assault on China and defend the continued working-class character of the Chinese state and nation against the imperialist offensive. To sign in, click on bit.ly/PRC75.

There will be a discussion in person at the famous Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center in Harlem, New York, and online among

Marxists and anti-imperialist activists.

The New York City event is being 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 are participating.

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.

The New York City meeting is an effort to gather a group of working-class organizations, activists and writers in the U.S. who come from different political currents. Most of the speakers have decades of militant, anti-racist, working-class activism and use the scientific approach of Marxism to understand and chart a way toward understanding a rapidly changing world.

The title for the day’s event is: “**Changes Unseen in a Century.**” As Marxists from different political currents, these participants share a common understanding of what

monopoly capitalism/ imperialism is and what collective ownership in socialism is, at root.

Pre-registration is required for in-person participation and for online viewing through Zoom (tinyurl.com/china75zoom). The organizers are planning to re-stream the event to several other social media platforms and to post a video of the speakers by the time of the Oct. 1 celebration of the revolution in the People’s Republic of China.

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Harris auditions for top warmaker

EDITORIAL

Vice President Kamala Harris's performance Sept. 10, in what may be her only presidential debate this election, showed the ruling class that she has adopted U.S. imperialism's foreign policy, hook, line and sinker regarding Russia, Ukraine, China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, not to mention Israel where she and Donald Trump appear to share common views.

Even though Harris has held progressive views in the past on issues like prison justice and fracking and still campaigns for reproductive rights, she clearly demonstrated that she has fully embraced the ruling class's program and is a reliable spokesperson for U.S. imperialism.

As vice president under Joe Biden for three-and-a-half years, Harris regularly attended meetings in the situation room, where foreign policy is discussed and decided. That Harris embraces Biden's program should be no surprise, and she made every effort during the debate to make this clear.

Even when Joe Biden was still the Democratic Party front-runner, media spokespeople were questioning a second presidency for Trump, mainly calling him too weak when it came to foreign policy,

especially regarding Russia and Ukraine. In March, after Trump became the confirmed GOP candidate, Philadelphia Inquirer columnist Trudy Rubin blasted him for not defending the imperialists' war against Russia.

As part of the Biden administration, Harris carries the weight for the U.S. support for the expansion of NATO in Europe and beyond, including the military threat provoking Russia that led to providing the path to the war in Ukraine. She is second in command in an administration that is escalating the danger of a new nuclear war, and she has repeatedly called for a hard anti-Russia position.

Harris has said nothing to oppose growing economic and military threats against China and the DPRK, as well as the threat of a widening regional war in West Asia around Israel's genocidal war in Gaza, which she openly endorses.

Criticism of Trump by pro-war pundits, however, stops short of blasting his misogyny, racism, homophobia and dangerous xenophobia that is threatening immigrant/migrant communities in the U.S. even before votes are cast in November.

It comes as no surprise that Trump's agenda, despite his denials, clearly aligns

with the programmatic goals of Project 2025, a far-right document drafted by a task force of the Heritage Foundation. The document's call for mass deportation of immigrants could have been written by Donald Trump.

Yet an op-ed column by Heritage Foundation trustee Mickey Edwards, written Sept. 10 after the debate, places less consideration on the candidates' stance on immigration and more on which candidate best upholds U.S. foreign policy ahead of all else. Edwards writes: "Domestic policy matters, though its effects are often short term. ... But in the realm of foreign policy, and defense policy, which is derived from it, the stakes are greater, because wrong steps can be disastrous and irreversible."

Edwards, a former GOP House member, rejects Trump while supporting Harris. In the opinion of this bourgeois apologist: "Understanding the challenges of foreign policy is the single most important responsibility of a president of the United States."

Workers and oppressed people in the U.S. have plenty of reasons for rejecting Donald Trump. When it comes to Harris, her strong allegiance to imperialism's global policies, in particular her defense of Israel, are likewise uncontroversial reasons for refusing to support her. □



Anti-NATO protest, July 7, 2024, Washington, DC.

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Racist xenophobe Trump seeks second term

EDITORIAL

Even as the vice president emphasized her warmaking potential at the Sept. 10 debate (see other editorial this issue), #45 reminded everyone that he built his political career by propagating racist lies and that his most persistent political talking point is to underline his racism and xenophobia by scapegoating migrants.

Trump began his political career by attacking the Central Park 5, charging them with murder in advertisements and calling for their executions. The five Black youths were convicted of a 1989 brutal crime and served 5-13 years in prison before being exonerated in 2002 by DNA evidence. Trump's lies have been consistent.

As he did at his debate with President Joe Biden in June, the former president responded to virtually every question Sept. 10 with an attack on migrants. He had also opened his 2016 campaign with vicious attacks on people of Mexican origin. None of his slanders then or now were even partly true.

On this debate night, however, #45 had a special target: the Haitian immigrant community in Springfield, Ohio. Haitian migrants are in Springfield legally, as they have a temporary protected status, which

gives them a legal right to live and work in the U.S. In addition, local government and employers encouraged Haitians to arrive and supply a workforce necessary to economic growth in Springfield over the past few years.

The need to spread a Big Lie and ignore facts never stopped Trump and didn't on Sept. 10. He simply took a false story some Nazis allegedly posted on social media and ran with it. The lie that the migrants stole and ate people's feline and canine pets was aimed to sow hatred against the Haitian community.

Even after some media challenged the lie and the Trump/Vance conspirators had no evidence beyond a Nazi social media post, they kept repeating the Big Lie about cats and dogs and defending their repetitions. It's apparent the Republican electoral strategy is to campaign against the Democrats by turning migrants into scapegoats, blaming them for whatever is wrong in the capitalist U.S. society. In Europe this strategy has worked for rightist parties in some countries.

In an interview on CNN on Sept. 15, JD Vance went so far as to claim that even without evidence it was fine to repeat the Big Lie.

Why? Because it focused attention on the immigration issue.

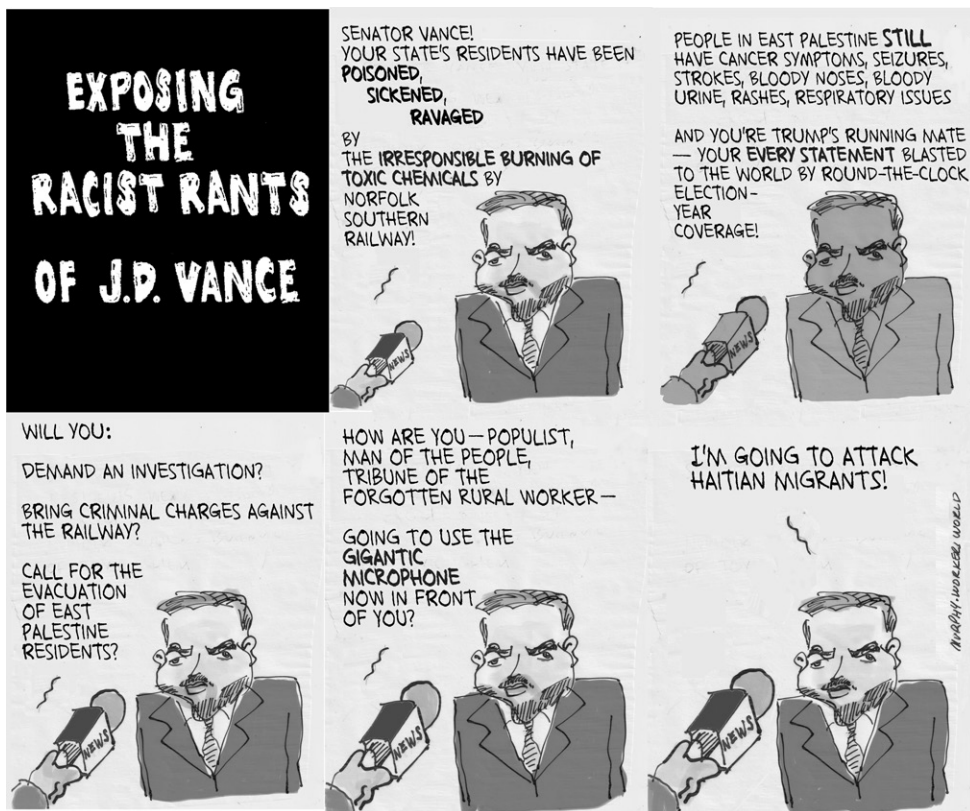
Perhaps Vance's ability to dredge arguments like this one out of the MAGA cesspool is why Trump chose him to run for vice president. Vance also has turned an accidental traffic death in the Springfield region into another attack on the Haitian community. Vance is showing that when Trump goes low, he'll go even lower and do it with a straight face.

Bomb threats closed Springfield schools and colleges, forcing evacuations and locking down hospitals. Some in the Haitian community said they were shaken by the threats for the first time since arriving in the United States. Trump and Vance just doubled down, increasing the reactionary repercussions of their lies.

Reports verify that Springfield residents are patronizing Haitian restaurants to counter this poisonous, racist, divisive rhetoric. And the father of the victim of the vehicular accident demanded publicly that the MAGA people stop using his son's tragedy to mobilize hatred.

Racist and fascist organizations will attempt to use Trump/Vance Big Lies to mobilize against immigrants. It would be foolish to look to the Democrats to counter this racist assault — they barely countered Trump's debate comments. Under the Biden administration, over one million undocumented migrants have been deported.

Those who are willing to show their solidarity with the Haitian community and fight against the racist offensive will have to mobilize against it even as they stay independent of the two big capitalist parties. □



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La ejecución de Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi

M.O. EDITORIAL

Mundo Obrero condena el asesinato israelí de Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, activista turco-estadounidense de 26 años, que fue ejecutada por un francotirador israelí el 6 de septiembre durante una protesta semanal contra la expansión de un asentamiento sionista en la localidad de Beita, cerca de Nablús, en Cisjordania. Se acababa de graduar en la Universidad de Washington, en Seattle, donde era una respetada organizadora del campamento estudiantil de lucha contra el genocidio israelí en Gaza.

Eygi era miembro del Movimiento de Solidaridad Internacional, la misma organización a la que pertenecía Rachel Corrie, de 23 años, cuando fue aplastada mortalmente por un soldado israelí que conducía una excavadora militar blindada en 2003, mientras intentaba impedir la destrucción de la casa de una familia palestina en Gaza.

La respuesta de la Casa Blanca a esta última ejecución, además de calificarla de «trágica pérdida», fue confiar en que los israelíes «investigaran» el tiroteo. Eso es como pedirle al zorro que vigile el gallinero. La familia Eygi, que no confía en los israelíes, pide que el gobierno estadounidense lleve a cabo una investigación independiente, aunque Estados Unidos nunca ha sido imparcial cuando se trata de su estado cliente.

Algunas facciones de la resistencia palestina, que califican a Eygi como mártir de su lucha de liberación, piden a las Naciones Unidas que lleven a cabo su propia investigación sobre el tiroteo como crimen de guerra. Hicieron una petición similar a la ONU para que investigara el asesinato –también a manos de un francotirador israelí– de la conocida periodista palestina Shireen Abu Akleh en mayo de 2022.

Compárese la respuesta del gobierno de Joe Biden al asesinato de Eygi con la de la reciente muerte de seis rehenes israelíes, entre ellos el estadounidense de origen israelí Hersh Goldberg-Polin, anunciada el 1 de septiembre. Biden declaró que estaba «devastado e indignado». Luego Biden continuó diciendo: «No se equivoquen, los líderes de Hamás pagarán por estos crímenes». El fiscal general de Estados Unidos, Merrick Garland, dijo que el asesinato de los rehenes israelíes fue un acto de «terrorismo». (Washington Post, 3 de septiembre)



Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi

Ningún funcionario estadounidense expresó sentimientos similares para describir el asesinato de Eygi o Corrie, ambos ciudadanos estadounidenses.

La respuesta de Estados Unidos al asesinato de Eygi es como entre el día y la noche en comparación con la muerte del rehén israelí. La razón es muy sencilla: Eygi era un activista pro Palestina

y Goldberg-Polin no. A los padres de Goldberg-Polin se les permitió hablar ante la Convención Nacional Demócrata de Chicago mientras que no se invitó a tomar la palabra a ningún orador palestino.

El mayor aliado de Israel es el imperialismo estadounidense, que ha armado al Estado del apartheid con decenas de miles de toneladas de bombas y todo tipo de armamento sofisticado imaginable. Estas armas se han utilizado para masacrar y herir a decenas de miles de civiles palestinos, principalmente niños y mujeres, en casi un año de limpieza étnica. Defendiendo su postura de defender a Israel, Biden ha declarado que es sionista.

El asesinato a tiros de Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, como el de la periodista palestino-estadounidense Shireen Abu Akleh, no es un incidente aislado o accidental. Estos asesinatos son actos estratégicos de los ocupantes fascistas en un intento de aterrorizar a cualquiera que se atreva a ponerse del lado del oprimido pueblo palestino, decidido a liberar su patria del azote del colonialismo de los colonos blancos.

Pero estos asesinatos siguen teniendo el efecto contrario de construir y extender más resistencia y lucha en todas sus formas, haciendo avanzar la lucha tanto para liberar Palestina como para construir la solidaridad antiimperialista.

Activistas dedicados como Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi seguirán inspirando al movimiento de resistencia a escala mundial para seguir luchando. □



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Protesta en Seattle en homenaje a Ayşenur Ezgi Eygi, 7 de septiembre de 2024.

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