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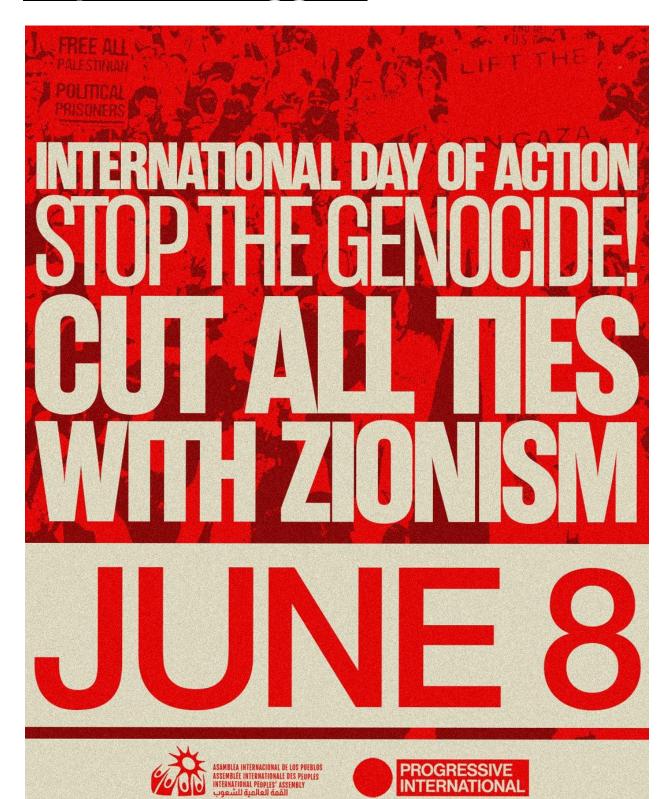
#### 31 May 2024

#### **Greetings Comrades and Friends,**

As South Africa wraps up elections, Zambia's Socialist Party popular health clinic puts people first and we reflect on 25 May Africa Liberation Day commemorations across the continent.

This week, we call you and your organisation to join the **8 June International Day of Action** to stop the genocide in Palestine and cut all ties with Zionism.

### Popular Struggles



### [JOIN] International Day of Action: Stop the genocide! Cut all ties with Zionism!

This week marks 8 months of US-Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people and another bloody massacre against the Palestinian refugees in Rafah by Israel. The people of the world must hold their governments accountable and demand that they must cut political, diplomatic, economic and cultural ties with Zionism. Join the international day of action on 8 June.

Read more *here*.

#### **Ghana: Africa Liberation day**

Socialist Movement of Ghana General Secretary Kwesi Pratt Jnr speaks about the historical origins of this day, its continued significance in the current moment and the diluting of meaning of this day by various institutions such as the African Union.

Pan African Television

# Memorandum of demands to SA Steel Mills management for its relentless attack on worker's rights

With a strike having completely shut down production since 22 May, the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa Sedibeng region this week gathered near the offices of SA Steel Mills to register their anger towards the company.

<u>NUMSA</u>

# West Africa: Message to the people on Africa Liberation Day

The West African Peoples' Organisation President Phillipe Noudjenoume delivers a message on the occasion of Africa Liberation Day referring to how the people of Africa, particularly the youth are waking up.

**WAPO** 

# Zambia: Socialist Party popular health clinic puts people first

The Socialist Party health team together with the Samora Machel Brigade from Brazil's Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST) facilitated oral care under the Children's Clinic, while at the Adult's Clinic health education centred on diabetes, hypertension, cervical cancer and waste management.

Socialist Party

### Western Sahara: Annual report denounces high human casualties caused by Moroccan use of drones against civilians

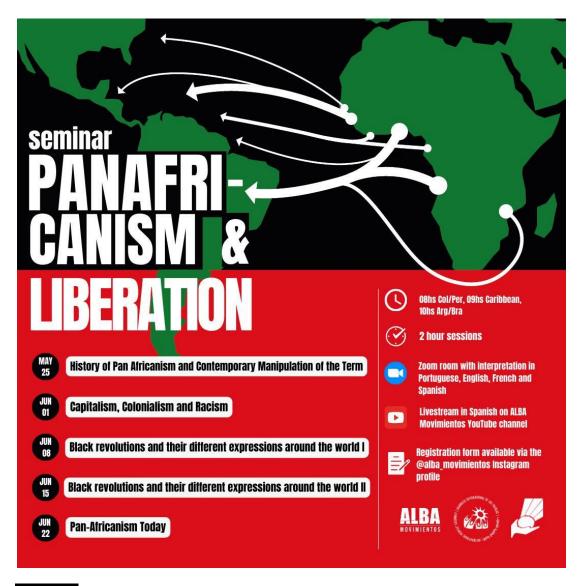
The Sahrawi Mine Action Coordination Office released its annual report for 2024, shedding light on the dire circumstances surrounding Moroccan use of drones to assassinate civilians in Western Sahara amidst escalating conflict between Moroccan forces of occupation and the Sahrawi liberation army.

Sahara Press Service



Zambia's Socialist Party health team together with the Samora Machel Brigade from Brazil's Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST) leads a popular health clinic, Mandevu Constituency, 24 May. Image: Socialist Party

### **Culture and Education**



### Join

### Pan Africanism and liberation seminar: Capitalism, colonialism and racism

This week's seminar explores the theme of capitalism, colonialism and racism. We encourage you to register and

join this week's seminar which will be held on Zoom in English, Portuguese, Spanish and French.

Topic: Capitalism, Colonialism and Racism

Date: 1 June

Time: 1pm Accra | 3pm Jhb | 4pm Dar Es Salaam

Register here.

### Watch

### Kenya: Progressive organisations commemorate Africa Liberation Day

Socialist movements in Kenya including social justice movements, the Communist Party of Kenya among other leftists movements converged to celebrate the day of resistance against imperialism and its allies.

Communist Party of Kenya

### Nancy Morejón: Cuban poet on the role of the revolution and the artist

Morejón discusses the triumph of the revolution, the US blockade against Cuba, the genocide in Gaza, and shares some of her revolutionary poetry, translated into English. *Peoples Dispatch* 

### Biden's 'Red Line' was a lie: US sponsored massacre in Rafah

All eyes are on Rafah as Israeli forces murder
Palestinians, even children in refugee camps designated
as 'safe zones.' Yet Biden continues his support, providing
the US bombs that rain down on Rafah. On this week's
Socialist Program, Layan Sima Fuleihan, from the Shut It
Down for Palestine coalition discusses.

**Breakthrough News** 

#### **Peoples Conference for Palestine**

From 24-26 May, the Palestinian Youth Movement along with other Palestinian and anti-imperialist organisations

hosted the People's Conference for Palestine. Below are some of the conference highlights. We encourage you to learn by watching.

The war on Palestine: This discussion reflects on the lead-up to and contemporary impact of the war on Palestine, highlighting conditions on the ground, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip, and offers insights on the stakes of the current moment for the future of Palestine and the Palestinians. Watch here.

#### **Palestinian resistance and the path to liberation:**

Within the context of a rich history of struggle since the 20th century, this discussion explores advancements made by the Palestinian resistance over the last decade, demonstrating the role of the popular cradle in sustaining the Palestinian struggle. *Watch here*.

**Every time the media lies:** This session investigates mainstream media's role in manufacturing consent for the

genocide in Gaza. Panellists address the disinformation and myth-making campaigns waged to undermine the shift in popular support for the Palestinian struggle. <u>Watch</u> <u>here.</u>

Zionism and US imperialism: Since inception, Zionism has enjoyed significant support from imperial powers. In exchange for acting as a proxy power for advancing US interests in the region, the Zionist project receives unconditional political and military aid. This session will deepen our analysis of the so-called "special friendship" between the U.S. and Israeli State as one rooted in racist state violence domestically and global domination abroad. Watch here.

Falestine and internationalism: Palestine is at the forefront of the struggle against imperialism and colonialism. This panel examines the revival of an anti-imperialist internationalist ethos that drives worldwide solidarity with Palestine today. How do various

internationalist movements understand Palestine in their own struggles? *Watch here*.

#### Read

### #TriconArt | Regarding the pain of others as our own

The latest #TriconArt Bulletin reflects on Japanese artist couple Iri and Toshi Muruki's impactful Hiroshima panels, urging remembrance and action. The power of images to compel us to feel is a poignant point amid pro-Palestine campus protests, highlighting art's role in fostering internationalism.

Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research

### Listen

Pan African Playlist | South Africa elections,
Palestine solidarity & Abu Abu Sadiq Naanigo

From music celebrating Amazigh culture by desert blues band Tarwa N-Tiniri from Morocco, to South Africa's elections and songs that raise the burning questions of the

working class, we continue to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. Our throwback this week celebrates legendary Ghanaian reggae and highlife musician Abu Sadiq Naanigo and we also share our favourite recently released songs from across Africa.

#### Swift Africa



Hundreds of Abahlali baseMjondolo members sit for the movement's Special General Assembly, 26 May, Durban, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Image: Abahlali baseMjondolo

### **Solidarity Campaigns**



3,000 people and hundreds of pro-Palestine organisations converge in Detroit for the historic People's Conference for Palestine. Image: Zoe Alexandra

#### Stand in solidarity with Palestine

# Dockworkers push union resolution to block shipment of Israeli cargo

A local International Longshore and Warehouse Union effort builds on decades of support for Palestinian liberation.

**Truthout** 

### University workers on strike for the right to protest for Palestine

On 28 May, 12,000 student workers organised under United Auto Workers Local 4,811, working at the University of California – Los Angeles and UC Davis joined 2,000 union members already on strike at UC Santa Cruz.

Peoples Dispatch

# Doctors against genocide is bringing medicine back to the side of humanity

Doctors Against Genocide organises those in the US medical community to form a powerful voice of opposition to the Israeli genocide in Gaza. Since its founding less than one year ago, the organisation has engaged in a variety of organising work, including marching in mass mobilisations, disrupting powerful healthcare officials, and testifying before the United Nations.

Peoples Dispatch

#### South Asia regional update

## Deadly heat wave across Indian subcontinent kills dozens, hundreds hospitalised

Climate change is blamed for the sustained rise in the average temperature, making day to day life difficult and causing sudden changes in the weather patterns. This has had severe impacts on people's health and interruptions in daily life such as access to electricity and water.

Peoples Dispatch

#### Latin America regional update

# Socialist Movement of Ghana calls for removal of Cuba from US list of states sponsoring terrorism

The Socialist Movement of Ghana strongly condemns the inclusion of Cuba on this list and 'urges the international community to persist in backing and promoting the rights and sovereignty of the Cuban people.'

Socialist Movement of Ghana

#### Brazil's flood of austerity and climate catastrophe

From 28 April, widespread flooding has caused mass destruction in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande Do Sul, killing 160 people and impacting 2.3 million people.

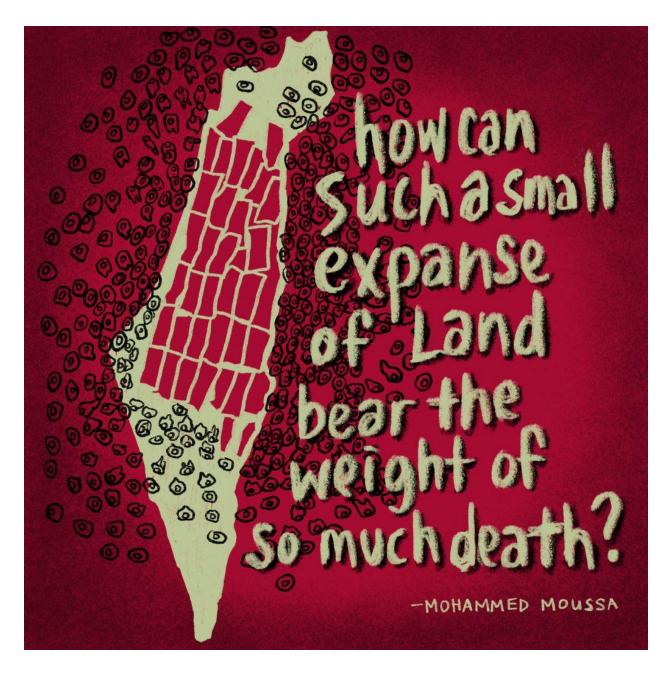
Brazil's Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST) has turned its focus to flood relief efforts in solidarity with the people affected.

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### Podcast: The Communard Union and the Socialist Horizon

Venezuela's revolutionary leader Hugo Chávez defined the commune as the "unit cell" for the construction of socialism. But the road ahead is full of challenges, even more so in a context of imperialist <u>sanctions</u>. This episode discusses the present struggle to strengthen the communal economy and uphold the socialist horizon.

Venezuela Analysis



Drawing for Rafah. Image: Mohammed Moussa

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