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20 September 2024

Greetings Comrades and Friends,

As the Socialist Party hosts a successful 2nd National Congress in Zambia, the Socialist Movement of Ghana elevates the revolutionary legacy of Kwame Nkrumah with a message to the people on Ghana's real Founders Day, and Abahlali baseMjondolo marches against forced removals, evictions and racism in South Africa.

In solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners, we encourage you to join an International Peoples' Assembly press conference today by registering here: https://forms.gle/yocQK3N1EqKNaaPA8

Popular Struggles



The Socialist Party (SP) held its 2nd National Congress from 14-15 September in Lusaka, Zambia. The SP choir performs during the Congress (above). Image: Socialist Party

Zambia: Socialist Party holds 2nd National Congress

Leading a vibrant and successful Congress in Lusaka, Zambia the Socialist Party renewed its leadership's mandate for the next five years, saying that the Party will continue fighting for human dignity and equity for the marginalised.

Socialist Party

Sahrawi women endure torture as part of Moroccan occupation policy to eradicate their resistance

Sahrawi activist Yaqouta Mekhtar Moulai confirmed that Sahrawi women are subjected to torture, arbitrary detention, sexual harassment, and systematic smear campaigns as part of a broader policy aimed at eradicating their resistance and affecting their leadership role in guiding the Sahrawi people's struggle under Moroccan occupation, during her participation in

a conference on the sidelines of the 57th session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva.

Sahara Press Service

Peasant Women of La Via Campesina in Africa reject the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Free Trade Agreements (FTA)

The women of La Via Campesina in Africa, gathered in Lome, Togo for the International Day of Action against the WTO and FTA, making a call to action to demand a system that prioritises sustainable development, equitable trade, and respect for nature.

La Via Campesina

Founders Day 2024: Message to the People

On the 115th Anniversary of the birth of Ghana's Founder, Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah, the Socialist Movement of Ghana stands in solidarity with all people who continue to struggle militantly for African

Sovereignty and Unification, saying that 'our way forward today as a nation is to retrieve the fundamentals of Nkrumah's socialism and update its practice.'

Socialist Movement of Ghana

Abahlali baseMjondolo march against forced removals, evictions and racism

Hundreds of Abahlali baseMjondolo members and supporters from the kwaDukuza community in the Ilembe District of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, united behind common demands and marched to hand over a memorandum of demands to the mayor of the area. Read the memorandum here.



For years the kwaDukuza community has faced forced removals, evictions, and racism. Abahlali baseMjondolo members also demanded an end to the genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza. Image: Abahlali baseMjondolo

Culture and Education

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Situation of Palestinian Political Prisoners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
10AM NEW YORK · 3PM LONDON

SPEAKERS:

Khaled Mahajneh, lawyer with the Prisoners Affairs Authority
Tala Nasser, Addameer Association for Prisoner Support and Human Rights
Bilal Naammeh, Human Rights lawyer



Join

Webinar | The situation of Palestinian political prisoners featuring their lawyers

Hosted by the International Peoples' Assembly, this webinar serves as an act of solidarity with Khalida Jarrar and all Palestinian political prisoners. Speakers include Khaled Mahajneh, lawyer with the Prisoners Affairs Authority; Tala Nasser, Addameer Association for Prisoner Support and Human Rights; and Bilal Naammeh, human rights lawyer. All media outlets, journalists and communicators are welcome.

Date: Friday 20 September

Time: 2pm Accra / 4pm Jhb / 5pm Dar es Salaam

Interpretation: English, Spanish, Arabic

Register here:

https://forms.gle/yocQK3N1EgKNaaPA8

For more information, see *here*.

Watch

Celebrating the legacy of Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah

On this week's Wednesday Palaver, organised by the Accra Collective of the Socialist Movement of Ghana, historian and lawyer Dr Yaw Anokye discusses Kwame Nkrumah's leadership and vision for Ghana's development.

Pan African Television

What is Pan Africanism Today?

Communist Party of Kenya Secretary of Ideology, Ashlyn Ajiambo speaks to Jonis Ghedi-Alasow, the Coordinator of the Pan Africanism Today Secretariat where he advocates for a revolutionary socialist Pan Africanism.

Communist Party of Kenya

Read

Nyéléni Newsletter: A new framework for trade based on food sovereignty

The World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and free-trade agreements have been used to dismantle national policies that ensured people's sovereignty over national resources and local markets. For this reason, this edition of the Nyéléni Newsletter analyses the impact of the current global trade system on national policies, particularly those that ensure fair prices for food producers and consumers.

Nyéléni

Developing countries demand unconditional withdrawal of sanctions by US and allies

The US and its allies use unilateral coercive measures to achieve their geopolitical and strategic objectives against other countries, in spite of them being in violation of basic principles of the UN charter. In the

57th session of the UN Human Rights Council held in Geneva on 13 September, several developing countries denounced this, demanding their immediate and unconditional withdrawal.

Peoples Dispatch

Africa and the world commemorates Amilcar Cabral

The struggles waged by Cabral and the PAIGC continue to be incredibly relevant today. The ongoing and increasing brutality of Western imperialism in the 21st century necessitates a return to the ideas of Cabral to chart a way forward.

Peoples Dispatch

The hidden costs of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) boom

What technology underlies AI? What are some of its hidden costs and their effects? What impact does AI

have on labour, especially exploitation in the Global South? How is it linked to militarism and imperialism? <u>Peoples Dispatch</u>

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Pan African Playlist | Ghana's Founders' Day, Ebo Taylor & solidarity with Palestine

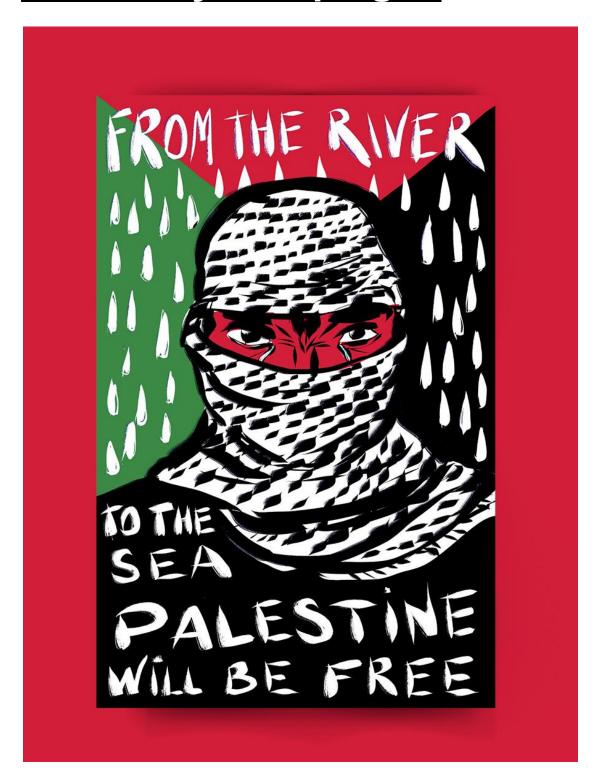
As we celebrate Ghana's real Founders Day on 21
September through music that echo's Kwame
Nkrumah's call for Africa to unite, our weekly throwback
celebrates the legendary Ghanaian musician Ebo
Taylor. We continue to stand in solidarity with the
people of Palestine, alongside our regular mix of newly
released songs from across Africa.

Swift Africa



As we mark 21 September as Ghana's real Founders Day, we continue to heed Kwame Nkrumah's call for a revolutionary socialist Pan Africanism. Image: Utopix / Oscar Coraspe

Solidarity Campaigns



'From the river to the sea'. Image: Cesar Mosquera, Utopix

Stand in solidarity with Palestine

Will Pager Explosions Spark Regional War? Israel's Long History of Terror in Lebanon

Israel turned thousands of people in Lebanon into human bombs with a sophisticated terrorist attack this week as thousands of pagers exploded at the same time around the country, killing and injuring many. The next day the Israelis carried out another major attack. On this episode of The Socialist Program, Layan Sima Fuleihan discusses the decades of Israeli terrorism against Lebanon, the U.S. corporate media's "light-hearted" coverage, and the arrogant imperialist policies that started it all.

Breakthrough News

Palestinian feminist and human rights activists detained by Israel in West Bank

Palestinian human rights organisations have criticised the repressive crackdown unleashed by Israel and called on people across the world to stand in solidarity. <u>Peoples Dispatch</u>

Death toll of Gaza's health workers crosses 1,000

A new report from the Palestinian Ministry of Health warns that over 1,000 health workers in Gaza have been killed by Israeli forces since October 2023. Meanwhile, a severe shortage of essential hygiene supplies continues to exacerbate the health crisis. *Peoples Dispatch*

The world says that Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestine must end

On September 18 2024, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution that demanded that Israel immediately withdraw from the Occupied Palestinian Territory of East Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank.

Peoples Dispatch

Ansar Allah attacks central Israel with ballistic missile, downs US MQ-9 drone in central Yemen

Yemen's Ansar Allah movement announced on 15 September, that it attacked an Israeli military target in the central city of Jaffa, occupied by Israel since 1948, with a new long-range "hypersonic" ballistic missile that holds the name "Palestine 2".

Peoples Dispatch

#HandsOffVenezuela

Former right-wing candidate Edmundo González signed letter acknowledging judicial ruling upheld Maduro's victory

Venezuelan National Assembly President Jorge Rodríguez revealed the document, which was meant to be confidential, during a press conference to dispel doubts about González's self-imposed exile. He denounced that the US-backed opposition figure had broken the agreement to limit political activity once in Spain.

Venezuela Analysis

Venezuela announces dismantling of CIA-backed coup plot, arrest of active duty Navy Seal

The coup plot comes just a month and a half after
President Nicolás Maduro was reelected in the
presidential election, which to date, the US has refused
to recognise.

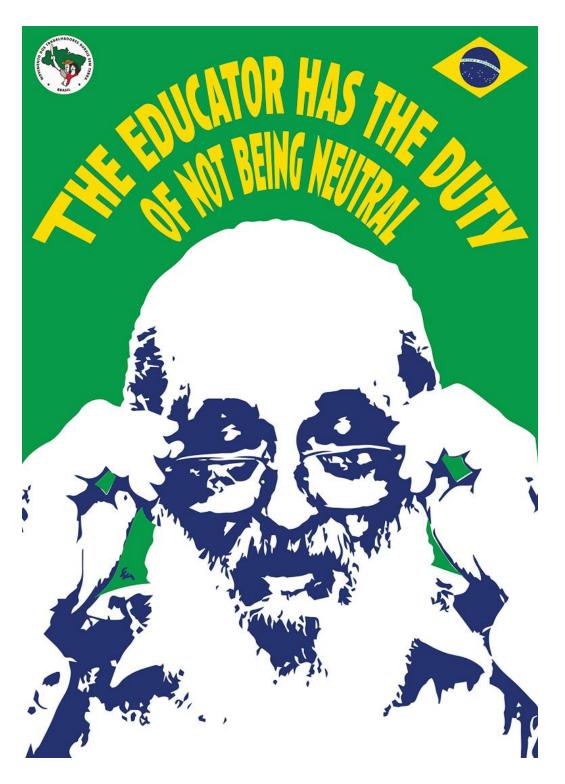
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Podcast: The electoral aftermath in Venezuela From renewed US sanctions, Edmundo González's exile, aircraft piracy and more, this podcast gives an update on what is currently happening in Venezuela. Venezuela Analysis

Let Cuba live

35 former heads of state urge Biden to remove Cuba from list of State Sponsors of Terrorism Presidents and prime ministers from countries across the world penned a letter protesting Cuba's addition to the US's "State Sponsors of Terrorism" list in 2021 by Donald Trump, a designation which Biden has not moved to change.

Peoples Dispatch



On 19 September we celebrate the great Brazilian popular educator Paulo Freire. Image: Shenby, US from the 'To Hope, 100 Years of Paulo Freire Poster Exhibition

More news from our friends:

There Is Only One Night Left to Build Fortifications:
 The Thirty-Eighth Newsletter (2024) from

Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research

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