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Above: US President Joe Biden, at Philadelphia Independence Hall on September 1, 2022. Photo credit: www.activenews.ro

"DARK BRANDON" TARGETS INTERNAL DISSENT, AGAIN

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08-09-2022: US President Joe Biden's speech at Philadelphia's Independence Hall on the first of September sounds an ominous warning to those who voice disagreement with the Democrats' increasingly unhinged political agenda. There was little mistaking the intent of the displayed anger of "Dark Brandon" (a play on words from the "Let's

Go Brandon" slogan, which covered for the real crowd chant of "F**k Joe Biden"). Biden, or no doubt his handlers, produced an extraordinarily vitriolic and divisive tirade in words against "MAGA Republicans" (Make America Great Again – the slogan of former president Donald Trump's 2016 campaign), but which in practice targeted anyone questioning the "liberal world order". Biden repeatedly railed against MAGA Republicans

for supposedly engaging in political violence and not accepting election results, while being heckled by at least one in the audience.¹ This was a reference to the January 6, 2021 protest in Washington DC against electoral fraud in the 2020 Presidential Election, for which there is substantial evidence.²

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V for Vendetta aesthetics

Many denounced the use of blood red lighting against the background of the hall for the speech, which bore an eerie likeness to scenes from the dystopian political thriller *V for Vendetta* film from 2006.³ Others described the red backdrop as appearing “satanic and evil”⁴, which from some angles is a fair description. Indeed, one described America under the Democrats as being a cross between a banana republic and a cheap horror movie⁵, given Biden’s Gestapo like raid on Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate a month ago.⁶ The

notion that this FBI action was about classified documents which Trump took home from his time in the White House is absurd.

The US deep state – with almost the entirety of the so-called left in tow – have not stopped in their attempts to criminally convict Trump since 2016, in order to throw him out of office or prevent him from running again for President in 2024. This included two failed attempted impeachments⁷ and a four-year long “Russiagate scandal” which in the end produced nothing but evidence that Hilary Clinton’s campaign had a huge hand in its fabrication.⁸ In a clear case of projection, Biden’s Philadelphia speech came one week after he derided the “extreme MAGA philosophy” as a manifestation of “semi-fascism”.⁹ Pounding the pulpit at Philadelphia, Biden besmirched MAGA Republicans for allegedly not being normal, a threat to democracy, an enemy of the state and so on ad nauseum. The entire sphere of political liberalism need only to look in the mirror to find evidence of creeping fascism. In fact, MAGA Republicans are only the scarecrow. The real target is differing political opinions.

The Woke Imperium

If any lesson has been learnt from the last two and a half years of a fraudulent “pandemic”, it is that fascism can use any political ideology, as long as it remains on the same class plane. Covid lockdown terror was enforced not with the ideology of ultra-right nationalism, but with that of woke liberalism. This is also the credo of NATO’s horrific proxy war

¹ www.thepostmillennial.com/breaking-hecklers-chant-f-ck-joe-biden-as-president-attacks-maga-americans-in-dark-philadelphia-speech (06-09-2022)

² https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2022/03/28/new_peer-reviewed_research_finds_evidence_of_2020_voter_fraud_147378.html#! (06-09-2022)

³ www.rottentomatoes.com/m/v_for_vendetta (06-09-2022)

⁴ www.ibtimes.com/leftists-attack-biden-satanic-evil-red-backdrop-during-philadelphia-speech-3608701 (06-09-2022)

⁵ www.moonbattery.com/dark-brandon/ (06-09-2022)

⁶ www.heritage.org/crime-and-justice/commentary/the-mar-lago-raid-what-happened-and-whats-next (06-09-2022)

⁷ www.omahadailyrecord.com/content/tale-two-impeachments-donald-trump-triumphant (06-09-2022)

⁸ www.nypost.com/2021/09/16/fresh-proof-russiagate-scandal-was-created-by-hillary-clinton-campaign/ (06-09-2022)

⁹ www.huffpost.com/entry/joe-biden-dark-brandon_n_63090edee4b07744a2f6f619 (06-09-2022)

on Russia via Ukraine, which is backfiring spectacularly against the working people of Europe. The fact that Nazi battalions are still part of the Ukrainian state which people in the West are supposed to cheer on and even suffer privation for, highlights liberal hypocrisy yet again. It was not just MAGA Republicans which stridently opposed tyrannical lockdowns, vaccine mandates, facemask mandates and extreme travel restrictions – but the entirety of the freedom movement. This freedom movement contained the largest and most sustained mobilisations in Western political history and is still extant in some countries. Despite some contradictions, this unprecedented resistance rejected the “Woke Imperium” – whether in the form of overseas regime change wars or lawless and mind-boggling political repression under a false pretext of “health”.

Biden’s approval rating hovers around 38%¹⁰, with skyrocketing inflation and cost of living pressures foremost on the minds of most Americans. With the November mid-term elections approaching, the Democrats are set for a wipe-out if this continues. This is arguably one reason for the Democrats’ apparent urgency to inflame the electorate into an “us versus them” fever pitch. Yet it also flows on to the agenda of the Great Reset, championed by the “globalists” of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Their strategy seems to be to deliberately provoke conflict, to drive people against each other, in a repeat of the “good” vaccinated versus the “bad” unvaccinated during the height of Covid repression. Indeed, this may prevent the majority of working people from uniting and rising up against self-serving politicians over ballooning services bills, a collapsing economy and devastating war.

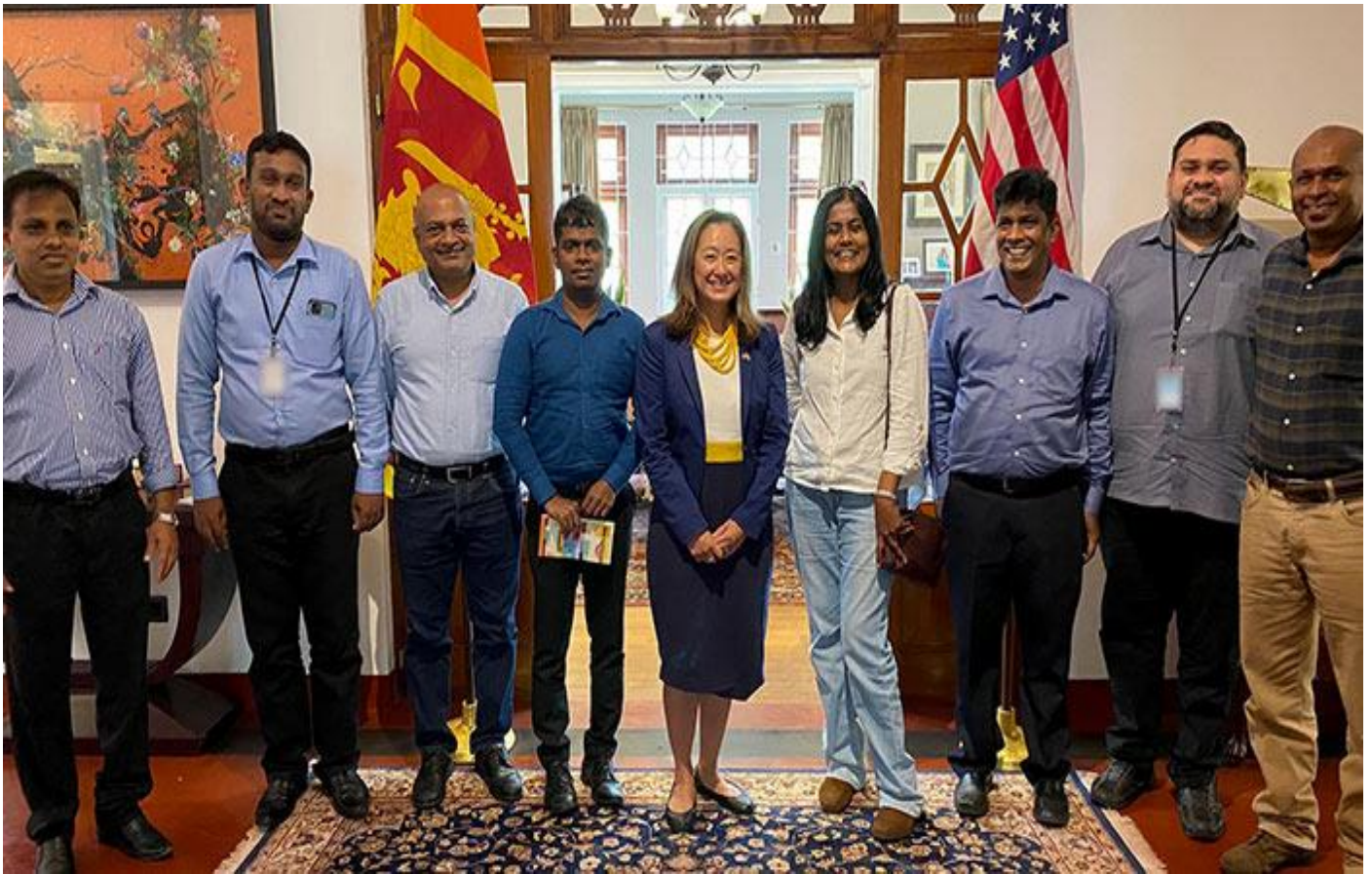
By a quirk of history, liberal parliamentary political parties have been commissioned by their ruling classes to save capitalism using any means up to and including the use of fascism – albeit accompanied by faux progressive rhetoric. The conservative parliamentary political parties and their backers – such as MAGA Republicans – are, to an extent, defending the pre-Covid status quo. This is why conservatives today can appear progressive, while liberals today embody dangerous reaction. In such battles, it is in the interests of working people to defend essential bourgeois democratic rights *even if* this means working alongside those flying Trump flags and wearing MAGA hats.

At the same time, Trump and MAGA Republicans ultimately offer no solutions for the working people, and in fact agree with their Democrat and liberal opponents on the largest question of all – the defence of capitalism. While some workers are propelled towards Trump in a search for answers to huge political problems, and some fall into line behind the woke agenda, the vast majority feel politically disenfranchised and face the future with trepidation. What is urgently needed is a ***workers’ party which fights for a workers’ government.*** Such a party would advance demands which most workers would welcome, such as public ownership of major industries. In the common struggle for such aims, “socialism” may be demystified and posited directly against the Great Reset, catastrophic wars, the skyrocketing cost of living and the loss of elementary political rights. Genuine Marxism could then blaze a path towards the bright future of workers becoming the master of their own house.



¹⁰ www.reuters.com/world/us/biden-approval-falls-holding-near-low-end-his-presidency-reutersipsos-finds-2022-08-30/ (06-09-2022)

SRI LANKA: US BACKED COLOUR REVOLUTION IN COLOMBO



Above: US Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Julie Chung, (middle) meets with a select group of Sri Lankan journalists in her residence on July 8, one day before protestors stormed the Presidential residence in Colombo. www.onlanka.com

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

20-07-2022: Appearances can be deceptive in nature, society, science, religion - and especially in times of political upheaval. On the surface, the events in Sri Lanka over the last several months seem to indicate a bona fide uprising of suffering people against an administration which caused and presided over the worst economic crisis since the nation gained its independence in 1948¹¹, after a century and a half of colonial British rule. In

reality, Sri Lanka is currently enduring yet another colour revolution orchestrated and covertly funded and directed by the US state department, as part of its now hidden now open multi-pronged war against Red China. "Colour revolutions", of course, are not genuine revolutions at all, and benefit only the corporate elite behind them. US imperialism is not in the habit of backing any variety of genuinely progressive politics but is well practiced in clandestine regime change operations

¹¹ <https://www.ft.lk/article/522918/Independence-of-1948-revived> (17-07-2022)

under a façade of “good governance”. Colombo is only the latest target.

“Civil Society” false front for subversion

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the “public relations” arm of the notorious CIA, has been funding “civil society” organisations (CSO) in Sri Lanka for years. In 2021 alone, the NED admits to spending almost \$1 million on a string of legal, human rights, environmental, journalism and “youth leadership and political engagement” organisations throughout the country.¹² The notion that the US government is aiding and assisting young Sri Lankans to gain knowledge and practical experience in political, legal and journalistic endeavours with no ulterior motive is absurd. The barely veiled reality is that Washington is politically interfering in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka to bring about a political class which will be 100% loyal to the geopolitical interests of Wall Street, as part of its ongoing hybrid war against the People’s Republic of China (PRC). Even though the Rajapaksa political dynasty has not at all been anti-US, and has often collaborated openly with it, both former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and now resigned President Gotabaya Rajapaksa were perceived by the US state as being too pro-China for opting for PRC based infrastructure development and loan agreements.

The subversion often takes place in broad daylight. Prior to the storming of the Presidential residence in early July, the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka – Julie Chung – met with opposition leaders and various organisations involved in the protests. She tweeted that it was “great to chat with Sri Lankan

digital creators about fighting disinformation (!) & promoting truthful reporting (!!))”. On June 29, Chung met with the opposition Samaji Jana Balawegaya to “hear their perspectives...on promoting transparency and good governance.” On July 5, Chung met with representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Sri Lanka. On July 7, Chung met with journalists to express “US support for Sri Lanka’s efforts to address the economic crisis” and the alleged US “unwavering commitment to free speech” (!). Later that day the US Ambassador met graduates from the US funded International Military Education and Training Programme, where she expressed support for “efforts to ensure the military remains accountable to the people and upholds the country’s democratic ideas.” (!!!)¹³ It is not difficult to see what is going on.

Blueprint for toppling governments

One reason why the world has witnessed a string of colour revolutions over the last several years is that in 2019, the US Congress increased its *annual* funding of the NED from \$180 million to \$300 million.¹⁴ Subsequently, there have been attempted colour revolutions in Sudan¹⁵, Algeria¹⁶, Lebanon¹⁷, Myanmar¹⁸ and Thailand¹⁹, to name but a few. In Sri Lanka, both the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IR) have offices operating, and both are directly funded by the NED. The NDI was headed by the late Madeleine Albright, the former US Secretary of State and Iraq sanctions apologist, and the IRI was led by the late Senator John McCain, the arch war hawk who openly

¹² www.ned.org/region/asia/sri-lanka-2021/ (17-07-2022)

¹³ www.thepatriot.co.zw/top-news/sri-lanka-is-not-zimbabwe/ (17-07-2022)

¹⁴ www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2022/04/17/sri-lanka-peoples-protest-the-planners-behind-the-protests/ (17-07-2022)

¹⁵ <https://redfireonline.com/2021/12/20/sudan-resists-fake-uprising-led-by-foreign-funded-csos/> (17-07-2022)

¹⁶ <https://redfireonline.com/2019/04/18/algeria-us-foments-destabilisation-in-africa/> (17-07-2022)

¹⁷ <https://redfireonline.com/2020/05/09/lebanon-colour-revolution-redux/> (17-07-2022)

¹⁸ <https://redfireonline.com/2021/11/22/fake-government-fuels-terrorism-in-myanmar/> (17-07-2022)

¹⁹ <https://redfireonline.com/2021/03/10/milk-tea-alliance-the-empires-anti-china-hoodlums/> (17-07-2022)

backed Nazi organisations in Ukraine.²⁰ The IRI office in Sri Lanka has links to the local governments in the Hambantota, Akkaraipattu and Jaffna municipalities, and has reportedly been given access to the electoral registers.²¹ One can only imagine what the reaction would be in the US media if a Chinese government funded NGO (Non-Government Organisation) was working with county offices in the USA which was then forwarded databases containing lists of US voters!

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The protests over the last several months in Sri Lanka were promoted by NGOs operating in the country, who were blaming the Sri Lankan government for working with the PRC government instead of working with the Western funded International Monetary Fund (IMF). The NGOs in turn, were invariably funded by either the NED or the US Agency for International Development (USAID). In mid-June, at the height of the protests, the USAID announced a “partnership” to train around 600 Sri Lankan public sector accountants and audit professionals.²² Several days later, the USAID announced an extra \$5.75 million dollars to provide “cash assistance, short-term jobs and agriculture supplies such as seeds” in response to

the economic crisis.²³ That is, assistance to “help” with a crisis they themselves are fuelling! To top it off, the USAID baldly states that “USAID activities in Sri Lanka align with the US Government’s vision to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific in which all nations are connected, prosperous, resilient, and secure.”²⁴ Needless to say, a “free and open Indo-Pacific” is one dominated economically, politically and military by the US, relegating Red China to the margins.

USAID “assistance” to Sri Lanka’s Parliament began in 2015. Since then, US government funding reaches not only into the Parliament, but the Bar Association, Local Government and the Judiciary. These “projects” then outsourced to US based companies, one of which – the Development Alternatives Inc or DAI – is alleged to be a CIA front.²⁵ These “projects” once taken on by US based firms, are not accountable to anyone in Sri Lanka. Again, we can only imagine the outcry if the Chinese government commissioned one of its state-owned firms to consult and advise on improving the governance structures of the US legal system! Patently, the US ruling class is seeking to block Sri Lanka’s capacity for self-rule, more than 70 years after it had achieved its independence. As Shenali Waduge comments, in Sri Lanka or elsewhere, how can an NGO which is funded by a foreign government actually be “non-governmental” ? These NGOs are only accountable to the foreign governments funding them, and not at all to the people of the country where they are located. These “NGOs” are then reviewed for their “performance”, by the foreign government, which leads to more foreign

²⁰ <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/john-mccain-went-ukraine-stood-202343813.html> (17-07-2022)

²¹ Ibid, 4.

²² www.usaid.gov/sri-lanka/news-information/press-releases/us-launches-training-strengthen-sri-lanka's-public-0 (17-07-2022)

²³ www.usaid.gov/sri-lanka/press-releases/jun-21-2022-us-announces-additional-575m-response-sri-lanka-economic-crisis (17-07-2022)

²⁴ www.usaid.gov/sri-lanka (17-07-2022)

²⁵ www.dailymirror.lk/article/The-US-and-AID-Sri-Lanka-s-dangerous-liaison-122324.html (17-07-2022)

funding.²⁶ Plainly, US government funded NGOs in Sri Lanka, as elsewhere, are being used to underwrite, subvert and eventually overthrow the government. That they use impressionable youth on the ground who may not be aware of just who and what is behind their protests is immaterial.

Wherever the NED and USAID operate internationally, invariably the billionaire anti-socialist regime change specialist George Soros and his “Open Society Foundation” (OSF) follow. Sri Lanka is no exception. The OSF has been active on the island for years, and through the front they admit to funding – Transparency International Sri Lanka – the OSF was able to “persuade” the government to put in place Right To Information (RTI) legislation in 2016.²⁷ Like a Freedom of Information procedure, the RTI process allows citizens to access official government correspondence and records. Far from a disinterested concern for democratic and civil rights for the Sri Lankan masses, this was one of many OSF manoeuvres which puts in place triggers for surreptitious anti-government destabilisation.

Economic crisis blamed on China

None of this background can deny that there is a dire economic crisis in Sri Lanka, including a 39.1% inflation rate²⁸ in May. Yet the Western media amplified the contrived cries of the foreign funded NGOs in attempting to blame the PRC for fuel shortages and its alleged “debt trap diplomacy”. Yet only 10% of Sri Lanka’s foreign debt was owed to China, whereas the remaining 90% was owed to financial institutions in the US, the EU, Japan and India. In fact, some of the largest foreign debt holders in the form of international sovereign bonds include the notorious US firm BlackRock,

alongside JP Morgan Chase, as well as the UK firms HSBC and the Ashmore Group.²⁹ While Western vulture capitalists extracted Sri Lankan debt, the Rajapaksas made the rational decision to turn to Chinese lending, which in turn financed a diverse array of infrastructure projects, including roads, power plants, railway extensions, a port, an international airport and a cricket stadium. The Lakvijaya power plant north of Colombo actually provided some rural areas with *access to electricity for the first time in history*.³⁰



Above: The Lakvijaya power plant north of Colombo was built with assistance from firms based in the People’s Republic of China (PRC). This plant provided some rural areas with access to electricity for the first time. Image from www.dailynews.lk

If anything, Beijing’s economic assistance to Sri Lanka over the last decade prevented it from sliding into economic malaise and helped stimulate some growth. While PRC firms do make some financial return from such projects, the state backed socialistic economy of mainland China, where the major means of production are publicly

²⁶ www.onlanka.com/news/are-ngos-foreign-funded-philanthropists-or-actors-of-regime-change.html (17-07-2022)

²⁷ www.opensocietyfoundations.org/voices/sri-lanka-s-new-right-information-law-could-save-lives (18-07-2022)

²⁸ www.ianwelsh.net/the-debt-trap-that-helped-take-down-sri-lanka-was-not-chinese/ (18-07-2022)

²⁹ www.mronline.org/2022/07/13/real-debt-trap/ (18-07-2022)

³⁰ www.wentworthreport.com/2022/07/16/sri-lankas-debt-crisis-tests-chinas-role-as-financier-to-poor-countries/ (18-07-2022)

owned and administered under a Five-Year Plan, enable it to offer overwhelmingly favourable terms of trade. For example, Western pundits often cite the Hambantota Port as an example of the PRC's supposed strategy of "debt trap diplomacy", given that a Chinese firm (CM Port) has a 70% stake and a 99-year lease in its operation. However, the port is still owned by the Sri Lankan government,³¹ so it is far from being "seized" or "bought" by the PRC. Moreover, it was the Sri Lankan government which *approached Beijing for a loan*, after India declined an offer to invest.³²



Above: A protest against foreign funded NGO interference in Sri Lanka from 2007. Here, the National Patriotic Front protests against Amnesty International's plans to use the cricket world cup to criticise Sri Lanka for alleged human rights abuses. US funded NGOs in Sri Lanka have been operating for years, and Gotabaya Rajapaksa's administration proposed a law which would force NGOs to disclose their funding sources. If enacted, this would have revealed the full extent of US government interference in the internal political affairs of Sri Lanka. To avoid this scenario, arguably the US govt activated its funded "civil society" networks for a full scale colour revolution this year. www.ctvnews.ca

Left parties alibi Western meddling

In almost all Washington organised colour revolutions, there is a catalyst which triggers the US state into action. For Gotabaya Rajapaksa, that moment probably came when last August when he requested the drafting of a bill enabling the introduction of new legislation to replace the Voluntary Social Service Organisations (Registration and Supervision) Act No.31 of 1980. The replacement legislation would effectively tighten the requirements for all NGOs and CSOs to be registered with the government and to disclose their funding sources. Ironically, under the RTI Act of 2016 – which the OSF championed – NGOs and CSOs are still subject to requests for public information, in the same manner as RTI requests to the government.³³ If all of the NED and USAID funded organisations had to provide information on their funding and details of their activities, the undermining and subverting of the Sri Lankan government to the advantage of the US state department would soon become clear. For Washington, this, along with increasing levels of economic and political co-operation with Beijing, meant the die was cast – Gotabaya Rajapaksa had to go.

Many ostensible left parties have acted as cheerleaders for the subsequent CIA obtrusion in Sri Lanka. The Socialist Equality Party (SEP), despite having a section in Sri Lanka itself, notes that US Ambassador Julie Chung tweeted on Twitter about a "peaceful transfer of power",³⁴ but does not see the forest for the trees. The US Ambassador is not *just* working with the Sri Lankan government, but *also* facilitating the "uprising" along with the Washington funded NGOs and CSOs. Socialist Alternative (SAIt), from very early on, directly linked the Sri Lankan events to the US

³¹ www.thediplomat.com/2020/01/the-hambantota-port-deal-myths-and-realities/ (18-07-2022)

³² www.defence.pk/pdf/threads/chinas-debt-trap-the-true-story-of-hambantota-port.619546/ (18-07-2022)

³³ www.themorning.lk/new-laws-to-regulate-ngos-and-social-service-orgs-cabinet-moves-to-draft-new-legislation/ (18-07-2022)

³⁴ www.wsws.org/en/articles/2022/07/16/iccw-j16.html (18-07-2022)

backed colour revolution attempts in Myanmar and Thailand³⁵ – for which they also enthusiastically waxed lyrical. The Socialist Alliance (SAll) waffles about a “people’s movement” which supposedly led to a “convergence of spontaneous protests” !!³⁶ They remain oblivious to the years, if not decades, of assiduous preparation carried out under a clear sky by the US Empire under the guise of “aid”. As one of the most ardent members of the fear pandemic left, the Communist Party of Australia (CPA) sheds crocodile tears for Sri Lanka’s shutdown of their tourist industry due to “Covid” and further aids the US-led plot.³⁷



Above: Protestors storm the Sri Lankan Presidential Palace on July 9, 2022. Image from www.aloro.alam-maritim.com.my

The July days in Colombo are yet another example that capitulating to Western led nonsensical Covid hysteria is no guarantee that you will not be targeted by Washington for regime change or even imperialist war. Gotabaya Rajapaksa waged a brutal war against the Tamils and the Tamil Tigers, and his administration is partially responsible for some of the economic woes Sri Lanka now faces. Yet when a movement claims it has no allegiance

to any political party or organisation, flies only national flags, and has basically only one demand (for the President to “go”) – something else entirely is afoot. Whatever the problems may be, it is *impermissible* to strive for the same goals as the NED, USAID, and the US Embassy !! Workers in Sri Lanka need to form a tactical bloc with the PRC against the internal subversion perpetrated by Washington’s duplicitous “NGOs”, without endorsing the conservative Stalinism of the CPC. Real socialism can only be built *in opposition to imperialist interference*, and there must be a complete break with all those who consciously or unconsciously serve it. The need for workers’ vanguard parties based on genuine Leninism has become critical.



³⁵ www.redflag.org.au/article/crisis-sri-lankan-capitalism-provokes-popular-uprising (18-07-2022)

³⁶ www.greenleft.org.au/content/sri-lanka-victory-non-violent-peoples-movement (18-07-2022)

³⁷ www.cpa.org.au/statement/2022-2/solidarity-message-with-the-people-of-sri-lanka/ (18-07-2022)

NATO'S FAILING PROXY WAR



Above: Russian investigators scour the site of the assassination of Darya Dugina, the daughter of Russian intellectual Alexander Dugin, outside Moscow on August 21. www.grid.news

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

25-08-2022: In an act of wanton savagery, Darya Dugina was assassinated outside Moscow last week, blown to pieces by an explosive device placed on the vehicle belonging to her father Alexander Dugin.³⁸ Russian authorities are swiftly investigating, but it is highly likely that the culprit is the Nazi infested Ukrainian shell government, with the connivance of the NATO powers. Alexander Dugin is a Russian philosopher and intellectual, who was giving a lecture on “Tradition and History” at a family festival in the Moscow Region. His daughter Darya attended the event as

a guest, and drove her father’s Toyota Prado 4WD with no knowledge that an explosive device had been placed under the drivers side. Alexander Dugin decided at the last minute to ride in another vehicle³⁹, and now has to deal with an unbearable loss, knowing that he himself was the likely target. Whether the bomb was ignited by a timer or was detonated remotely while the perpetrators knew who was driving the vehicle, the operation was an unspeakable terrorist act⁴⁰ which seeks to provoke Russia even further.

Dugin as “Putin’s Rasputin” ??

³⁸ www.independentsentinel.com/daughter-of-putins-close-ally-darya-dugina-was-assassinated/ (23-08-2022)

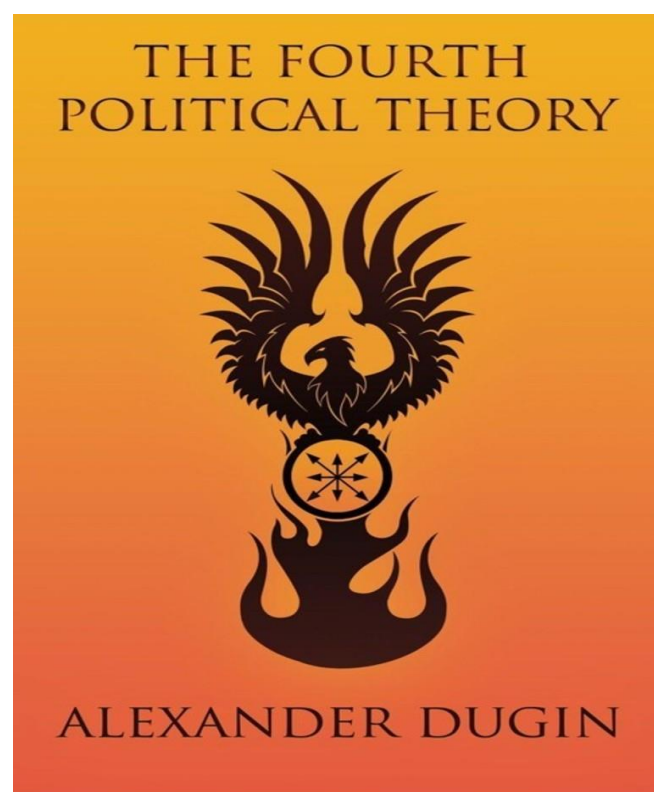
³⁹ www.moonofalabama.org/2022/08/rip-darya-dugina.html (23-08-2022)

⁴⁰ www.korybko.substack.com/p/the-assassination-of-alexander-dugins (23-08-2022)

Despite wild claims in the Western corporate media that Dugin was “Putin’s Brain”, or “Putin’s Rasputin”, there is little evidence that Dugin has even met Russian President Putin, and he has never held any Russian government role. Dugin has developed positions of conservative nationalism, and firmly backed the Russian special military operation in Ukraine. Yet he is hardly alone in this position, as the overwhelming majority of Russians understand that the Russian government is conducting a defensive action in Ukraine against what is essentially a proxy regime change war waged by Washington and London via NATO. Despite Western media claims, Dugin is not influential with the Kremlin and is not a mainstream public figure within Russia. He has only become a totem for ultra-nationalists who believe President Putin is too moderate in foreign policy.⁴¹ While Darya appeared to share such positions with her father, the murder of either for expressed views and opinions, or for writing books developing a rationale for such a perspective, is of course beyond intolerable.

While the Kremlin may be wise to distance itself from some of Dugin’s theories, in practice Dugin is arguably a product of Russia trying to find its way ideologically and politically after the collapse of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Dugin’s development of what he terms “The Fourth Political Theory” is – to a certain extent – being adopted. Dugin claims that liberalism, communism and fascism were the first three political theories which emerged roughly in chronological order, and each one of them has allegedly proven to be a failure. To avoid sliding back into communism and fascism, so his argument goes, a fourth political theory which rejects liberalism and “globalism” is necessary.⁴² In reality, Dugin makes the common error of confusing communism with Stalinism. That is, he

imagines that the lack of political and democratic rights for working people in the USSR post 1924 was due to “socialism”, rather than a political counter-revolution led by a nationalist bureaucracy. Dugin’s nationalism today in fact somewhat mirrors Stalin’s nationalism. Both recoil in horror at the *working-class internationalism* which animated Lenin, Trotsky and the October Revolution of 1917.



Above: The cover of Alexander Dugin’s book *The Fourth Political Theory*. Dugin attempted to find political and theoretical direction for the Russian Federation and its place in the world in the wake of the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1991-92. www.scribd.com

Washington’s stumbling war

The debate within Russia about its political direction aside, the gruesome assassination of Dugin’s daughter is just one of the intentional

⁴¹ www.rt.com/russia/561255-alexander-dugin-life-timeline/ (23-08-2022)

⁴² www.memri.org/reports/fourth-political-theory-russian-anti-liberal-philosopher-dugin-alternative-liberalism (23-08-2022)

provocations which the NATO powers seem to be orchestrating, in order to drag out their stumbling war in Ukraine. Washington insiders are no doubt aware that there is no chance of defeating Russia by funneling weapons and ammunition to a Ukrainian army which is sustaining heavy losses on a daily basis. The aim seems to be to bog down Russia as long as possible, and arguably prevent a complete Russian victory before the November mid-term elections in America. Such a level of cynicism is not at all beyond Western imperialism. In fact, some have speculated that the aim of the US ruling class is to sacrifice as many Ukrainian lives as is conceivable, so that the Russian post-war governing of what remains of Ukraine will be made as arduous as can be. After all, a Ukrainian who has had a family member killed by a war with Russia is likely to retain bitter enmity towards what is likely to be a Russian administration for decades to come.

The slaughter of Darya Dugina indicates NATO's desperation to at least stem the tide of their faltering proxy war. Another indicator is the Ukrainian shelling of the Zaporizhia nuclear power plant, which was taken by Russian troops months earlier. Ivan Nechaev, a spokesperson for Russia's foreign ministry, warned that Kiev's attacks on the territory of the Zaporizhia plant is an act of nuclear terrorism, which risks a catastrophe far exceeding the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the 1980s.⁴³ For its part, the Kiev regime makes absurd claims that it is the Russians who are shelling the plant⁴⁴ to create a false flag! Russians would fire missiles at themselves, on ground they patrol? Hardly.

The NATO backed Kiev cabal have also recently carried out sabotage attacks on Russia's Saki airbase in Crimea, which followed a strike on an

ammunition dump in the region.⁴⁵ These attacks arguably mark a shift in tactics to guerilla war on the part of the Nazi saturated Ukrainian forces. Currently, Russia's overwhelming military advantage, combined with a humming economy which can re-supply almost limitless amounts of ammunition and battle hardware, mean that there is no possibility that the depleted Ukrainian forces can either hold or re-take territory already held by Russia. Its resort to nihilistic assassinations and sabotage which risk deadly explosions signifies the utter despair of Washington and London whose proxy war on Russia is backfiring spectacularly. Militarily, economically and politically, the NATO powers are suffering more damage themselves than the little they can inflict.

NATO's failing proxy war on Russia is yet another indicator that US and European capitalism is on its last legs, and that the dominance of the West over the globe is coming to an end, or has ended. This is the good news that workers must grasp in a scenario which appears gloomy on the surface. Yet while working people should bloc with Russia and China against decrepit imperialism, the *governments* of the East will not lead the way forward to socialism, and the burying of national wars forever. As the Covid fear pandemic demonstrated, these governments are more likely to *assist*, rather than combat, the West. Hence, there is an urgent need for the construction of vanguard parties with a foundation of genuine Marxism, and the raising of the international proletariat to a position of political power.

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⁴³ www.telesurenglish.net/news/Ukraine-Is-Shelling-the-Zaporizhia-Nuclear-Plant-Russia-Warns-20220811-0011.html (23-08-2022)

⁴⁴ <https://newsrnd.com/news/2022-08-05-zaporizhia--russia-and-ukraine-accuse-each-other-of-shelling-nuclear-power-plants.rkGyno1spq.html> (23-08-2022)

⁴⁵ asiatimes.com/2022/08/crimea-sabotage-signals-ukraine-shift-to-guerrilla-war/ (23-08-2022)

DEFEND THE RED UNIONS!



RED UNION SUPPORT HUB

Above: The Red Unions use the symbol of the Red Ensign, which has been used as flag of rebellion against Australian state and federal governments which imposed totalitarian tyranny on working people under the false guise of “healthcare” and a fraudulent “pandemic”. Some Red Unions had been established for several years before the Covid lockdowns, but the extreme political repression dealt out by largely Labor governments led to many workers switching to the Red Unions.

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

15-08-2022: The Covid “pandemic” resulted in arguably the largest assault on the working class in history. Beginning around 2021, vaccine mandates – take a series of injections with a substance of then unknown consequences or lose your job –

confronted all Unions. It is now a matter of record that the Covid mRNA vaccines, which many workers were effectively forced to take, led to millions of permanent injuries and deaths. One calculation has it that people are 25x more likely to be injured, and 20x more likely to die after taking Covid injections, than those who are “unvaccinated”.⁴⁶ The response of the old or “legacy” Unions almost without exception, was NOT to stand up for the right of workers to not be injured or killed by coercive injections – but to *join with employers and governments* enforcing them!! Millions of workers were aghast, coming after decades of inaction from the legacy Unions

⁴⁶ <https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/you-are-25x-more-likely-to-be-injured> (14-08-2022)

on other issues, and many of them seriously questioned the actual purpose of Unions.

Red Unions explode in growth

Thankfully in Australia, the Red Union⁴⁷ – a grouping of 13 employee associations, some of which had been operating several years before Covid – did take a stand and defended those of its members who did not wish to take experimental drugs and remain in their position of employment. In Queensland, potentially thousands of teachers and nurses may have been terminated through a Covid vaccine mandate were it not for the intervention of the Teachers Professional Association of Queensland (TPAQ) and the Nurses Professional Association of Queensland (NPAQ). Not surprisingly, one result was strong growth in membership of all entities of the Red Union, with many workers resigning from the old Unions. The Red Union offers its services at around two thirds of the cost of membership of the old Unions (around \$400 per year as opposed to \$600 per year) mainly due to the fact that it is not affiliated to the Australian Labor Party (ALP) and does not forward members' money to Labor Party campaigns. Inevitably, there was going to be a reaction from the ALP and from the ALP aligned Union officialdom. The form it took involved staggering levels of hypocrisy and corruption.

The Labor Party Queensland government – which to this day has not withdrawn vaccine mandates for hundreds of thousands of public servants – responded to the growth of the Red Union by attempting to legislatively prevent it from competing with the old ALP affiliated Unions. In June, the ALP submitted the innocuously named *Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*. Amongst other provisions,

the Bill will prevent “non-registered” Unions from representing its members in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC). “Registered” Unions being, of course, ALP aligned or ALP friendly Unions. Incredibly, the Bill also includes a new offence of “misrepresentation”, where “ineligible” Unions (such as the Red Union) cannot “lawfully” represent a person under the IR Act.⁴⁸ Potentially, nor can non-ALP aligned Unions inform workers that they will represent them with regard to their industrial rights.⁴⁹ In practice, the Labor Party government is attempting to force workers to join Labor Party aligned Unions – which in turn “donate” millions of dollars of members' money to the Labor Party! One might observe that the Labor Party is paranoid of losing its grip on the Unions.

“Fake Unions” ??

The Queensland Council of Unions (QCU), the peak body of the old ALP aligned Union officialdom, has the gall to claim that the discriminatory legislation likely to be passed by the Labor government will have the effect of “protecting workers against misrepresentation by fake unions” ! The QCU waffles that “non-registered” Unions are not subject to accountability requirements under the IR act such as having rules, keeping membership records, having internal elections or allowing members access to membership lists or financial records.⁵⁰ This is pretty rich coming from the legacy Union officials, with over 100 years of collaboration with the Labor Party! As they say, the biggest lies are ones that contain partial truths. While the ALP aligned old Union officials do keep some records, have some elections for officials and keep some membership lists – the legacy Unions in their hands are barely democratic, rarely hold members and delegates meetings, and

⁴⁷ <https://www.redunion.com.au/> (14-08-2022)

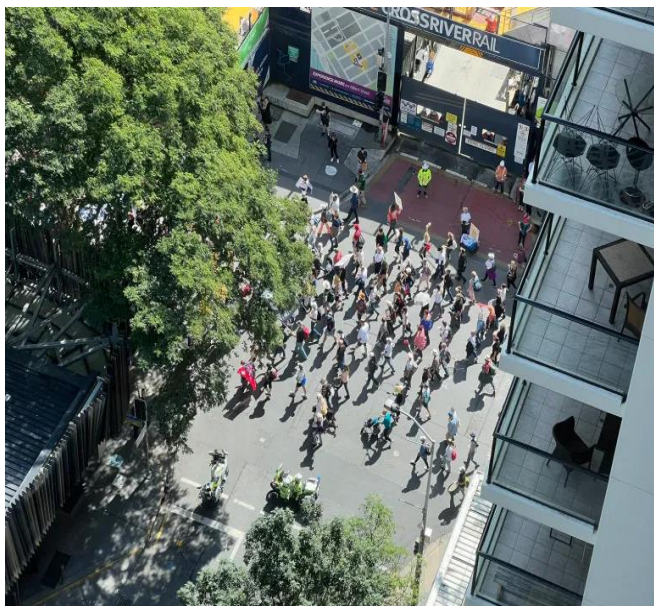
⁴⁸ www.gadens.com/legal-insights/industrial-relations-and-other-legislation-amendment-bill-2022/ (14-08-2022)

⁴⁹ 19910943.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/19910943/Members-

[%20Stronger%20consumer%20protections%20for%20workers.pdf](https://www.act.qldunions.com/new-laws-to-protect-workers) (14-08-2022)

⁵⁰ www.act.qldunions.com/new-laws-to-protect-workers (14-08-2022)

ruthlessly corral the politics into an impossibly narrow framework. The Red Union, on the other hand, has already demonstrated more democratic operations than the old Union officials will even contemplate. In fact, the old Union officials, in enforcing unconscionable vaccine mandates, revealed themselves as little more than government agents. As is often the case with insults, those hurling them demonstrate it in practice.



Above: The People's Revolution (TPR) joins with the Red Union to march to Education House in Brisbane on August 31, 2022. The protest opposed proposed pay cuts for unvaccinated teachers in Queensland, even after the Covid vaccine mandates had been withdrawn. The old Labor Party aligned Unions – the Queensland Teachers Union (QTU) and the Independent Education Union (IEU) was invited to the rally, but declined to respond, let alone attend. www.tottnews.com

That being said, the Red Union makes some critical errors. They have set up associations for small businesses⁵¹ (!), and one for police officers⁵² (!!). To say the least, this is crossing the class line. Small business owners, while they may have been

suppressed under Covid repression, are certainly not part of the working class. Neither are police, who are guns for hire, used by the state to protect capitalist property. Yes, police play some public role in the process, but this is not their essential function. Primarily, police are used to keep working people away from the levers of political power. The moment workers go on strike to defend themselves, police lines complete with truncheons may not be far away.

Despite this, the Workers League advises Australian workers **to join and help build the Red Union**, regardless of what workplace they currently occupy, and irrespective of whether or not there is also a Labor Party aligned legacy Union which has coverage. While the Red Union seeks to compete with the legacy Unions, and seeks to convince workers to cross over, they also allow dual membership. Ultimately, however, the Red Union is a crucial attempt to rebuild the Union movement in Australia, which has suffered from decades of neglect largely due to the malign influence of the capitalist Labor Party. The legacy Union officials crossed the Rubicon by blocking with the state as it attempted to enforce near genocidal “Covid” injections on innocent workers. Officials who not only refuse to defend members’ jobs, but colludes with their potential murder, are no longer fit to hold a Union banner.

At this point in history, Unions cannot avoid politics. Revolutionists seek to debate politics inside the Unions, in order to forge a class struggle leadership which is well aware that it is in the ultimate interest of workers to do away with capitalism altogether by establishing a workers’ administration which oversees a planned economy through the socialisation of the major means of production.

⁵¹ www.businessunion.redunion.com.au (14-08-2022)

⁵² www.sopaa.redunion.com.au/services (14-08-2022)

THE LATEST COLD WAR: BRICS+ VS NATO/G7



Image from www.youtube.com

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

18-07-2022: For the first time, there was no joint photo of the respective foreign ministers of the G20 Summit held this year in Bali, Indonesia. Foreign ministers from the West refused to be photographed with Russia's Foreign Minister⁵³, Sergei Lavrov, over Russia's special military operation in Ukraine. Yet the West was not calling the shots, by any means. There was no joint communique issuing from the G20, as no consensus could be reached⁵⁴ due to the refusal of the representatives of some countries of the "Global South" to condemn Russia for defending itself from NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) proxy war. The G20 stuttered on, but the lack of joint outcomes highlighted the

gravity of the latest Cold War, and the danger of an approaching global conflict. This Cold War differs from the original in that this one contains a rising and powerful economic East, up against a declining and almost moribund West which is in the throes of losing the predominance and prestige it once enjoyed.

The West vs The Rest

In fact, the latest Cold War is not just "East vs West", but rather the West vs the rest of the planet. It is only the West (Europe, the USA, Canada, Australia etc.) which is hell bent on waging a destructive and losing proxy war against Russia via Ukraine. Only the Western countries have applied economic sanctions on Russia, many

⁵³ www.tellerreport.com/news/2022-07-08-kyodo--photographing-foreign-ministers-at-the-g20-summit-canceled (12-07-2022)

⁵⁴ <https://www.txtreport.com/news/2022-07-08-the-g20-countries-did-not-adopt-a-communiqu%C3%A9-after-the-bali-meeting> (12-07-2022)

of which have rebounded against them. Almost all non-Western countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America have either supported Russia, or declared themselves neutral. And in the highly charged geopolitical context, neutrality here effectively means de-facto backing of Russia, and resistance to attempted Western domination. In fact, what geopolitical analyst Pepe Escobar has tagged as “BRICS+ vs NATO/G7”,⁵⁵ is in practice the non-imperialist bloc forming much needed trade and economic alliances against the reality of a dangerously unstable US led imperialism. It should go without saying that working people the world over have a vital stake in the defence of the non-imperialist bloc, without endorsing its various political leadership bodies.

The non-imperialist bloc today forms a formidable challenge to the faltering attempts to maintain global pre-eminence by Washington and Brussels (the headquarters of the European Union or EU). The BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa – had already posed the beginning of a systemic alternative to US/EU dominated commerce. Now, the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) is rising in importance alongside BRICS. The EAEU was formed in 2015 as an effort to form a tariff and customs free economic union amongst its members: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia.⁵⁶ It somewhat facilitates co-operation in important fields such as industry, energy and agriculture. The EAEU compliments the larger Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), which comprises nine states: the People’s Republic of China (PRC), India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran. Afghanistan, Belarus and Mongolia are

observer states, while Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey and Sri Lanka are dialogue partners.⁵⁷ While the EAEU is largely led by Russia, the SCO is largely led by the PRC, but co-operation is key, in economic, political and security spheres.

The SCO proclaims the goals of mutual trust among member states, promoting cooperation in politics, trade, the economy, research, technology, education, energy, transport, tourism and environmental protection. Importantly, it pursues “peace, security and stability” in the region.⁵⁸ Given the absence of imperialism amongst all its members, these goals are not just about advertising. There is much cross over between the EAEU, SCO and even the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), which was formed in 1991 as a union of the republics making up the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The CIS today comprises Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.⁵⁹ Georgia exited the CIS in 2009 after provoking Russia into a war at the behest of the US state, while Ukraine dropped out after the US backed Nazi coup overthrew the then elected government in 2014. It could be argued that the EAEU was formulated as a replacement for the CIS, although the CIS itself remains.

PRC the economic power behind BRICS

The BRICS countries as they are represent over 40% of the world’s population, and around 24% of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).⁶⁰ Yet this could easily expand, as Iran and Argentina have become the latest countries which have formally applied to join BRICS, and could well attend the

⁵⁵ www.thealtworld.com/pepe_escobar/behind-the-tin-curtain-brics-vs-nato-g7 (12-07-2022)

⁵⁶ www.evnreport.com/understanding-the-region/fact-sheet-what-is-the-eurasian-economic-union (12-07-2022)

⁵⁷ www.adda247.com/upsc-exam/shanghai-cooperation-organisation-sco (12-07-2022)

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www.wiki.china.org.cn/index.php?title=Shanghai_Cooperation_Organization (12-07-2022)

⁵⁹ www.worlddata.info/alliances/cis-commonwealth-of-independent-states.php (12-07-2022)

⁶⁰ www.euromonitor.com/article/the-brics-are-more-important-than-ever-to-the-global-economy (13-07-2022)

15th BRICS Summit, scheduled to take place in South Africa next year.⁶¹ Undoubtedly, the economic powerhouse that underpins BRICS is the socialistic economy of the PRC, which has already surpassed the US economy⁶² if measured in terms of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). As the world's largest bureaucratically deformed workers' state, the free market does *not* rule in mainland China. Roads, rail, shipping, steel production, electricity, telecommunications and many more sectors are state owned and administered by the Communist Party of China (CPC). The private enterprise which does exist can be closed down and/or expropriated at any moment if the CPC decides its ventures are not aligning with the national Five-Year Plans. This has laid the basis for phenomenal economic growth over the last 40 years, which would be unimaginable if the PRC was somehow "capitalist", as some critics claim.

The PRC attained a staggering 14.2% GDP growth rate in 2007, and in 2010 overtook Japan to become the world's second largest economy.⁶³ Only the PRC could launch anything like its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI, or New Silk Road), a global plan for infrastructure development currently worth 4 trillion dollars,⁶⁴ and rising. A stunning 138 countries have signed on to the BRI, from developing nations in Sub-Saharan Africa, throughout Europe and Central Asia, the Middle East, East Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.⁶⁵ Many of the developing nations which have signed onto the BRI had been plundered and/or abandoned by US/EU led imperialism for decades, and would not have any opportunity to advance without the ports, railways, roads and other infrastructure that will result from co-operation with the PRC via the BRI.

While some PRC based firms will benefit financially from the BRI projects constructed in Asia, Africa and Latin America, the PRC is not purely driven by capital return, and thus can offer infrastructure construction in exchange for much needed raw materials.



Above: The PRC's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is currently worth 4 trillion dollars and growing. It will facilitate potentially enormous amounts of trade and commerce between Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Though PRC based firms will benefit from many projects, the infrastructure provided as a result will also benefit the host country where the infrastructure is built. www.malaysia-today.net

NATO/G7 drives Covid repression

Hopelessly outdone and in a desperate bid to halt the dynamic rise of the PRC's economic power and Russia's military power, the ruling classes of the NATO/G7 (USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Canada, Japan and Italy) countries rolled out a fraudulent "pandemic" in order to resuscitate their basis of finance capital at the

⁶¹ www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/two-new-countries-apply-to-join-brics-details-inside (13-07-2022)

⁶² www.ibtimes.com/china-economy-surpasses-us-purchasing-power-americans-dont-need-worry-1701804 (13-07-2022)

⁶³ www.visualcapitalist.com/china-economic-growth-history/ (13-07-2022)

⁶⁴ www.silkroadbriefing.com/news/2020/11/25/china-belt-and-road-projects-value-now-exceeds-us4-trillion/ (13-07-2022)

⁶⁵ www.green-bri.org/countries-of-the-belt-and-road-initiative-bri/ (13-07-2022)

expense of small business and the working class. This required unprecedented repression of workers which blurred the line between liberal democracy and fascism⁶⁶ for a two-year period, some of which still remains in place. While it is true that the *governments* of Russia and China and many other non-imperialist countries played into the Covid narrative by enforcing scientifically absurd abominations such as lockdowns and mass vaccinations, the driving force was the dire economic state of Western capitalism. Yet the economic systems of the US and the EU are in such peril that even a Covid wealth transfer from the working class to the world's billionaires of \$5.5 trillion⁶⁷ **and** the termination of millions of jobs **and** the virtual abolition of free speech and the most elementary of bourgeois democratic rights *was not enough* to avert a resort to imperialist war.

After being prepared for years, in early 2022 NATO unleashed its Nazis in Ukraine in a bid for regime change in Moscow. NATO comprises 30 countries mostly in Europe,⁶⁸ but in practice it is Washington's anti-Russia hangover from the first Cold War. Yet now NATO has for the first time named China as a "systemic challenge" alongside the supposed primary threat from Russia.⁶⁹ If it wasn't on the cards already, this move brings a catastrophic world war a step closer. Ironically, the G7 was originally the G8 until it expelled Russia⁷⁰ after Crimea re-joined its home state in the wake of the US backed Nazi coup in Ukraine in 2014. To add to the Western warmongering, the US, the UK and Australia have formed AUKUS, which the Australian government euphemistically terms a "tri-lateral security partnership".⁷¹ Yet plainly it is an Anglo/US platform for war against Red China.

⁶⁶ <https://redfireonline.com/2022/05/07/covid-and-the-blurred-line-between-democracy-and-fascism/> (13-07-2022)

⁶⁷ www.inequality.org/great-divide/global-billionaire-pandemic-wealth-surges/ (13-07-2022)

⁶⁸ www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/nato_countries.htm (13-07-2022)

In fact, some have commented that NATO's war in Ukraine is just the pre-cursor to the real conflict with the PRC.



Above: The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or QUAD is an anti-China military alliance between the USA, Japan, Australia and India. It is yet another attempt to encircle and pressure the PRC into bending to the will of imperialism, if not being besieged by outright war. www.theaseanpost.com

Despite the conservative CPC leadership assisting the West's deceitful coronavirus mantra at each step, Washington has re-named the Asia-Pacific as the "Indo-Pacific" to further facilitate its war aims against Red China. India is walking a tightrope between being a part of BRICS and the non-imperialist bloc as well as maintaining membership of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (the "Quad"), alongside the US, Australia and Japan. The Quad had formerly existed as a

⁶⁹ www.neaproini.us/2022/07/10/nato-by-making-china-the-enemy-the-alliance-is-threatening-world-peace/ (13-07-2022)

⁷⁰ www.worldatlas.com/articles/group-of-seven-g7-countries.html (13-07-2022)

⁷¹ www.defence.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/AUKUS-Factsheet.pdf (13-07-2022)

response to the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami,⁷² but in recent years has been repurposed to openly challenge the PRC in its own region. In practice, both the Quad and AUKUS are yet more preparations for war, or war provocations, of Beijing via the South China Sea. On top of this, in October last year ailing US President Joe Biden announced the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)⁷³ as a rather hapless attempt to counter the vast scope of China's BRI. Yet there is little chance of this, as public details of IPEF projects are scarce or non-existent, and thus far appears to be another propaganda effort which fails to get off the ground, such as the other supposed alternative to the BRI – the already floundering Blue Dot Network.⁷⁴

Multipolarity myth

Some on the left posit a multipolar world⁷⁵ as the antidote to a unipolar globe dominated by US imperialism alone, and presumably one which would negate any developing new Cold War. However, the achievement of a multipolar world, where no one power predominates, and all countries great and small respect each other's sovereignty – is not possible as long as imperialism remains. A short definition of imperialism is the *expansionist policy of finance capital*. It is capitalism at its monopoly stage, and where it must expand internationally as it is unable to expand at home, due to its inability to vastly increase the wages and thus consumption of "their own" working classes. This "expansion" is today taking the shape of not only Washington and Brussels' preparations for a cataclysmic military confrontation with Russia and China, but also an ongoing series of colour revolutions and covert regime change operations in any number of

countries throughout Eurasia, Africa and Latin America.



Above: Cartoon which satirises the fact that when the US government under the Trump Administration withdrew funding from the World Health Organization (WHO), the People's Republic of China (PRC) became the largest donor. The Joe Biden US Administration has since restored US funding for the WHO. The top leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) betrayed the international working class by propping up and enforcing extremely harmful Covid lockdowns, which led to vaccine mandates in the West. Ironically, the CPC was not able to impose vaccine mandates within China itself. The CPC's role as part of BRICS while assisting the WHO at the same time is an example of the two-sided nature of the Stalinist theory of "peaceful coexistence" with imperialism.

Multipolarity is arguably what the Russian and Chinese governments try in vain to achieve through forums such as the United Nations (UN), and even the World Health Organisation (WHO). The CPC bends over backwards to protect their own socialistic rule at home by a combination of

⁷² www.rsis.edu.sg/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/PR190909_The-Quadrilateral-Security-Dialogue.pdf (14-07-2022)

⁷³ www.citizen.org/topic/globalization-trade/indo-pacific-economic-framework-ipef/ (14-07-2022)

⁷⁴ www.thediplomat.com/2020/04/blue-dot-network-the-belt-and-road-alternative/ (14-07-2022)

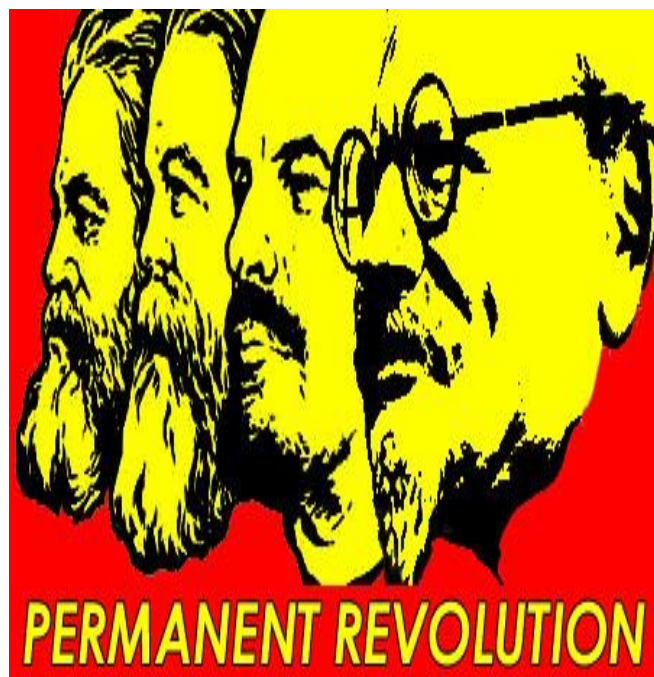
⁷⁵ www.multipolarista.com/ (14-07-2022)

diplomacy and exerting pressure on workers at home (e.g., Covid lockdowns), while Russia defends its rebuilding system domestically by imagining that the West will eventually be forced to adhere to international conventions. Both concepts are unattainable even if it was desirable. As NATO's proxy war in Ukraine currently demonstrates, US/EU imperialism is willing to risk everything – even the collapse of their own economies via uncontrollable inflation and backfiring sanctions – in order to bring down any nation which is even slightly independent, let alone a challenge to its waning supremacy. The utterly diabolical Covid plot, which involved potentially deadly injections of workers at the cost of unemployment and ruin, is just one example which demonstrates how utopian it is to imagine that such architects could be dealt with in a rational manner. When a ruling class takes the opportunity not only to throw millions of workers out of work, but to underhandedly exterminate whole portions of them, one can be sure that this class is willing to kill to preserve what remains of its rule.



Above: The headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium. NATO is largely controlled by the US state, and is a relic of the first Cold War. It is currently waging a proxy war against Russia via huge military and financial backing for Nazi battalions and other elements of the Ukrainian state. Many Europeans are now not willing to remain in NATO if it means “freezing for Ukraine”. www.axios.com

Workers should defend the expanding BRICS+ economic, political and security blocs *insofar as* they strive to stave off and hold in check the dangerous predations of NATO/G7 led imperialism. At the same time, the leaders of the BRICS+ group offer no viable political alternative in and of themselves. That is to say, the BRICS+ group are *non-imperialist*, but by no means are they *anti-imperialist*. Ultimately they seek to *co-exist* with imperialism, rather than overthrowing it. The latest Cold War must be the last Cold War. Nuclear war, ecological collapse, skyrocketing inflation, food shortages, “pandemic” repression, totalitarian rule, censorship – all of these scourges and more are accelerating and none can be eliminated without the overturn of private production for private profit. What is required is the abolition of capitalism via socialist revolution in the West, combined with proletarian political revolutions in China and the remaining heavily bureaucratised workers’ states. Indispensable for this task is the forging of internationally linked Leninist vanguard parties animated by L Trotsky’s theory of Permanent Revolution. The world’s resources for the world’s people can only be assured by the raising of the proletarian masses to political power in the East and West.



US HANDS OFF TAIWAN!



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11-08-2022: The US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's recent "visit" to Taiwan was nothing short of a reckless provocation. Under the cover of darkness, and with an escort of military aircraft⁷⁶, the third highest ranking US politician touched down in Taipei on August 2. The delegation was preceded by the US aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and its strike group which includes a guided missile destroyer and a guided missile cruiser⁷⁷, steaming into the South China Sea from Singapore less than a week earlier. Pelosi ignored express and repeated warnings from the government of the People's Republic of China

(PRC) that such a visit would be seen as the US moving towards breaking with its *official* "One China" policy and the adoption of open backing for Taiwanese "independence". Pelosi herself effectively announced the real reason for the timing of her visit, when she claimed that the US must "honour its commitment to democracy" in opposition to Russia supposedly waging an illegal war on Ukraine.⁷⁸ In reality, Russia's DeNazification operation in Ukraine is grinding NATO's proxy war efforts into the dust, crushing the decades long attempt of Washington to effect regime change in Moscow.

⁷⁶ www.americanpost.news/military-planes-escort-nancy-pelosi-to-taiwan-felipe-calderon-publishes-video/ (09-08-2022)

⁷⁷ <https://www.legitgov.org/uss-ronald-reagan-strike-group-enters-south-china-sea-pelosis-taiwan-visit> (09-08-2022)

⁷⁸ <https://nypost.com/2022/08/02/pelosi-arrives-in-taiwan-for-visit-defying-china-threats/> (09-08-2022)

Double or nothing

Instead of tactically retreating from military setbacks in Ukraine, the US ruling class has apparently decided to go for double or nothing. Many observers have commented that despite the horrendously dangerous provocations against Russia, the real game for Wall Street is regime change in Beijing. Obviously this cannot be carried out by a conventional war, so the US state, through numerous agencies, tries to break off small chunks of the PRC as part of its seven-decade long plans to “contain and roll back communism” on the Chinese mainland. Taiwan is clearly part of China, and it has been for millennia, even despite the defeated nationalists fleeing there after the victory of China’s socialist revolution in 1949. Taiwan is not a country, and virtually all world governments officially recognise the government in Beijing as the representative of all of China – including the USA. In fact, in 1979, the US government de-recognised the “Republic of China” (Taiwan) to instead recognise the PRC as the sole legal government of China.⁷⁹ In practice, however, the US government has been playing a shell game for years in relation to Taiwan – saying one thing and doing another.

It is impossible to understate the danger of catastrophic nuclear war when the US ruling class, backed by the ruling elites of the European Union (EU) push and provoke both Russia and China into a response to flagrant military and political goading. In fact, the US Empire is currently provoking conflict in Kosovo against Serbia⁸⁰, in Israel against Iran⁸¹, and on the Korean peninsula against the Democratic Peoples’ Republic of Korea (DPRK)⁸² in addition to the bellicose aggravation

against the Russian Federation and the PRC. Many try to grapple with why the US and their allies would seemingly risk their own destruction to start wars with nuclear armed states. Yet there is an explanation.



The decline of the West

Imperialism is driven to desperation by its own impasse. The US is arguably in the process of being surpassed by the PRC in at least the economic, scientific and technological fields. In fact, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd (TSM) produces 90% of the world’s advanced computer chips.⁸³ This is potentially one reason why Washington is so keen to push Taiwanese separatism from the PRC at almost any cost. Yet it is not just the gargantuan size of the PRC’s economy that US capitalism is unable to compete with. It is much more that the PRC is the world’s most powerful bureaucratically deformed workers’ state, which gives its economy the ultimate protection of predominant state ownership and control through Five Year Plans. As a result of 1949, the major and strategic means of production in China are state owned, and the free

⁷⁹ <https://www.csis.org/analysis/what-us-one-china-policy-and-why-does-it-matter> (09-08-2022)

⁸⁰ <https://www.firstpost.com/explainers/explained-kosovo-and-serbia-at-odds-over-licence-plates-a-look-at-their-fraught-fractured-history-10993751.html> (09-08-2022)

⁸¹ <https://libertarianinstitute.org/articles/biden-and-allies-continue-to-put-iran-in-the-crosshairs/> (09-08-2022)

⁸² <https://www.npr.org/2022/07/28/1114179064/kim-threatens-to-use-nukes-amid-tensions-with-us-s-korea> (09-08-2022)

⁸³ <https://www.csfusion.org/semiconductor/why-does-taiwan-make-all-the-chips/> (09-08-2022)

market does NOT rule. The PRC has over 150 000 state owned enterprises (SOEs)⁸⁴, none of which necessarily need to make any profit at all, as long as their output aligns with the national plan. Yet both the SOEs and the private sector in the PRC are ultimately controlled by the highest levels of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Any part of their operations can be closed and/or expropriated, or redirected, if the CPC so decides.



Above: Protestors in Washington DC warn that Taiwanese independence would mean war. Almost all world governments recognise the One China policy, which recognises that the government of all of China is that of the People's Republic of China (PRC) based in Beijing. The US government recognises this position in words, but in practice actively foments separatism or "independence". www.globalsecurityreview.com

However, the CPC operates as a variation of Stalinism, which means that the Chinese working class has little or no democratic control over the use and operation of their state assets. It also means that the CPC has allowed capitalism to develop in Taiwan, rather than wage a left-wing class struggle to politically re-unify the island with the socialistic mainland. Despite this, if the PRC is

prodded far enough by US warships in the region, the CPC may have little option but to integrate Taiwan through military means. Indeed, the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) Eastern Theatre Command is now conducting anti-submarine and assault drills in the sea and airspace around Taiwan.⁸⁵ As a key component of defence of the PRC against imperialism, workers should defend such actions of the PLA, *up to and including the military takeover of both Taiwan and its bases in the South China Sea*. Despite conservative and bureaucratic rule in the PRC, workers of the world must stand for the defence of socialism – however distorted – from the predations of a US juggernaut driven to frenzy.

If the US Navy seriously attempts to fight China using a few warships sailing off the coast of Taiwan, Beijing has the missile capability to simply send these vessels to the ocean floor. The US deep state is aware of this, so this strategy could have the aim of binding the PRC into a conflict, blocking its supply lines and waging a war of attrition. The majority of light and manufactured goods used in the West are manufactured in China. The severing of these distribution lines would send the West into an even deeper recession than it currently finds itself in, due to its backfiring sanctions and proxy war on Russia. Working people cannot bear any more privation, after two and a half years of deliberate economic chaos stoked by fraudulent "Covid" lockdowns. Marxists should prepare the masses not only for an anti-war movement, but for the conversion of an imperialist war into a civil war, which strives towards the establishment and defence of *workers' councils* against a capitalist counter-revolution.

⁸⁴ <https://www.cmhi.com.hk/which-industries-in-china-are-state-owned/> (09-08-2022)

⁸⁵ <https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/2022/08/08/china-military-drills-taiwan/> (09-08-2022)

THE ONGOING SIEGE OF AFGHANISTAN



Above: Taliban fighters hold flags of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) on a street in Kabul on August 15, the first anniversary of the IEA. Image from www.todayonline.com

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

22-08-2022: According to the Western corporate media, women in the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) are today severely repressed. Supposedly, since the Taliban marched into Kabul on August 15, 2021, they have broken pledges to respect human rights and women's rights. Almost all girls are denied access to secondary school, and women are barred from working in many jobs, and even travelling to their employment without a male relative accompanying them⁸⁶ – or so the story goes. Given that one of the main purveyors of this narrative is Human Rights Watch (HRW), working people can be excused for rolling their

eyes. HRW was founded in 1978 by mainly US billionaires, to condemn “human rights violations” in the former Soviet Union. After the USSR collapsed in 1991, it became heavily financed by anti-socialist regime change magnate George Soros. Today, HRW is a US and allied billionaire funded propaganda front which justifies US and allied wars against their next target.⁸⁷ Despite the US “withdrawal” from Afghanistan in 2021, US imperialism has not finished with its nefarious geopolitical terror campaigns directed against the IEA and its neighbours.

US Empire concerned with “women’s rights” ?

⁸⁶ www.hrw.org/news/2022/08/11/afghanistan-talibans-catastrophic-year-rule (17-08-2022)

⁸⁷ <https://www.globalresearch.ca/human-rights-watch-charges-russia-but-not-america-war-censorship/5773001> (17-08-2022)

Yet again, we are expected to believe that Western imperialism is serious about protecting women's rights in Afghanistan – despite the US recently ending a 20-year war and occupation! The propaganda is so intense that even some edge “anti-war” outlets have simply repeated the manipulated talking points. The *CounterCurrents* website charges that at street checkpoints in Afghanistan today, morality police chastise women who are not covered in head-to-toe burqas.⁸⁸ Yet, they were quoting *The New York Times*. Such claims are – today – blatant falsehoods. While this may have been the position of the Taliban during their first period of rule from 1996-2001, it is certainly not the case two decades later. At the first press conference given by the Taliban after the IEA was effectively declared on August 15, 2021, spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid gave assurances that women can be educated all the way to University, without the need to wear a burqa. The only requirement is a hijab (hair covering), the same as Qatar or Iran. Mujahid also declared that a strong inclusive Islamic government will be formed – with “inclusive” meaning that women and Shi'ites will be participants.⁸⁹

In other words, Taliban 2.0 will be a vastly different version from the original Taliban. After two decades of war, where they effectively fought the US to a standstill, today's Taliban have realised that to be accepted by the “international community”, they will not be able to re-introduce positions such as the semi-exclusion of women from society. While the caveat is that “women's rights will be guaranteed within the limits of Islamic law”, the Taliban now recognise that much needed trade and investment opportunities regionally and internationally will not be possible without the most objectionable anti-women

practices of the old Taliban being dropped. And so they were. So why does the West continue its megaphone diplomacy today, shouting about the “rights of women” ? Welcome to the next phase of the siege of Afghanistan. The 2001-2021 war and occupation of Afghanistan was always about geopolitical manoeuvres against neighbouring Iran, Pakistan, China and Russia (via some ex-Soviet republics). Similarly, the post 2021 campaign against the IEA has similar sinister motives.

7 billion withheld from the IEA

While the craven Western media outlets cry foul over false “women's rights” concerns, they are very quiet about the reasons for the economic hardship now being somehow dealt with in Afghanistan. This is because the main reason is that on the day the Taliban took Kabul, US President Joe Biden issued an executive order blocking IEA's access to its own foreign reserves, worth 7 billion dollars. The Da Afghanistan Bank's (DAB – Afghanistan's Central Bank) foreign exchange assets held by the New York Federal Reserve Bank are blocked by the US Treasury in accordance with Biden's August 15 2021 edict.⁹⁰ It gets more unjust. Half of this amount *may* be released by the US government pending civil litigation on behalf of the families of 9/11 (the suspicious collapse of the World Trade Center and other buildings in the US on September 11, 2001) victims. The suspect “official” version of 9/11 aside, blame for this event cannot be shifted to the Taliban, let alone the people of Afghanistan.

Needless to say, the well-being of women in Afghanistan, along with everyone else, would be much alleviated if this 7 billion was released. This is what 70 economists have now called for, in a letter to Biden and US Treasury Secretary Janet

⁸⁸ www.countercurrents.org/2022/08/taliban-break-up-afghan-womens-protest-in-kabul/ (17-08-2022)

⁸⁹ www.sott.net/article/457113-Pepe-Escobar-How-Russia-China-are-stage-managing-the-Taliban (17-08-2022)

⁹⁰ www.usip.org/publications/2022/03/afghanistans-frozen-foreign-exchange-reserves-what-happened-whats-next (18-08-2022)

Yellen. Including eminent economists such as the Nobel-Prize winning Joseph Stiglitz and Andres Arauz, the former director of the central bank of Ecuador. The letter states that without access to its foreign reserves, the central bank of Afghanistan cannot carry out its normal and essential functions. Without a functioning central bank, the economy of Afghanistan has predictably collapsed, the letter adds.⁹¹ The deliberate disabling of the Afghan economy only exposes what are arguably the real aims of the US ruling class and their allies.



Above: US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad (L) and Taliban co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar (R) shake hands after signing the peace agreement between the US and the Taliban on February 29, 2020 in Doha. The Trump administration signed this deal, which was subsequently used for other purposes by the Biden Administration. www.middleeastmonitor.com

While it is true that it was the Trump Administration that signed the Doha Agreement⁹² with the Taliban on February 29, 2020 (which stipulated that US forces would be out of Afghanistan by May 1, 2021), the Biden Administration orchestrated a contrived hasty

withdrawal which created inexorable political conditions which build pressure for the US Empire to re-enter and re-occupy the geo-strategic country. Many scratch their heads at this – why would the US make a show of withdrawing, only to build conditions for them to go back in? Largely, it's a question of the geopolitical interests of US and European imperialism vis-à-vis Eurasian integration headed by Russia and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

US and EU (European Union) imperialism is well aware that it cannot provide the economic opportunities that the PRC can offer, nor the military security that Russia potentially offers. But it can sabotage such efforts, and cause chaos, through terror attacks *alongside* a political campaign against the “stone age” Taliban. US/EU imperialism can animate ISIS or ISIS-K⁹³ for horrific terror attacks for which they can offer semi-plausible deniability, while simultaneously invigorating Western liberals with plaintive cries for “justice” including affectatious demands to resettle refugees from Afghanistan.⁹⁴ With US, European and Australian troops occupying Afghanistan, the narrative of fighting for “democracy” can't wash – for whatever the Taliban stood for, they were at least defending their land. With the US and allied troops now *out* (though not completely), the narrative can be flipped back to one where it is the “evil Taliban” supposedly oppressing Afghans, and it is once again imperialism (!!) to the rescue.

Collaborators

Western liberals, who know little shame, basically concede that they are demanding asylum for Afghan *collaborators* with US/EU/NATO/AUST imperialism. That is, those Afghans who worked

⁹¹ www.cepr.net/press-release/over-70-economists-call-for-biden-administration-to-return-afghanistans-central-bank-reserves/ (18-08-2022)

⁹² www.aspeniaonline.it/reading-the-doha-agreement-literally/ (18-08-2022)

⁹³ www.redfireonline.com/2021/08/30/afghanistan-us-empire-shadow-boxing-with-isis-k/ (18-08-2022)

⁹⁴ <https://rac-vic.org/2021/08/17/afghanistan-refugee-crisis-five-urgent-demands/> (18-08-2022)

directly with the occupation forces against the interests of other Afghans and Afghanistan itself. Understandably, these collaborators were targets of the Taliban in the immediate aftermath⁹⁵ of the US withdrawal, although the Taliban also eventually agreed to let them be, despite their treachery. Afghan interpreters, who worked for the US/NATO aligned military forces⁹⁶, certainly cannot claim that their assistance to these armies did not result in war crimes against Afghan civilians. The war crimes committed by Australian special forces in Afghanistan were particularly unspeakable, including the execution of innocent farmers and their family members.⁹⁷ In fact, the Spanish government has recently admitted that it has evacuated 3900 Afghan military and civilian collaborators with EU and NATO forces, since August 2021.⁹⁸ While there are certainly genuine refugees from Afghanistan who simply fled the fighting and the economic privation which occurred during the US/EU occupation, the demands for asylum for collaborators – without saying so openly – serves the aims of imperialist war, not peace.

How many Afghan collaborators were there, and continue to be now? It is not easy to say, but given the Afghan population of 40 million⁹⁹, and a 20-year occupation by wealthy imperialist powers, it is safe to say there would be thousands, perhaps tens of thousands or more. In every country in the world, whether or not there was or is a US military occupation, there are a network of collaborators for its Empire. This can range from interpreters to armed groups, to journalists, civil society

employees and even whole political parties. In Zimbabwe, many were aware that the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) was a vessel funded by Western governments which served Western aims, under the guise of “democracy”, which contained the real possibility of a military invasion.¹⁰⁰ Some Zimbabweans warn against the parallels with Afghanistan today.

The Western media was aghast at the suppression of a “women’s rights” protest in Kabul on August 13. Yet photos from the action show only a crowd of about 40 women, complete with banners which looked anything but home-made, and with English translations attached.¹⁰¹ Reportedly, some carried placards stating “August 15 is a black day” – referring to the beginning of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. A similar action was reported by HRW in Kabul in January, and this time some of the placards were entirely in English! No wonder that some jeered at them with cries of “puppets of the West!”.¹⁰² It is plain to see that such actions are carried out by *some* Afghan women at the behest of their benefactors, for the benefit of odious Western geopolitical aims. Obviously, in a population of 40 million, 40 women waving placards in English is hardly representative of any section of the Afghan population. Without offering an iota of political backing for the Taliban, workers internationally must recognise that the suppression of such Western funded “activism” in Afghanistan is a necessity.

Eurasian integration

⁹⁵ www.republicworld.com/technology-news/social-media-news/taliban-targeting-us-collaborators-discreetly-will-execute-unless-they-surrender-un.html (18-08-2022)

⁹⁶ www.businessinsider.com/the-interpreters-left-for-dead-in-afghanistan-2021-6?op=1 (18-08-2022)

⁹⁷ www.acij.org.au/our-work/international-accountability/afghanistan/australian-war-crimes-in-afghanistan-questions-and-answers/ (18-08-2022)

⁹⁸ www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/spain-has-evacuated-3900-afghan-collaborators-since-august-2021/ (18-08-2022)

⁹⁹ www.worldometers.info/world-population/afghanistan-population/ (18-08-2022)

¹⁰⁰ www.herald.co.zw/afghanistan-curse-of-collaborators/ (18-08-2022)

¹⁰¹ www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11108623/Taliban-break-womens-demo-Kabul-protesters-call-girls-allowed-school.html (18-08-2022)

¹⁰² www.hrw.org/news/2022/01/18/taliban-use-harsh-tactics-crush-afghan-womens-rights-protest (18-08-2022)

Washington is well aware that after its (partial) withdrawal, Afghanistan under Taliban 2.0 will be integrated into the growing Eurasian politico-economic-security bloc. On August 14, the Taliban's acting Minister of Industry Nouredin Azizi confirmed that Afghanistan will import around one million barrels of Russian oil per day.¹⁰³ Trade with Russia had been virtually non-existent for the last two decades with the country under the occupation of the Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani puppet administrations. The Taliban also understands that economic reconstruction is not possible without major co-operation with the People's Republic of China (PRC) government in Beijing. The Taliban visited Tianjin in July last year, where the PRC offered a quid-pro-quo: the PRC will recognise the Taliban's role in rebuilding Afghanistan in return for its severing of any links with the US backed East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM), responsible for a string of horrific terrorist attacks in the PRC's neighbouring Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR).¹⁰⁴

The Taliban concurred, and recently the PRC Foreign Minister Wang Yi confirmed that Beijing has offered to extend the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan via Pakistan occupied Kashmir.¹⁰⁵ This along with co-operation with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with funding from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and entry into the Russian led Eurasia Economic Union (EAEU), combined with participation with the Iran-India-Russia led International North South Transportation Corridor (INSTC)¹⁰⁶ – makes for a potentially bright future for the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Washington, needless to say, is not amused. Now,

after the US state orchestrated a colour revolution to overthrow the popularly elected Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan,¹⁰⁷ Pakistan is the only US ally in the region. Unfortunately, Washington has already utilised this regime change operation for iniquitous ends. The recent US claimed drone strike on Al Qaeda leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri (despite many Afghans openly doubting whether it was Zawahiri at all¹⁰⁸) was most likely launched from Pakistani soil, or at the very least directed with the use of Pakistani air space.¹⁰⁹



Above: PRC Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with a Taliban delegation in Tianjin, July 2021. Official recognition from the PRC is a prerequisite for necessary economic assistance. www.pakistanfrontier.com

On August 17, another terrorist bombing of a mosque in Kabul took place, taking the lives of 21 people, including a pro-Taliban cleric. This came a week after the Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the killing of another pro-Taliban cleric at his religious centre in Kabul.¹¹⁰ It does not take too keen an insight to see what is happening. The Taliban and their supporters are being

¹⁰³ www.thecradle.co/Article/news/14289 (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁴ www.asiatimes.com/2021/07/the-taliban-go-to-tianjin/ (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁵ www.idrw.org/willing-to-extend-china-pakistan-economic-corridor-to-afghanistan-chinese-foreign-minister-wang/ (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁶ www.thecradle.co/Article/columns/12648 (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁷ www.redfireonline.com/2022/04/26/pakistan-pm-khan-deposed-in-us-backed-coup/ (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁸ www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220802-afghans-cast-doubt-on-kabul-killing-of-al-qaeda-chief (21-08-2022)

¹⁰⁹ www.theprint.in/world/us-drone-strike-that-killed-zawahiri-raises-questions-over-pakistans-possible-role/1074354/ (21-08-2022)

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www.thenational.scot/news/national/20670220.prominent-cleric-among-21-killed-kabul-mosque-bombing/ (21-08-2022)

targeted with lethal consequences, by IS (whether in the form of ISIS, ISIS-K) and Al Qaeda operations. US troops in US uniforms obviously cannot carry out such attacks, and neither can they sabotage BRI or CPEC infrastructure building projects in Afghanistan. Thus, these wicked tasks are outsourced to ISIS and Al Qaeda. Yet the Taliban remains defiant. In late July, IEA Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani assured Indian media that Al Qaeda has no military presence inside Afghanistan, and that the IEA is bound by international commitments to fight ISIS.¹¹¹ No wonder the Pentagon is dismayed.

IEA reconstruction must proceed

As much as it may be inconceivable to liberals in the West, the Taliban has some basis of support within Afghanistan, and not without reason. *The Economist* is one of the Western elite's media mouthpieces, yet even it felt bound to report that violence in Afghanistan has actually *decreased*¹¹² since the Taliban effectively declared the IEA on August 15, 2021. Given the decades long war and conflict imposed on them by the US state since the 1980s, this is no small feat. In fact, this achievement most likely has the support of most women in Afghanistan, placing the handfuls of female collaborators protesting with Western backing against the Taliban very much in the shade. Moreover, while there will be no LGBTIQ+ Pride marches in Afghanistan anytime soon, neither was there during the 20-year war and occupation by imperialist troops under the Karzai/Ghani US puppet administrations. Indeed, women's rights and LGBT rights are never on the agenda when the US state department deals with Saudi Arabia or any other administration in the Middle East.¹¹³

While the Taliban and their current adjusted interpretations of Islam are not necessarily progressive compared to the march of history, neither can they today be depicted as turban wearing medieval tribesmen – as the “woke imperium” would prefer it portrayed. Insofar as the Taliban combat imperialist proxy forces such as ISIS and Al Qaeda, and seek to reconstruct and develop Afghanistan through economic, diplomatic and security co-operation with Russia, China and Eurasia – working people cannot afford to echo covert or overt Western calls for regime change in the IEA. There is an opportunity for some economic development for the IEA via regional Eurasian integration, though imperialism will seek to sabotage this at each step.

Economic development via the BRI and the EAEU is a necessary first step for the IEA, but this *in itself* is not a step forward on the path to socialism. What is ultimately required is the building of genuine Marxist vanguard parties in Afghanistan and throughout Eurasia. Despite current appearances, this is not beyond the realms of possibility, especially given the history of the pro-socialist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) led government of 1977 to 1992. For workers in Afghanistan and Eurasia, defence against imperialism requires tactical alliances with the governments of Russia, China, Iran and other neighbours. Yet no political endorsement can be proffered to any political force outside of sworn defenders of unfalsified Leninism and the theory of Permanent Revolution. War, terrorism, exploitation, fraudulent pandemics – all of this and more must be swept into the dustbin of history through the victory of the proletariat via regionally integrated workers' states.

¹¹¹ www.ariananews.af/islamic-emirate-committed-to-fighting-isis-in-afghanistan-haqqani/ (21-08-2022)

¹¹² www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2022/08/15/violence-in-afghanistan-has-dropped-under-the-taliban (21-08-2022)

¹¹³ www.middleeastmonitor.com/20220816-dont-judge-the-taliban-after-just-one-year-in-charge/ (21-08-2022)

WEST PAPUA: SEPARATISTS DENOUNCE GREATER AUTONOMY



Above: Map of Indonesia showing all of its islands, and the city of Jayapura in West Papua on the right. www.aljazeera.com

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

12-06-2022: The government of Indonesia has in recent months announced plans to create three extra provinces in the area largely known as West Papua. The three new provinces will be 1) Central Papua Province (Meepago), 2) South Papua Province (Ha Anim) and 3) Central Highlands Province (Lapago).¹¹⁴ This will mean there will be five provinces in the Eastern half of Papua, and it will bring the total number of Indonesian provinces to 39. The government claims that it will accelerate and equalise development across West Papua, leading to a more equal distribution of wealth across the region.¹¹⁵ This may well be the

case, as it may offset the development which has taken place in the coastal towns sometimes unintentionally at the expense of the highland interior.

Additionally, the Indonesian government lists other benefits, such as: harmonious relations between regions, greater access to services such as welfare, the facilitation of community mobility and activities, and the reduction of the span of government control between the centre and the regions. For example, Papuans may not have to travel all the way to Jayapura to access specialist

¹¹⁴ <https://westpauastory.com/3-new-indonesian-provinces-in-papua-following-west-papua-ha-anim-meepago-and-lapago/> (08-06-2022)

¹¹⁵ <https://jakartaglobe.id/news/three-new-provinces-to-be-established-in-papua/> (08-06-2022)

services.¹¹⁶ They also claim that the creation of three extra autonomous regions will spur on the achievement of prosperity and people-centred development across Papua.¹¹⁷ While these communications inevitably contain some level of political spin, it also largely maintains a certain reality.

Separatists demand “self-determination”

For separatists who reject the Papuan Special Autonomy (Otsus) Law, however, the creation of more provinces under 2021 revisions to the Otsus law - which may well result in greater autonomy – are in fact a move by Indonesia to further “divide and conquer” West Papua. On May 10, groups now going under the banner of the “Papua People’s Petition” (PRP), organised protests in 10 cities: Jayapura, Manokwari, Sorong, Kaimana, Wamena, Yahokimo, Dogiyai, Mapia, Fakfak and Deiyai. These actions were purportedly organised to oppose revisions to the Otsus Law and the planned creation of new autonomous regions in Papua, and to call for the right to self-determination. Yet “self-determination” is a newly coined phrase to give a fig-leaf cover to the fact that this is in fact a drive towards separatist “independence”. This movement not only contains ostensibly peaceful protests, but open armed violence against the state and civilians who do not at all share such goals. This is one reason why the Indonesian security forces broke up three of the demonstrations in the larger cities of Jayapura, Manokwari and Sorong. Seven people

were arrested in Jayapura including the spokesperson Jefri Wenda.¹¹⁸

The PRP claimed that the arrests were part of the criminalisation of peaceful protesters. Yet their own international supporters themselves admit and report that in Jayapura, the organisers were given an opportunity to apply for a permit for the protest, but refused. The police then informed them that the protest was not allowed but offered to facilitate it anyway if they wanted to march to the Regional House of Representatives – but again the PRP refused. According to Jayapura police chief Victor Makbon, after police had then cleared the action, photos were posted on social media claiming injuries caused by police during its break up. Makbon insisted this information is untrue or a hoax.¹¹⁹

TAPOL, an international NGO, immediately spoke up and demanded the release of Jefri Wenda.¹²⁰ They also claimed that the Indonesian government has used the Covid-19 “pandemic” as a pretext to prevent peaceful protests, including ones against the revisions to the Otsus law which “hands more power to Jakarta” and potentially divides West Papuans. This is a bit rich coming from TAPOL who are based in London in the United Kingdom (UK), and who list US State Department reports on “human rights” in Indonesia as legitimate,¹²¹ alongside the notorious think tank Human Rights Watch (HRW). HRW is funded by, amongst others, the Ford Foundation, billionaire regime change financier George Soros’ Open Society

¹¹⁶ <https://wikipapua.com/2022/06/06/regional-expansion-can-answer-many-problems-in-papua-by-roland-levy/> (08-06-2022)

¹¹⁷ <https://westpauastory.com/expansion-provinces-papua-and-west-papua/> (08-06-2022)

¹¹⁸ <https://www.indoleft.org/index.php/statements/2022-05-12/stop-the-repression-arrest-and-criminalisation-of-peaceful-papuan-protesters.html> (08-06-2022)

¹¹⁹ <http://www.indoleft.org/news/2022-06-03/at-least-20-injured-scores-arrested-in-fridays-protests-against-papua-carve-up.html> (08-06-2022)

¹²⁰ <https://www.tapol.org/news/tapol-calls-immediate-release-detained-political-activists> (08-06-2022)

¹²¹ <https://www.tapol.org/resources/external-resources> (08-06-2022)

Foundation(OSF), and one of the central architects of the abjectly fraudulent Covid-19 narrative – the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).¹²² Bill Gates and George Soros do not operate internationally without the co-operation and consent of Washington, whether on fake pandemics or indeed deceitful “self-determination” movements.

Lies alongside ethnic violence

Posting fake news about police repression on May 10 this year is scarcely the first time that the West Papuan “independence” crowd have openly lied about being supposedly “oppressed” by the Indonesian government. In 2018, Papuan separatists mouthed a jaw-dropping lie when they claimed, without a shred of evidence, that Indonesian armed forces had used white phosphorus munitions against them in the Nduga region.¹²³ The separatists and their international backers also claim that as many as 500 000 Papuans have been killed during Indonesia’s “occupation” since the 1950s. This is ludicrous, given the Papuan population has roughly *doubled in size* since the early 1970s, from around 900 000 to approximately 1.8 million today.¹²⁴

The “genocide” they fantastically claim, has more to do with **some** Papuans objecting to the *transmigration* of other Indonesians to Papua over the last several decades. This has altered the demographics of the land covering West Papua, but at all times the Indonesian government has attempted to *integrate*, and not exclude, Papuans into the NKRI (Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia).¹²⁵ The Indonesian government is spending trillions of rupiah for the development of

Papua, but this development is resented by separatists and their supporters. In fact, their international supporters even admit that armed Papuan separatists *target* vitally needed infrastructure being built by the Indonesian government, such as the 4300 kilometre Trans Papua Highway. Unfortunately, the separatist movement – whether armed or unarmed – is also aimed at intimidating and/or removing, non-Papuans from Papua.



Above: The 4300 kilometre Trans Papua highway will help develop the various provinces of West Papua, and boost commerce, but its construction has come under armed attack by separatist Papuan militia.
www.radionz.co.nz

The small minority of Papuans who take up arms to supposedly fight for “independence” or “self-determination” have no scruples with employing extreme violence to eliminate not only Indonesians seen as supporting the government, but also other Papuans who do not wish to separate from the people they have lived alongside for 20 or 30 years. In 2019, armed Papuan separatists launched an attack on the

¹²² <https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-watch/> (08-06-2022)

¹²³ <https://redfireonline.com/2018/12/30/west-papua-corporate-media-enlisted-to-spread-false-claims-fake-news/> (08-06-2022)

¹²⁴ <https://apjff.org/2017/02/Elmslie.html> (08-06-2022)

¹²⁵ <https://areaindonesia.com/en/indonesia-history-flag-map-geography-government/> (08-06-2022)

town of Wamena, burning down numerous government and private buildings. 30 people, apparently 22 of whom were Indonesian transmigrants and 8 were Papuans, were killed in the offensive – some of them being burnt to death.¹²⁶ It hardly needs to be said that the slaughter of innocents cannot be justified, and nor can the slaying of those who do not share a particular political opinion.

In April and May of last year, armed Papuan separatists waged a campaign of terror in the Puncak Regency. There, they set three local schools ablaze, and then approached the home of a local elementary school teacher – who they shot dead. The next day, they executed a local high school teacher. Soon after, the armed separatists sabotaged local roads and a bridge, before burning down a public community hall.¹²⁷ The armed separatist groups – a numerically tiny section of the Papuan population – clearly target any public infrastructure, which is inevitably funded by the Indonesian government. The fact that they are also prepared to physically annihilate anyone perceived to be a part of government infrastructure – such as public school teachers – should indicate to all and sundry the homicidal nature and intent of these “militants”.

Armed terror causes backlash

In response, the Indonesian government officially designated armed Papuan separatists as terrorist organisations, or KKB (Armed Criminal Groups). In April last year, under Law Number 5 of 2018, the government stated that “those who commit massive violence are categorised as terrorist.” Their definition states that terrorists and terrorist

groups are those that use violence or threats of violence to create an atmosphere of fear or terror that can cause mass casualties. It also includes damage or destruction to objects that are necessary for the community and the environment, e.g., public and international facilities.¹²⁸ Now that the KKB have been declared terrorist and can be arrested as terrorists at any time, the armed separatists have been forced underground. Moreover, the KKB are now designated as terrorist alongside Islamic fundamentalist organisations existing elsewhere in Indonesia, such as: Jamaah Islamiya (JI), Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD), East Indonesian Mujahidin (MIT) and Jamaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT).¹²⁹

Not only has the government understandably responded to armed Papuan terrorism, one nationalist civilian militia has vowed to protect Indonesians from potential separatist threats. In March, the Laskar Merah Putih (LMP or “Red and White Militia”) demonstrated outside of Amnesty International’s Jakarta office. The LMP demanded that Amnesty support the government in the creation of new autonomous Papuan regions, that it cease creating narratives siding with the KKB, that it support the TNI (Indonesian military) and Polri (Indonesian police) in taking action against groups which threaten the NKRI, and that it demand legal action be taken against separatist students who held a demonstration in front of the Home Affairs Department which turned anarchic.¹³⁰ The LMP held placards with photos of Amnesty International’s Indonesian executive director Usman Hamid which referred to him as a “traitor”, and demands that the government expel Amnesty International from the country.¹³¹

¹²⁶ <https://redfireonline.com/2019/10/05/wamena-papuan-militia-terrorise-civilians/> (09-06-2022)

¹²⁷ <https://redfireonline.com/2021/06/07/west-papua-armed-separatists-wage-terror-in-puncak/> (09-06-2022)

¹²⁸ www.republika.co.id/berita/qsc42d440/indonesia-declared-papua-kkb-a-terrorist-organization (09-06-2022)

¹²⁹ www.goodmorningpapua.com/kkb-of-papua-and-groups-of-terrorists-at-indonesia/ (09-06-2022)

¹³⁰ www.wpan.wordpress.com/2022/03/22/former-timor-militia-protest-at-amnestys-jakarta-office-over-its-stand-on-west-papua/ (09-06-2022)

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www.thejakartapost.com/indonesia/2022/03/18/amnesty-continues-campaigning-for-papuan-inclusion-despite-militia-protest.html (09-06-2022)

This has not stopped the KKB. Three days after the PRP organised protests, the KKB prevented a cargo plane from landing at the Aminggaru Ilaga Airport by shooting at the plane multiple times. The pilot decided not to attempt a landing, turned and flew back to Timika.¹³² If the armed Papuan separatists are prepared to prevent provisions and supplies from landing in Papua, on top of all other crimes, it is little wonder that a nationalist militia has mobilised in response. If the political wing of the separatist movement does not wish to be associated with the armed wing, they should make this crystal clear.



Above: Wamena Airport. In the highlands of West Papua, the supply of provisions can often depend on planes, due to the dense jungle. On occasions, armed Papuan separatists have shot at planes carrying supplies for the locals, forcing them to turn away.
www.oysteinlundandersen.com

Left alibis ethnic conflict

Many parties on the left make the error of inflaming what is essentially a conflict provoked by a small minority of Melanesians (the predominant indigenous ethnicity stretching from Papua to Vanuatu to Fiji) in West Papua against the largely

Austronesian ethnicity of Indonesia. Indonesia, in fact, contains over 1300 ethnicities, with around 95% being native to its archipelago.¹³³ Ethnic co-operation and harmony is therefore crucial to day to day life in Indonesia. Yet it is not just ethnic strife that the KKB inflame – they also harass, intimidate and sometimes kill other Melanesians who have no desire for separatist independence, or “self-determination”. Many of them have lived side by side with Austronesians and others for 20, 30 or 40 years, and understandably wish to continue live in peace with all ethnic groups so as to maintain the status quo.

The Australian Socialist Alliance (SA), for example, is one of the most enthusiastic backers of West Papuan “independence” – regardless of circumstances. Reporting on the May 10 protests, SA claims that “Crackdowns and arrests of peaceful demonstrators continue and security force operations have resulted in thousands of internal refugees”.¹³⁴ Firstly, the main reason why police in West Papua act to prevent “peaceful demonstrations” for “independence” is because they often become violent attacks on government and public property, and can endanger civilian lives. Secondly, the government’s security operations are only aimed at preventing the KKB from doing likewise – but using weapons such as semi-automatic machine guns. It is the connection of the same political aim of the “peaceful pro-independence” demonstrators with the physically dangerous activity of the KKB that prompts intervention from the Indonesian police and security forces.

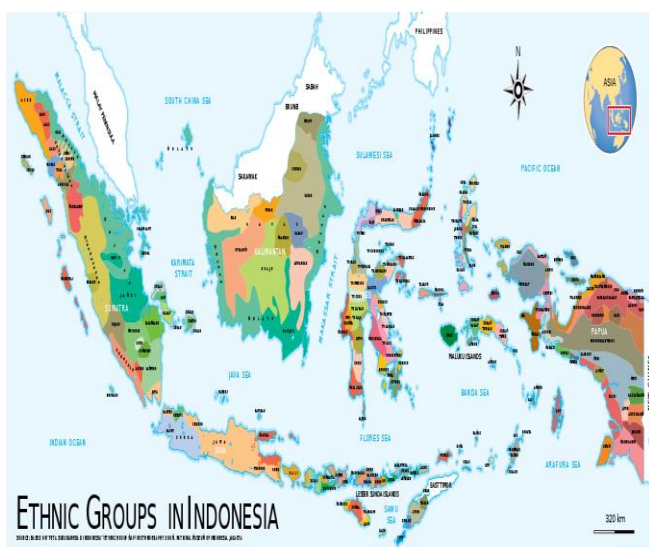
Unbeknownst to SA and other ostensibly socialist parties, *West Papua does not meet the Marxist criteria for a nation*, let alone one which is allegedly “oppressed”. Just one example will suffice to demonstrate this. West Papua is home

¹³² www.en.tempo.co/read/1591288/kkb-allegedly-shoots-asian-one-plane-landing-at-papuas-ilaga-airport#.Yn7wVwU098k.facebook (09-06-2022)

¹³³ <https://jakartaglobe.id/culture/unity-diversity-indonesias-six-largest-ethnic-groups> (11-06-2022)

¹³⁴ www.greenleft.org.au/content/west-papua-protests-reject-indonesias-divide-and-rule-strategy (11-06-2022)

to around 255 different ethnic groups. Of them there are around 240 different languages each with their own unique culture.¹³⁵ These ethnic groups cannot communicate with one another unless they speak Bahasa Indonesia – the predominant language of all of Indonesia. It should not be necessary to point out the absurdity of breaking away from Indonesia (if that was possible) to form a separate state – while continuing to speak and write in Bahasa Indonesian!! It would not be practical to pretend that West Papua is a separate nation state – while maintaining the *lingua franca* of Indonesia.



Above: A map showing some of the 1300 different ethnicities throughout Indonesia. In the provinces otherwise known as West Papua, there are 255 ethnicities alone. Ethnic harmony between all ethnicities and cultures throughout Indonesia, including Papua, is therefore vital to the functioning of the country and the region. Unfortunately, to further their dubious political goals, Papuan separatists inflame ethnic tension between the various Melanesian and Austronesian groups, often including violence. Ethnic conflict cannot be supported by working people internationally, and must be avoided at all costs.

Economically, West Papua could scarcely survive without the resources of Indonesia with its 270

million odd population base. If this was somehow brought about, a separate West Papua would hardly be “independent”, but almost wholly dependent on vast economic resources which would have to be imported from the imperialist West – mainly Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Many Papuans themselves tacitly acknowledge that they have more support for “independence” in Australia and the UK than they do in Papua itself. This is why there are a litany of “West Papua solidarity” organisations in the West, mainly composed of “radical” liberals who mistakenly imagine they are standing with an indigenous people who have committed no crimes and are subject to an “occupation”.

West Papuan separatists have learnt how to play on the saviour complex of Western liberals, including some “socialists”, to further their nefarious political goals. Even despite the fact that the Indonesian government has practiced a high degree of Covid madness, including attempts at mass vaccination,¹³⁶ Papuans and all ethnic groups of the Indonesian archipelago are far better off striving for economic and political advancement across all of Indonesia. The nationalism of a former Dutch colony does need to be challenged through a general struggle for socialism in Asia and the Pacific – but on this *path there cannot be a single trace of ethnic antagonism*. Nor should there be the artificial political elevation of an indigenous people regardless of their conduct, let alone their crimes. As far away as it may seem currently, what is required is the forging of parties based on authentic Leninism, which have sworn to uphold Permanent Revolution, throughout Indonesia, the Pacific, Australasia and internationally. The worldwide uprising of the working class will render ethnic antagonism a relic of a dim and distant past.

¹³⁵ www.westpapuafree.blogspot.com/2008/01/let-democratisation-spread-in-west.html (11-06-2022)

¹³⁶ www.en.antaranews.com/news/231921/indonesia-to-receive-74-million-covid-19-vaccines-until-2022-end (11-06-2022)

THE PITFALLS OF CLIMATE BLOCKADES



Above: Blockade Australia protestors are moved on by police while attempting to block traffic. www.swtimes.com.au

(Article sourced from www.redfireonline.com)

04-07-2022: Under the slogan of “Resist Climate Inaction”, Blockade Australia (BA) are in the midst of carrying out a week of intentional disruption throughout Sydney and the state of New South Wales (NSW) which they hope will force the powers that be to finally take decisive measures to combat the devastating climatological effects of runaway biospheric collapse. “Disruption” conveys BA’s primary tactic of road and traffic blockades, often in peak hour commuting times. Yet even before BA could enact their week of action, the NSW police tracked and arrested BA blockaders at their homes, and raided BA preparation campsites on the outskirts of Sydney. At some of these raids, police refused to answer

questions about why they were detaining people and were accompanied by a media and camera team from a major commercial television channel.¹³⁷ Under legislation passed by the NSW government in April, those blockading roads, railway lines, tunnels and bridges can be fined \$22 000 or be thrown in jail for two years. This legislation may be used to prosecute 10 BA blockaders who shut down the Sydney Harbour Tunnel during morning peak hour last Monday.¹³⁸

BA replicates XR

BA are correct about one thing, and one thing only. That is, anthropogenic global warming is an existential danger closing in on the Earth’s ability to sustain human civilisation. In May this year,

¹³⁷ www.blockadeaustralia.com/elder-arrested-in-second-raid-of-blockade-australia-camp/ (02-07-2022)

¹³⁸ www.abc.net.au/news/2022-06-27/blockade-australia-protesters-close-sydney-harbour-tunnel/101185660 (02-07-2022)

atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide were measured as 420.99 parts per million (ppm) at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii.¹³⁹ Prior to the Industrial Revolution in the mid-1700s, atmospheric concentrations of carbon were around 280ppm. In the late 1800s, the mass burning of fossil fuels for energy began, and has led to approximately 375 billion tonnes of carbon being dumped into the clear blue sky.¹⁴⁰ This has accelerated the generation of extreme weather events which themselves are now dangerous to human lives – droughts, fires, floods, hurricanes, cyclones, storms and more. While it is true that not every weather event can be attributed directly to climate change, it is all but certain the *frequency* and *intensity* of the weather disasters which have been experienced over the last 10 years are just some of the effects of the accumulation of greenhouse gases over the last two centuries.

Yet the **tactics** of BA replicate those of the seemingly now defunct Extinction Rebellion (XR), which burst on to the scene in late 2018. XR launched the tactic of road traffic and rail blockades and used them throughout 2019. As we wrote at the time, these tactics are profoundly mistaken, and based on acutely misguided politics. They are also deeply anti-working class, regardless of the intentions. The tactics in fact threaten the democratic rights of working people, as the reaction from the capitalist state could well be to ban all protest altogether.¹⁴¹ The NSW government has already started this, as the pre-emptively arrested BA blockaders can attest to. Moreover, it is not just irritating to be blocked on a road by a climate protester when one is trying to get to work or pick up your children from school – it is infuriating. It is also unconscionable to block

someone who may be travelling to a funeral or seeking emergency medical assistance. Inevitably, some motorists will be incensed and attempt to run down the climate blockaders out of frustration, as has already occurred in Sydney this week.¹⁴² The blockades thus have the effect of turning many people against a cause they may otherwise wholeheartedly support. They are socially and politically counter-productive and give the capitalist state an almost justifiable case to reduce or ban protest on any other issue which also may be of dire importance.

For or against the system?

XR vanished at the start of the nonsensical “Covid” lockdowns in March 2020. This was largely due to the fact that XR, along with almost all environmental activists and much of the ostensible left – capitulated to the very system they claim to be opposing on ecological grounds. Some BA supporters claim to oppose “the capitalist system which has caused the climate emergency”¹⁴³, yet many of them have no qualms about enforcing non-scientific and illogical Covid compliance on others in order to save a floundering capitalism. In fact, Covid repression combined so-called liberal democracy with whole dollops of fascism, as liberalism was the political vehicle chosen by the Western ruling classes to champion its lockdowns and shutdowns of numerous economies.¹⁴⁴ As long as BA and the Covid left remain within the sphere of liberalism, even that of the most radical variety, they may be used to enforce capitalist state repression. Almost universally, BA and the so-called left *enabled* lockdowns, forced facemasks and vaccine

¹³⁹ www.gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends/index.html (02-07-2022)

¹⁴⁰ www.bie.curwensvillealliance.org/how-much-co2-was-in-the-atmosphere-before-the-industrial-revolution (02-07-2022)

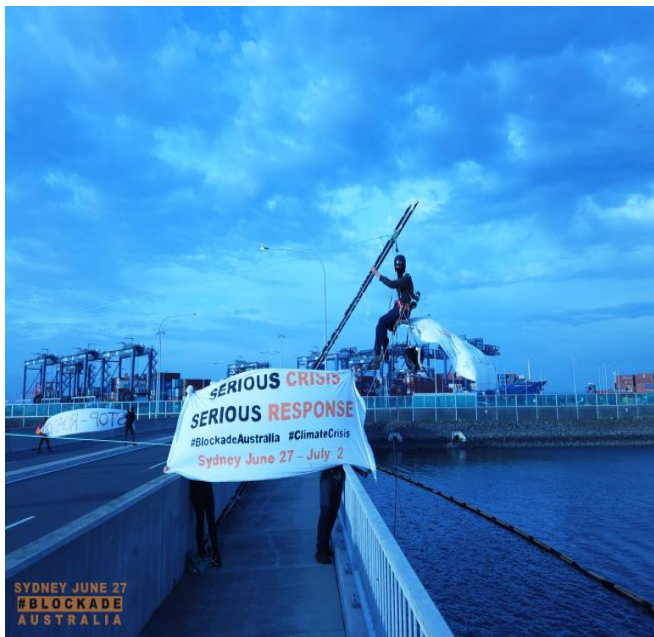
¹⁴¹ www.redfireonline.com/2019/10/20/xr-threaten-workers-democratic-rights/ (02-07-2022)

¹⁴² www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/bondi-driver-who-pushed-through-blockade-australia-protesters-fined-by-police-for-negligent-driving/ar-AAYWMYn (02-07-2022)

¹⁴³ [www.twitter.com/BlockadeAus](https://twitter.com/BlockadeAus) (02-07-2022)

¹⁴⁴ <https://redfireonline.com/2022/05/07/covid-and-the-blurred-line-between-democracy-and-fascism/> (02-07-2022)

mandates – but now they claim to be radical rebels?

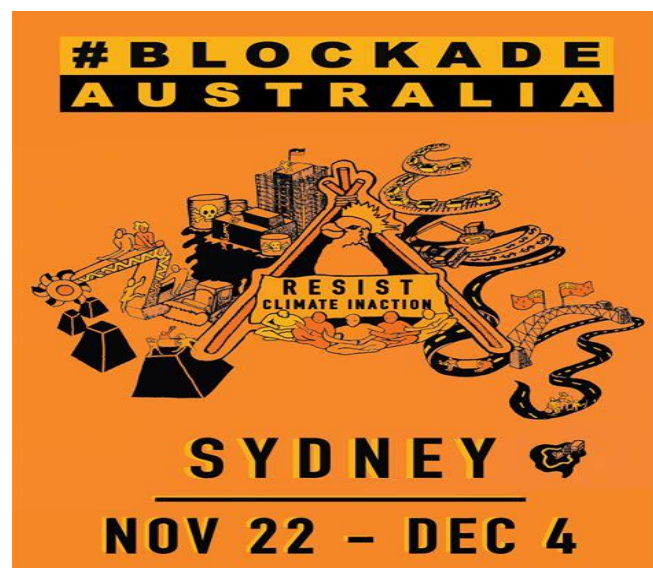


Above: Blockade Australia climate protestors perch themselves off a bridge along with a banner calling for a “serious response” to the climate crisis.

This crying contradiction has triggered vast climate denialism amongst the freedom movement – those that bravely defended workers’ jobs and basic civil and democratic rights against the states abolishing them in the name of “healthcare”. As the very same political forces imposing destructive lockdowns are the same ones warning about the need for “climate action”, many in the freedom movement thus conclude that therefore, excessive carbon emissions are not a problem, and could even be beneficial.¹⁴⁵ Yet at the same time, they would accept that *pollution* is a problem which needs urgent rectification. They currently don’t accept that carbon emissions are a form of pollution, however, and so climate change is

allegedly a fraud in the same way in which the Covid “pandemic” really was a fraud.

Between the liberalism of climate blockaders and the synthetic left on the one hand, and the climate denialism of much of the freedom movement on the other hand, genuine Marxists must chart a path forward. The exploitation of the natural environment (in all forms up to climate distortion) cannot be separated from the exploitation of the labour power of the proletariat which is the lifeblood of capitalism. Covid bio-fascism was and is a reflection of the fact that the working class has not yet superseded the system of private production for private profit, at least in the centres of the imperialist West. As history has taught, any form of fascism can only be dealt with by the direct overthrow of its guarantor – finance capital. What is required is the forging of a Leninist vanguard party which fights for a workers’ government and guides the toiling masses *in the administration and defence of its own state*. The immediate extension of socialism internationally is the basis on which climate disintegration, and many other serious predicaments, can be rationally addressed.



¹⁴⁵ <https://off-guardian.org/2022/05/31/activism-a-write-off-and-autopsy/> (02-07-2022)



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