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The right to live
poet Ho Chi Minh,
who struck from Vietnam
all of humanity.
No cannon will wipe out
the furrow of your rice
paddy.
The right to live in peace.

Indochina is the place
beyond the wide sea,
where they ruin the flower
with genocide and napalm.
The moon is an explosion
that blows out all the clamor.
The right to live in peace.

Uncle Ho, our song
is fire of pure love,
it's a dovecote dove,
olive from an olive grove.
It is the universal song,
chain that will triumph,
the right to live in peace.

(Víctor Jara)



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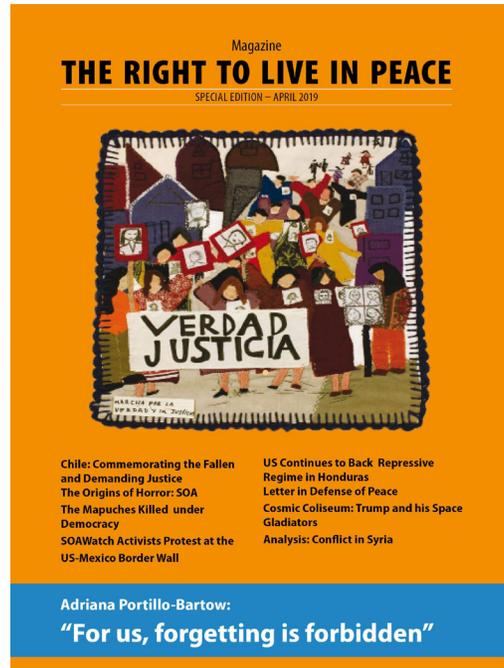
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In your hands is the first English edition of the magazine *El Derecho de Vivir en Paz* (The Right to Live in Peace) which was made in Chile with the contribution of various organizations and individual collaborators working in solidarity.

In this magazine you will find articles about human rights and current events. Specifically, many articles reveal the ongoing struggles of Latin American organizations fighting for justice for their family members who were killed under state terrorism.

Additionally, these articles reveal the need for historical memory, the importance of the call to “never forget,” and the courage of so many women throughout Latin America demanding justice for their murdered or disappeared relatives.

This magazine also shares information on the migrant solidarity movement and the protest at the US-Mexico border wall. First, we reject the repression and criminalization that migrants endure. We also demonstrate that economic, security, and US military policies have led to the forced displacement of people fleeing to save their families from poverty or violence.



Also in this magazine, you will find articles on militarization and transnational struggles to create a more secure and peaceful world.

As Chilean musician and leftist Víctor Jara, (who was murdered by School of the Americas graduates), once bravely sung: we all have “the right to live in peace.”

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Commemorating the Fallen and Demanding Justice

By Emily Rosenzweig

On October 29, 2018, in Calama, Chile, Amnesty International, in conjunction with Agrupación de Familiares de Ejecutados y Detenidos Desaparecidos Políticos de Calama or AFEDDEP (Organization of Family Members of Politically Executed and Detained “Disappeared” People of Calama), honored 26 victims of Augusto Pinochet’s dictatorship.

The “Caravan of Death” a Chilean Army Death squad, led a campaign of terror following the 1973 coup, in which they tortured and executed these 26 communists, socialists, and leftist sympathizers from Calama and buried them in mass graves in the Atacama Desert. The squad was responsible for at least 50 more deaths in this gruesome fashion throughout Northern Chile.

In commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the Caravan of Death, the event also coincided with the Día Nacional de Ejecutado Político (National Day of the Politically Executed), which is recognized every October 30th in Chile. The event in Calama was the culmination of the Amnesty International campaign “Constelación de los Caídos” or “Constellation of the Fallen,” which collected 11,475 signatures to rename 26 stars in the desert sky with the names of the Calama victims.

The campaign aimed to create a permanent site of memory, both to honor the victims’ families as well as to raise public awareness. In addition, the campaign sought to denounce the hidden undercurrent of violence during the dictatorship and to urge the government to finally provide the Chilean people with truth and justice. The closing of the campaign in Calama was a beautiful demonstration of solidarity and the ongoing fight for justice in Chile. The event included music, poetry, videos of solidarity, and emotional speeches about the metaphorical and literal connection between the stars in the sky and the 26 victims.

The event took place at the Park for the Preservation of Historical Memory where



some fragments of the victims had been found. Although the International Astronomical Union did not accept the request of the campaign, AI still decided to rename the stars, celebrating the determination and tenacity of the members of AFEDDEP. This organization, mainly composed of women between 60 and 80 years old, continues to pressure the Chilean government for an end to impunity of the dictatorship’s perpetrators and still searches the desert for their loved ones.

Alicia Lira, one of the leaders of School of the Americas Watch and president of the Agrupación de Familiares de Ejecutados Políticos (Organization of Family Members of the Politically Executed, the national chapter), emphasized in her speech that “[the victims] were only executed because of their desire to build a society together with Salvador Allende, together with their people, and for these reasons they are not physically here today, but they live on in each and every one of us. They are present in this permanent campaign that will never allow us to forge history. They were killed in vain because they continue living 45 years since the start of the dictatorship.

They live in the unions, in the streets. The constellations symbolize this very well, because they are infinite, they are eternal. Here we say no to forgetting history, yes to memory, yes to truth, yes to justice, and we say this with more strength today.”

No to military training in the US and Colombia



This site of memory is still relevant in the current political moment, as some perpetrators of the dictatorship have yet to be punished for their crimes against humanity. Armando Fernández Larios, who was trained at the School of the Americas in 1970, was requested for extradition in 2017, but he still lives peacefully in Marco Island, Florida. Similarly, Carlos Minoletti Arriagada, a perpetrator of the Caravan of Death, was condemned to five years in jail, yet he also remains in the US, in spite of Chile's request for extradition. As these legacies of the dictatorship remain, "Constellation of the Fallen" serves to reinforce national and international memory, so that the hidden perpetrators of Pinochet's dictatorship can finally be recognized for their crimes.



Patricio Vejar, Carlos González, and Pablo Ruiz from School of the Americas Watch met in Congress with Representative Pablo Vidal, where they expressed their concerns with the military and police training that continues to take place at the School of the Americas in the United States and in Colombia.

Likewise, they told the newly elected official that the US had opened a military base in Concón in Fort Aguayo in 2012, and that Colombia had joined NATO. They explained that both of these issues are barriers to peace in Chile and Latin America. Finally, they pointed out that SOAWatch remains concerned that the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture has not yet been implemented in Chile.



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The Origins of Horror: The Disgraceful Indoctrination of Chilean Soldiers at the School of the Americas in the U.S.

Manuel Contreras, the brain behind DINA, was one of the officials that visited the United States to train at the School of the Americas. He arrived in 1967 at Fort Benning in Georgia to complete a postgraduate course at Estado Mayor. Since September 11, 1973, US military training of Chilean soldiers helped create the most brutal machine of state terrorism known to Chile, responsible for thousands of deaths, disappearances, and torture.

Do Chilean soldiers continue to be indoctrinated and trained to use these brutal techniques of death, torture, and terrorism? Unfortunately, the answer is yes. Not much has changed.

According to data gathered by the US portal Just The Facts, with official figures from the Direct Commercial Sales program (DCS) of the US State Department, during the government of President Ricardo Lagos the amount of Chilean military students jumped dramatically during the period of 1999-2012 (from 2 to 159 students in 2001). This trend reached its peak during Bachelet's first administration, with a total of 585 instructional trips.

In this way, Bachelet's administration established a relationship with the US military branches in 1997, when the former president taught a higher-level course about continental defense at the Inter-American Defense College, located in Washington, DC. This same organism trained Lucio Gutiérrez, an Ecuadorian soldier who was complicit in the failed coup d'état against Rafael Correa in 2010.

During her first term, Bachelet strengthened military ties with the United States Southern Command. She allowed the Chilean soldier and active CIA agent José Miguel Pizarro to use the Chilean Navy grounds to train paramilitary groups who were eventually sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, on behalf of the private company Blackwater.

According to sociologist James Petras, Bachelet was the "most enthusiastic backer" of the U.S. in terms of "sending a military expeditionary force to Haiti to help repress the supporters of democratically-elected President Bertrand Aristide." In said campaign, "400 heavily armed Chilean soldiers patrolled the streets of Puerto Príncipe in support of the puppet regime imposed by the U.S."

At the end of 2017, appealing to the Law of Transparency, School of the Americas Watch in Chile exposed the amount of resources that the Armed Forces had continued to send to the training center: between 2012 and 2016 more than one thousand Chilean military personnel were trained there. In this way, Chile sent more personnel to the School of the Americas than nearly any other country, second only to Colombia.

Alicia Lira, president of the Organization of Family Members of the Politically Executed asserted that in the 21st century, it is a step backward for human rights to continue sending members of the Chilean military to the School of the Americas.

"They are prepared not for defending the country's borders, but for persecuting the Chilean people. For years we have met with the ministers of defense of various governments and have demanded that they halt the training of soldiers at the School of the Americas because of what it signifies -- the logic of an internal enemy and the use of torture. For us, this is regressive," Lira explained.

According to data provided by the SOAWatch, the state's annual spending for this military training between 2015 and 2017 was nearly two million dollars, which elected official Hugo Gutiérrez referred to as "disgraceful."

Source: El Ciudadano. This is an excerpt from the original article. www.elciudadano.cl

Camilo Catrillanca is Not the Only One: the Mapuches Killed Under Democracy

Since the government of Ricardo Lagos, the crimes committed against the Mapuche people have resulted in multiple fatalities. The cases against Alex Lemun and Matías Catrileo have transformed into symbols of the struggle for the Mapuche community.

The murder of Camilo Catrillanca is not an isolated case under democracy, as dozens of Mapuche people have been killed since Ricardo Lagos assumed the presidency on March 11, 2000.

In July 2002, siblings Agustina Huenupe Pavian and José Mauricio Huenupe Pavian were killed in a process of recovering historically indigenous land from settlers. They were killed by dozens of settlers living in the area.

Months later on December 11, the lifeless body of Jorge Antonio Suárez Marihuan appeared on the banks of the Queuco River. The forensics report revealed that the death was caused by injuries from a third party. According to the family of the victim, an unidentified police agent had paid settlers to kill the community member, in retaliation for their constant participation in land recoveries.

On November 12, 2002 17-year-old Alex Lemun Saavedra was killed. He eventually became one of the symbols of the Mapuche struggle for justice. While attempting to reclaim land by a bullet fired by Chilean police captain Marco Aurelio Treuer shot him. The young Mapuche boy agonized for five days before his death.

In 2004, Julio Alberto Huentecura Llancaleo died in the former Penitentiary of Santiago after being stabbed by another inmate. This death highlights a fatal mistake: the Mapuche community member should never have been imprisoned with common prisoners, as he had been prosecuted for his involvement in the Mapuche conflict, for which he should have been placed in a political prison in the south of Chile.



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Zenén Alfonso Díaz Nécul, a 16-year-old Mapuche boy, was killed in Puerto Montt in 2005, when a forest truck passed a road block and rammed him to death.

In the morning of September 3, 2005, José Gerardo Huenante Huenante passed away. The 16-year-old Mapuche boy was taken to a police patrol of the 5th Police Station of Puerto Montt. Until today, his whereabouts are unknown.

Juan Collihuin Catril died at his home in 2006 at age 71 near Nueva Imperial, after being raided because he did not have the corresponding authorization. The raid was later considered abnormal. The victim suffered a bullet impact fired by sergeant Juan Mariman.

Another recent symbolic case in the Mapuche conflict took place under Michelle Bachelet's first term. This was the murder of Matías Catrileo Quezada, who was shot by the second sergeant of the Chilean police, Walter Ramírez.

Source: Radio Universidad de Chile

Adriana Portillo-Bartow:

“For us, forgetting is forbidden”

We spoke with Adriana Portillo-Bartow, one of the many courageous women in Latin America who follow the fight for truth and justice for disappeared detainees. She fights to protect memory collective to ensure that state terrorism doesn't make a violent return.

- *Could you tell us about yourself?*

My name is Adriana Portillo-Bartow, I am Guatemalan, and I have been a human rights defender for many years. I am a survivor of the Guatemalan war -- I lost seven family members during the war, and I have been involved with human rights work here in the United States and elsewhere. In the last four or five years I have devoted myself entirely to seeking justice for my disappeared family members and to uncovering the truth about what happened to my family members who were detained and disappeared on September 11, 1981 in Guatemala. These include my dad, Adrián Portillo; my stepmother, Rosa Muñoz de Portillo; a sister-in-law, Edilsa Álvarez Morales; my little sister Alma Argentina of a year and a half; and my two oldest daughters, Rosaura Margarita (Chaguita, we called her) and my daughter Glenda Corina. Chaguita was ten years old and Corina was nine years old. So, my job in recent years has been the search for justice and truth.

- *Is the case of your disappeared family being handled in court?*

Yes, the case was brought before the Public Ministry in 1998, and over the last twenty years, the case passed from hand to hand, from prosecutor to prosecutor. There were prosecutors who tried to obtain amnesty for those responsible for kidnapping and disappearing my family. The case file was lost many times - there were even prosecutors who said they were afraid to investigate and,



therefore, did not really pay attention to the case.

- *Has the Guatemalan government tried to find your disappeared family?*

No, no, definitely not, in fact, there is a bill that has been in Congress waiting to be approved for over ten years, which would form a commission to search for those disappeared during the war. On the other hand, the Executive branch has no interest in pursuing the case, obviously. Currently, the Public Ministry has several departments that were created under prosecutor Claudia Paz y Paz's administration, and among them, the human rights office and the prosecutor's office were created for the paradigmatic cases that took place during the war.

- *And have the Guatemalan Armed Forces collaborated with the investigation?*

No, no, in this sense they have not collaborated not only they have not collaborated, but they have refused to collaborate. The army says they do not have files of any kind, that they were burned; they have absolutely no desire to help search for the disappeared, especially



for the boys and girls who were disappeared. Neither the Executive nor the Judicial branch have any interest in finding those responsible and punishing them with all the weight of the law.

- What did the convictions of military officers in the case of Molina Theissen mean to you?

For me it meant several things. I was a witness at the trial and before the court I gave my statement as a mother, daughter, sister, stepdaughter, and sister-in-law of my missing family. For me it was very powerful to be able to be in that room and tell the court what happened to my family and especially to the three girls. What my testimony sought, in that case, was to show that Marco Antonio was not the only disappeared child -- that, really, he was part of a larger counterinsurgency policy of separating families by kidnapping and disappearing children. So, in that sense, it allowed me to publicly regain my voice in Guatemala before judges and before the Guatemalan people and the international community. Second, the ruling, for me, for my family, and I'm sure for relatives of missing children, meant that, through Marco Antonio and through Emma, we had all achieved justice.

- So did the sentencing of the Molina Theissen case bring justice?

Yes and no. In the sense that justice was achieved for Marco Antonio and Emma and justice was achieved for the thousands of children who disappeared, yes, but that justice is symbolic -- it is not real justice. So, it does help, but as long as we do not see real justice in each case of forced disappearance, we relatives can not rest, we can not have the peace that we desire. I think that the Molina Theissen family reached certain levels of peace when they saw that justice was achieved for them. We still do not have that and we hope that one day justice can be achieved so we can truly say "well, now I can rest, and those responsible have been punished." Complete peace would only be achieved with justice and truth, knowing what happened to our disappeared loved ones.

-There are people who say it would be better to forget. How important is memory?

I would tell them that the memory of what happened in Guatemala is not only that of the survivors or of the relatives; it is the historical memory of the country that must be recognized and accepted to ensure that those atrocious events will not be repeated. It would also mean reconciliation, because without the truth, without justice, there can be no reconciliation. I have been told by several people, including a family member: "Now, stop looking for them. Leave them behind, you won't live in peace if you keep looking," and I replied, "How can I leave my father, my daughters, my little sister, my stepmother and my sister-in-law? It is impossible." I have forced myself to remember; it is painful to remember, it is painful to live with those memories. But, every day I force myself not to forget because it is the memory of children, it is the memory of everyone. I feel that I am like a recipient of that memory, as are so many other people in Guatemala and in other countries as well. So we must not forget, because those atrocious facts cannot be forgotten. If they are forgotten they will happen again and that is what we want to prevent

Finally, what motivates you to move forward?

What has always motivated me to move forward, even if it seems strange, is the pain I've experienced from loss and the hope that one day justice will be achieved and I will know the truth of what happened to my relatives. I am also moved by the solidarity of the people, because sometimes one feels very lonely in their pain. The pain that is like my engine, my gasoline. I used to wear it on my shoulders it's very interesting because I actually used to walk a bit hunched over. I've been in therapy for a long time, and I was with my psychologist and we talked about how I was hunching, hunching over until my head touched my knees. And, now, I no longer see my pain as a burden, but I see it as that motor that moves me, almost like a friend who is with me all the time. My pain has become a seed. The peasants do not carry the seeds that they are going to sow on the back, but they carry them in a bag in front of their chest. This is how I carry my pain and that is what really moves me to keep going, to not forget and to not forgive, either. Until justice is achieved!

Former soldier condemned for Dos Erres massacre in Guatemala

In November, a Guatemalan court condemned former soldier Santos López Alonzo to 5,130 years in prison for the murder of 171 people, and in addition to 30 years for crimes against humanity that occurred in December 1982.

Days after the 36-year anniversary of the massacre of Dos Erres, a community located in the Northern sector of Petén, the court determined that the former soldier is responsible for crimes against humanity and murder.

Also, the court referenced the crime of suppression and alteration of marital status because after the community raid he kidnapped a five-year-old boy - after having killed the boy's entire family - and adopted him.

The convicted soldier will only complete 50 years in prison of the 5,130 that he was sentenced by the court, as 50 years is the maximum sentencing time permitted by law. López Alonzo, 66 years old, was deported from the United States in 2016, where he had been hiding.

Argentines protest against the US military base in Argentina

Dozens of Argentines have been protesting against the establishment of a US military base in the Neuquén province, in the west of Argentina.

Various social organizations marched in the city of Neuquén in protest of the pact between President Mauricio Macri and Washington, DC that will allow the United States to establish a military base in the Neuquén province. Pro-human rights activists declared that the military interests of Macri's government are aligned with the United States, which has increased its military presence in Latin America and the Caribbean in recent years.



No to US Coup d'état in Venezuela; Yes to Sovereignty of the People

On January 23, 2019, Juan Guaidó declared himself the president of Venezuela following a phone call from the vice president of the United States, Mike Pence. In doing so, the US and Guaidó are attempting a coup d'état to achieve Washington's longstanding goal of removing Nicolás Maduro from the presidency.

President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, National Security Adviser John Bolton, Senator Marco Rubio, and US Special Envoy for Venezuela Elliott Abrams are working hard with the Venezuelan opposition and with other right-wing governments across the globe to carry out a coup against this Latin American country.

A recent article by Mint Press News recounted Elliott Abrams' ominous historical role guiding disastrous US intervention in Latin America, revealing, "Abrams is notorious for overseeing the US covert policy of arming right-wing death squads during the 1980's in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. His lead role in the Venezuelan coup has stoked fears that another blood-drenched proxy war might be on the way".

This is not the first time that the US government has attempted to use force to overthrow the Venezuelan government. On April 12, 2002, the opposition received US support — in complicity with some military personnel, including School of the Americas' graduate, General Efraín Vázquez — to orchestrate a 48 hour coup d'état in Venezuela that sought to forcibly remove President Hugo Chávez.

In 2004, SOA Watch founder Roy Bourgeois and Lisa Sullivan met with President Hugo Chávez. Following the meeting, President Chavez decided to withdraw the Venezuelan soldiers from training at the School of the Americas, also known as the "School of Assassins".



Undoubtedly, the US and its agencies have a long history of trying to undermine democracy in Venezuela.

This US imperialist interventionism is in flagrant violation of the United Nations and the Organization of American States charters, which recognize the principles of national sovereignty, peaceful settlement of disputes, and prohibit threats or the use of force against other nations.

In a statement issued on January 29, 2019, the National Lawyers Guild wrote, "directly fomenting a coup in a sovereign nation is not only illegal and outright shunned by the international community, it fundamentally undermines any pretextual concern about interference by other nations in U.S. elections."

For the aforementioned reasons, SOA Watch rejects and condemns the intervention and military threats that the United States continues to make against Venezuela. We also reject the Trump administration's economic sanctions against Venezuela — they will undoubtedly have the greatest effect on the Venezuelan people, limiting their ability to access food and medicine that must be bought abroad. It is the people of Venezuela who should determine their future, not the economic powers that be in Washington, DC.

In solidarity,
SOA Watch

SOAWatch Activists protested at the Border Wall in the United States

From November 16 – 18, in the United States and in Mexico, School of the Americas Watch held protests on both sides of the border wall. Through this event, the organization continues to denounce the disastrous role played by the military and economic policies that the United States has implemented throughout Latin America, which are responsible, historically, for serious violations of human rights throughout the continent, and now, directly responsible for the displacement of immigrants from Honduras to the United States.

On Friday, November 16, the activists traveled in a caravan to the Eloy Detention Center where they shouted again and again: “You are not alone.”

The Eloy Detention Center opened in 1994, and is in the middle of the desert in Arizona, and has a capacity of more than 1,596 incarcerated people.

In a Telemundo article, Eloy was referred to as “true hell” and a “cage in the middle of the desert,” noting that 16 detained immigrants have died there since 2003.

María Rodríguez, member of the Puente Movement organization, explained at the demonstration that her organization fights for immigrant rights, and that for two years they have been visiting detainees who do not have families, and bringing families to have direct contact with detained immigrants. “With the current administration we are seeing more deportations and more people being detained,” she lamented.

On Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, on both sides of the border wall, conferences, workshops, and protests were held. As is tradition in the SOAWatch movement, speakers read litanies and attendees responded “Present” again and again, each time someone mentioned the name of one of the thousands of people murdered or disappeared due to United States intervention in Latin America.

Jessica Molina said, on stage, “My name does not matter, I came to shout the name of my husband José Daniel Trejo Garcia, and José Domínguez, who are Mexican citizens, and who were disappeared at the hands of Navy in March of 2018,” adding that, “The United States is providing weapons to the Navy, the United States is providing training. With those weapons they aimed at me, with those weapons they disappeared my husband, and so the export of weapons to Mexico must be stopped.”

At the event, speakers reminded attendees that on March 2, 2016, activist leader Berta Cáceres was murdered in Honduras, stating that, “The United States government is responsible for sustaining the Honduran government and financing its justice system that has repeatedly violated victims’ rights to truth and justice.”

A speaker revealed that in the same place where the event was held, “On this same street, José Antonio Elena Rodríguez, at 16 years old, was murdered by border agent Lonnie Swartz on October 10, 2012”; adding that “the fight of José Antonio’s family to keep his memory alive and to seek justice reflects the fight of so many families” and that “the solidarity movement will not stop until there is justice for José Antonio’s family and for all of the victims of the Border Patrol.”



Organizations from Latin America join protest in the US and Mexico Border



María Luisa Rosal, grassroots organizer for SOAWatch, expressed that, “In Guatemala, historical memory is indispensable in the fight to tell our story, to recover the memory of our disappeared, and to refuse to be a militarized people. The discovery of archives, mass graves, and recent trials in the courts have opened a path toward justice. This year the graduates of the School of the Americas Benedicto Lucas García, Francisco Gordillo Martínez, Hugo Zaldaña Rojas, and Manuel Callejas were processed and condemned for the disappearance of Marco Antonio Theissen, who was 14 years old, and the sexual abuse of his sister Emma.”

At the demonstration, a demonstrator also advocated for “the end of the murderous blockade of the island of Cuba and the end of the US military base in Guantánamo, where they maintain a jail and practice torture.”

The demonstration concluded with a direct action, on the United States side of the border, where a group of activists climbed over a fence, placed by Border Patrol, and lay on the floor, acted as though they were some of the murder victims of the graduates of the School of the Americas. At the same time, they carried crosses with the names of victims of Border Patrol State terrorism.

Finally, the attendees were invited to take a stone and put it on the road, near the fence, to “remember that we were here” and remember “the memory of each of these stones of solidarity.”

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US continues to back repressive regime in Honduras

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Sunday, January 27th marked one year since US-backed Juan Orlando Hernandez was installed for a second term as president of Honduras, in the midst of massive demonstrations against widely-recognized election fraud. It was the United States that first recognized Hernandez and ensured he remained in the presidency.

A Miami Herald expose found that US-made M-4 weapons were used by the Military Police to kill 19-year old Kimberly Dayana Fonseca during last year's demonstrations. Between 2015 and 2017, the State Department authorized companies to export over 10,000 firearms to the Honduran government. Over 35 demonstrators and bystanders were killed during the pro-democracy demonstrations. Dozens more were arrested and jailed; several demonstrators, including Edwin Espinal and Raul Alvarez, have now been imprisoned in inhumane conditions for over a year. Edwin and Raul are in a military-run maximum security prison where their health is deteriorating and they have lost over 40 pounds each.

This past weekend as people across Honduras took to the streets demanding the resignation of Hernandez and freedom for political prisoners, the US-backed regime again repressed the population. According to human rights organization COFADEH, a Honduran TV cameraman covering the demonstrations reported that the US-trained and financed elite TIGRES shot a rubber bullet directly at his stomach because he was filming as security forces repressed the demonstrations. Security forces also detained journalist Jairo Lopez and dozens of demonstrators, fired live bullets, and beat up protesters.

This occurred just days after US Vice President Pence called Hernandez to 'reiterate' US support for his regime and 'commended' him for the repressive measures imposed to try to stop those fleeing from Honduras. The Commander of the US Southern Command also choose to travel to Honduras and meet with the Honduran



president last week, just ahead of the major demonstrations. WHINSEC, formerly known as the SOA, was also in Honduras in December. At a time when thousands of Hondurans are fleeing and calling for Hernandez to resign, the US is choosing to make it clear it will continue to support this violent and repressive regime.

The migrant caravans departing from Honduras are the direct result of the last 10 years of repressive and destructive policies imposed by US-backed regimes following the 2009 SOA-graduate led military coup, which removed a democratically elected leader who had improved life for many Hondurans. Many of those forced to abandon their homes are all too well aware of the political causes of the proliferation of murders, violence, and economic policies that have destroyed their lives. Members of the migrant caravans frequently denounce the Honduran president, shouting the slogan made popular during the massive resistance to the illegal re-election last year, Fuera JOH.

As the Trump Administration demonizes immigrants and the caravans fleeing Honduras, it is important to remember that it is precisely US policies and US-backed regimes that have created the need for people to flee Honduras in the first place. The actions of US officials to vocally support, train, arm, and finance a repressive and corrupt regime that opens fire on its own citizens and imposes destructive neoliberal policies will only cause more and more people to flee.

Letter in Defense of Peace

In signing this letter, we request of world leaders, especially those from the United States, to commit themselves in 2019 to taking significant steps to ensure that peace prevails so we can all live in a safer world.

We are deeply concerned that the United States intends to remove itself from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF Treaty). The INF Treaty, signed in 1987 by the US and former USSR, was, and continues to be, a very significant advancement for all of humanity.

The INF Treaty was the first agreement that reduced nuclear arsenals during the Cold War, leading to the elimination of more than 2600 intermediate- and short-range ballistic and cruise missiles of both world powers in 1991.

Ending this Treaty, without a doubt, will affect the global security of all nations and will lead to a new arms race that could have unimaginable consequences for all of humanity.

The European Commission has called on the United States and Russia to maintain a “constructive dialogue to preserve the treaty” and Serguéi Lavrov, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, expressed the Russian government’s willingness to save this treaty and to work with the US to uphold it.

We express our hope that the INF Treaty will be firmly maintained and we call on the organs of the United Nations, the European Union, all nations, and social movements to mobilize for the defense of world peace.

Signed,

Martin Almada, Premio Nobel Alternativo, Paraguay; Alicia Lira, President of the Agrupación de Familiares de Ejecutados Políticos; David Harvey, Geógrafo, Profesor of City University of New York – CUNY; Marcello Ferrada de Noli, professor emeritus, president of NGO Swedish Doctors for Human Rights; Michael Löwy, sociologist,

París; Frei Betto, Writer, Brasil; Eva Golinger, Lawyer, author, investigator, US; Julio Yao, International analyst, 1999 Peace Prize by SERPAJ-PANAMA, and Medal XX Aniversario of PARLACEN; Pablo Francescutti, science journalist and university professor, Madrid; Hervi Lara, Fundación Helmut Frenz; Robert Austin, University of Sydney, Australia; Pablo Ruiz, Observatorio por el Cierre de la Escuela de las Américas SOAWatch; José Schulman, Liga Argentina Derechos humanos; Carlos González, Corporación 3 y 4 Álamos, un Parque



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International Campaign against US Military Bases and NATO

During November 16 and 18, the first International Conference against US Military Bases and NATO was held in Dublin, Ireland, with the participation of diverse organizations and peace activists, anti-imperialists, and environmentalists. During the conference, the participants discussed militarization in Africa, the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region, and Europe. They emphasized that this strategy of the imperialist powers, led by the US, is the greatest threat against humanity and that there must be a broad, effective, and united mobilization on all continents to combat this threat.

The initiative for a Worldwide Campaign against US Military Bases and NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) emerged from a confluence of efforts in various countries and regions, such as the successive International Seminars for Peace and the Abolition of Foreign Military Bases, organized by the Cuban Movement for the Sovereignty of the People and Peace (MovPaz) and other Cuban entities, in association with the World Peace Council (WPC); and the broad American Coalition against US Bases Abroad, which held its first conference this year, in January, under the leadership of the American Peace Council, a member of the WPC.

The Dublin convergence was organized by the American Coalition against US Bases Abroad and the Irish Peace and Neutrality Alliance (PANA), co-organizers of the gathering.

The participants emphasized the scope of the imperialist powers' offensive strategy, bound together in NATO and led by the United States, ranging from interference in the internal affairs of nations, with the destabilization and sponsorship of reactionary and fascist forces, to direct interventions and aggressions that devastated countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya. The president of the World Peace Council (CMP), Socorro Gomes, welcomed the initiative and highlighted the urgency of the



commitment made by the broadest and most effective unit for strengthening the common struggle of humanity against wars and for peace, pointing out that the greatest enemy of the peoples is imperialism and its war machine: NATO.

Moara Crivelente, member of CEBRAPAZ from Brazil, expressed that today there is an increasing interference of US imperialism in Latin America and that we already have NATO present with the association of Colombia to this organization and that with the rise of reactionary and neo-fascist governments -- like those in Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, and Chile -- "they are more than willing to serve US imperialism."

Among those who attended from Latin America were the president of the Cuban Movement for Sovereignty of the People and Peace (MovPaz), Silvio Platero; the co-president of the Movement for Peace, Sovereignty and Solidarity among the People (Mopassol) of Argentina, Paola Gallo; and the executive director of the School for Peace of Colombia, Myriam Parada.

Finally, the next International Seminar for Peace and the Abolition of Foreign Military Bases in Guantanamo was announced, which will be held in Cuba on May 4 and 5 of 2019. Participants were also asked to join the protests that will be held in April 2019, in Washington, DC, on the 70th anniversary of NATO.

With information from CEBRAPAZ

World Council for Peace gathers in Syria

The Executive Committee of the World Council for Peace held a gathering in Damascus, the capital of the Syrian Arab Republic on October 27 and 28, hosted by the Fighters of the Syrian National Movement for Peace. The Executive Committee gathering was attended by 56 delegates representing 29 organizations from 28 countries.

In celebration of our Executive Committee in Damascus, the capital of Syria, we want to express our deep respect and solidarity with the Syrian people, who have been facing an unprecedented aggression coordinated by the United States, NATO, the EU, and their regional allies for over seven years, with various mercenary terrorist groups used as instruments to control the area, its natural resources, and transportation routes, all with the purpose of establishing a puppet regime by means of violent action,” the declaration stated.

A “more dangerous” world if the US abandons the nuclear treaty

US President Donald Trump’s declaration that Washington plans to back out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), signed in 1987, has aroused worldwide panic as it will likely intensify the arms race, thereby putting global safety at risk.

“It is bad that the United States is backing out unilaterally from a historic treaty that eliminated nuclear missiles from Europe,” explained the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Hua Chunying, in an informative session held at the Chancellery in Beijing.

Similarly, Trump’s threats to withdraw from the treaty causes concern in the European Union, as the INF is considered one of the cornerstones of strategic security in the continent.

The European Commission asked the United States and Russia to maintain a “constructive dialogue to preserve the treaty” after which the president of France, Emmanuel Macron, called Trump on the phone to remind him that the treaty is key for “strategic stability.”

The INF, the first agreement that reduced nuclear arsenals during the Cold War, led to the elimination of all medium range (1,000-5,000 kilometers) and short-range (500-1,000) ballistic and cruise missiles of both world powers in 1991.

US: Anti-nuclear activists await trial

On April 4, 2018, on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., seven activists from the Plowshares movement managed to secretly enter the Kings Bay Naval Base in Georgia, one of the bases for the world’s largest nuclear submarines.

Their only weapons were hammers, tape used to demarcate the scene of the crime, and bottles containing their own blood, as well as a complaint charging the US government with crimes against peace. Their objective was to symbolically disarm the existing nuclear weapons in the naval base, which houses at least six submarines with nuclear ballistic missiles. To date, the Jesuit priest Stephen Kelly and Elizabeth McAlister are being held in prison in Brunswick, Georgia, while their other five partners are awaiting trial on house arrest.

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Cosmic Coliseum: Trump and his Space gladiators

*By Olga Benário y Pablo Ruiz**

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"The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting," said Sun Tzu in the Art of War. And of course, that premise will continue guiding US foreign policy throughout the world, including its allies. The US continues imposing its decisions and privileges its "interests" against the sovereignty of others.

Therefore, it is evident that many countries submit to the pretensions of the American empire to the detriment of their own national interests. Unfortunately, many American embassies make decisions on behalf of other countries, including installing and removing presidents from office at their will.

That is why it is very important for the US to be a "military power" -- the country that spends the most in defense, the country that has promoted more interventions and wars than any other country in history.

According to the Mexican newspaper Excelsior, US President Donald Trump signed a military budget of 716 billion dollars for 2019.

Trump said, without a hint of shame, that "after years of devastating cuts, we are now rebuilding our armies like never before," adding that now "our country is respected again."

In this way, military spending in the US continues to increase. The year 2017 already represented a much greater expense than the combined budget of the seven countries that follow in the ranking for military expenses.

Furthermore, the US Military Budget for 2019 plans to militarize outer space, which would go against international agreements that prohibit the use of weapons in space.



Trump announced already that it would create a sixth branch of the armed forces of his country, which he named "Space Force" and with this he would secure the dominion of the United States in space. However, this plan goes against the international treaties that the United Nations has promoted for the "use of outer space for peaceful purposes".

Additionally, the "Treaty on the Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies" ("Outer Space Treaty"), which came into force in 1967, "prohibits the placement of nuclear weapons or any type of weapons of mass destruction in outer space and the parking of such weapons on celestial bodies." The United States ratified this treaty on October 10, 1967.

It is already known that the US Air Force has formally hired Lockheed Martin, for 2.9 billion dollars, to build three military missile warning satellites as part of the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) program developed by the US.

The Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Michael Griffin, who worked on the missile defense program in the Ronald Reagan administration in the 1980s, "has repeatedly insisted that both space sensors and

anti-missile systems, like kinetic interceptors or directed energy weapons, are practical and not as expensive as critics say. However, it has not yet publicly presented a formal cost estimate for any of the systems sets," according to Thedrive.com.

To achieve this same goal to dominate outer space, the US Secretary of Defense, James Mattis, took an important step in visiting Brazil. He managed to get the US Strategic Command and the Brazilian Ministry of Defense to sign an agreement that, according to the Pentagon spokesman Johnny Michaelde, "will allow us to share information on more than 23,000 objects in orbit, including Brazil's satellites." Mattis also put forth an agreement on the use of the Alcantara space launch base in Maranhão, Brazil.

A possible anti-missile shield in outer space not only violates international law and signed treaties, but will further break strategic stability and global security.

Star Wars

The Universal Journal of Mexico noted that, "The search to militarize space is not something new, however, today's technologies offer more

possibilities for a new version of Star Wars, a hybrid between the filmic imaginary of the filmmaker George Lucas and the 1980s ambitions of strategic defense of ex-president Ronald Reagan."

In stating that "space is a war field," Trump puts the existence of humanity at serious risk. Like an emperor, he wants to turn outer space into a coliseum where his anti-missile shields will be the new gladiators of these times; meanwhile, humanity is already in serious danger due to nuclear weapons.

The creation of a "Space Force" goes back to the worst years of the pro-arms rhetoric promoted by Ronald Reagan.



This measure would mean an incalculable amount of light years of irrationality and political regression.

34 years ago, Carl Sagan, famous American astrophysicist and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, had warned about the dangers of the militarization of space in the book "The Cold and the Dark: The World after Nuclear War."

Sagan became a peace activist and in 1986 he was arrested in a protest at ground zero, a nuclear weapons test center in Nevada.

Sagan, along with other experts, developed the theory of nuclear winter, where he explained about the climate impact of a missile exchange. A nuclear war, even limited, could produce a nuclear devastating that would freeze the surface of the planet.

The scientist pointed out in his studies that the smoke and ash ejected into the atmosphere by explosions and firestorms can block the passage of sunlight. In summer, the temperatures

of the earth's surface would lower an average of 25 degrees Celsius, bringing terrible imbalances and losses in biological processes and, finally,

triggering a planetary famine.

A nuclear war on earth or in outer space places the existence of humanity at serious risk. Therefore, it is vital that the international organizations take decisive steps so that, on the one hand, the nuclear powers respect the agreements they have signed to limit and restrict the nuclear arsenal, and on the other hand, they advance in negotiations for the total disarmament of nuclear weapons and one day the threat of a nuclear war disappears.

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US Militarization: Laboratories with Bacteriological Weapons

The United States suffers from the terrorism syndrome and has never overcome the Vietnam syndrome after losing the war. As a result of these defeats, the United States continues increasing its military spending; the empire spends billions of dollars a year to research the development of new and more powerful weapons of mass destruction, particularly chemical-bacteriological weapons.

As of September 11, 2001, the Special Operations forces of the US have ballooned both in terms of funds and budget. More revealing, however, is the increase in the deployments of special operations around the world.

This military presence - currently in almost 70% of nations in the world - provides new evidence of the size and scope of a secret war being waged from Latin America to the most remote lands of Afghanistan, from training missions with its African allies to espionage operations launched in cyberspace.

A portion of the United States' military budget goes toward the development of bacteriological weapons that are experimented and tested in secret laboratories located in the Third World, particularly in the Amazonian region of Latin America given its low population density, geography, and climate.

Recently, the website forosdelecuador.com revealed that the American Virological Centers are under the control of the Pentagon (Ministry of War). On the one hand, they are tasked with investigating toxins to protect humanity against epidemics. However, when people need real help, they cannot receive antibiotics or any kind of life-saving medication if they are affected by unknown and mysterious diseases that appear in places near the equally mysterious American-run laboratories throughout the Third World.

The forum's website states that the current US biological weapons creation program carries the innocent name of "Protection against biological threats." What is this name hiding?



The truth is that this program creates new viruses or mutates them to make them resistant to all known vaccines and antibiotics. The work of these centers is kept in absolute secrecy in order to conceal the constant violations of provisions in the Biological Weapons Convention, which prohibit the development of chemical-bacteriological weapons and experimentation and testing on living humans.

Peru in particular has been affected by bacteriological weapons research processes. Given the seriousness of the situation, the previous Minister Counselor Vitaliano Gallardo Valencia, Director of the Directorate of Security, and Defense of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru demanded information on unknown toxic elements. On June 11, 2011, he received an official letter from Captain John Sanders, Commander of NAMRU-6: "We would like to inform you that according to 'Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002,' results of toxin investigations are not intended for disclosure or surrender to a foreign agent, as these pose a potential threat to national security."

Latin America is a territory free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction. Therefore, there is no need for the development of experiments that could lead to the destruction of humanity through the use of terrifying chemical and bacteriological weapons.

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In Depth Analysis of the Conflict in Syria

By Ricardo Ventura*

Over last few years, we have been bombarded with information about Syria, though this has dissipated over time. We believe that the cause of the conflict and the current situation in Syria have been distorted, so we will try to make some clarifications on the matter.

Syria is one of the few secular Arab countries: it does not have the Muslim religion as its central axis at the constitutional level. Moreover, it has freedom of religion. In fact, over two thousand years ago, in the territory of ancient Syria - made up of the current Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan and part of Iraq - the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions were born.

The geographical location of Syria is strategic; the oil that comes from Iran passes through there, but Syria also has its own oil wells. It should not be surprising that the Iranian government is one of Syria's strongest allies and that therefore, US wants to install a puppet government in Syria.

Recall, then, that the US created the Islamic State (Daesh in Arabic), which, as Hillary Clinton herself confessed, has played a central role in the aggression against Syria. This reveals that there was never an internal "civil war" in Syria, although it was repeated endlessly by the mainstream media in order to spread US propaganda.

Formed by mercenaries and fanatics from different countries, along with other minor terrorist organizations, Daesh began the invasion of Syria in 2011 with the support of the US, NATO, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. The US media has failed to report these disturbing truths.

This war caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people, mainly civilians, and the forced displacement within the country of an estimated 7.6 million people. Over 4 million people have left Syria as refugees.

However, most of the refugees who arrive at the European coasts are not Syrian; many of them come from other conflicts that receive far less attention from the media, such as: Burundi, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Yemen, etc.



The hypocrisy of the Western media was evident in its reporting on the war in Syria, as they spoke of avoiding a "humanitarian disaster" in the country but said nothing when terrorists invaded and destroyed Syrian towns and cities, kidnapping and raping their hostages.

In Syria, unfortunately, the destruction of towns and cities has been devastating. It is impossible to quantify the destruction of the country and the amount of money needed to rebuild it.

Additionally, it has been proven that the West financed the "white helmets," an organization skilled in creating video montages. This organization invented the chemical attacks with the purpose of convincing the world that the Syrian government was bombing its civilians.

These montages, which served to justify the US and NATO attacks on Syria, were declared false by the organization "Swedish Doctor for Human Rights," led by Marcello Ferrada de Noli.

Fortunately, the Syrian conflict has died down and the government has control over 90% of the land.

The Syrian government has called for an end to combat and hopes to seek diplomatic solutions to this conflict. It has proposed that the Syrian people resolve their differences through negotiations within the country. Also, the government has called for a co-government with the opposition and free elections. The international community must listen to these calls and the Western powers must allow the self-determination of Syria. In this way, the Syrian people have been working towards rebuilding their country and finding peace among their people, both vital tasks for Syria's future.

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Call for Action on NATO Summit 2019

NATO turns 70 in 2019 and will celebrate its anniversary on 4th April 2019 in Washington DC. The international network No to War – No to NATO calls for broad, creative and peaceful actions against NATO in Washington DC and worldwide. NATO is obsolete, it belongs in the dustbin of history!

NATO claims to strive for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security. However NATO has never been such a system. It is the largest military alliance in the world with the largest military spending and nuclear stockpiles. It is both the main driver for a new arms race and the main obstacle to a nuclear weapons-free world. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has transformed into a global alliance structured to wage “out of area” wars in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, as well as to “contain” China. With military troops at the Russian border, new nuclear weapons and a missile defence shield, it is a key driver for confrontation with Russia and a perpetrator of the corrosive “enemy” narrative.

NATO purportedly seeks to promote stability and well-being. But, its heads of state agreed that military spending should amount to 2% of national GDPs. Their unchallenged military spending – NATO members already spend almost 1 trillion US dollars per year – will increase by billions of dollars. This should instead be spent on the well-being of people in Europe North America and beyond. Raising living standards and improving people’s lives must be prioritized over weapons and war which create instability and exacerbate social injustice, deprivation and environmental destruction.

NATO claims to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. In fact NATO neglects these values and principles. It has been waging illegal wars in Afghanistan, Libya, and the former Yugoslavia and it provides its members with infrastructure for military interventions. In opposition to the International Court of Justice and the majority of the international community of states it adheres to nuclear weapons, nuclear “deterrence”, and the “right” to a nuclear first strike. NATO members’ agencies spy on its people in an unprecedented, almost all encompassing manner and NATO members suppress population groups by “rule of law” or even with violence.

NATO claims to reaffirm its faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and its desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments. But, NATO sidelines and undermines the UN at several levels. It has expanded, via numerous partnership programmes, to a global network, creates “coalitions of the willing” to wage war, and ignores decisions of the UN Security Council.

NATO and a just, peaceful and sustainable world are incompatible.

NATO’s claims are dishonest. It is an unjust, undemocratic, violent and aggressive alliance trying to shape the world for the benefit of a few. On 3rd April 1968, one day before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. stated that “It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it’s nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today.” NATO’s choice is violence. 41 years later we state loud and clear: “it’s the dissolution of NATO or nonexistence. That is where we are

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Countries/País = Total

Antigua = 1
Barbados = 1
Belize = 6
Brasil = 7
Chile = 208
Colombia = 529
Costa Rica = 14
República Dominicana = 24
Dominica = 2
Ecuador = 10
El Salvador = 114
Grenada = 2
Guatemala = 20
Haiti = 6
Honduras = 130
Mexico = 33
Panamá = 38
Paraguay = 5
Perú = 68
St. Kitts & Nevis = 1
St. Vincent & the Grenadines = 1
Trinidad & Tobago = 2
Uruguay = 2
United States of America = 61

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