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Sovereignty Against the Hyper-Imperialist “Donroe Doctrine”

Internationalist greetings! Welcome to this edition of the *In Movement Newsletter* from the **International Peoples' Assembly (IPA)**. Last month, we warned that the U.S. was crossing a new threshold of aggression toward Latin America and the Caribbean. That warning has since become a reality.



The January 3 bombing of Venezuela and the illegal kidnapping of President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores mark an escalation in the brazenness of imperialist violence. Amidst the false pretext of fighting narco-trafficking, Trump says the quiet part out loud. “American dominance in the Western Hemisphere will never be questioned again.” “I don’t need international law.”

Sanctions, tariffs, and economic warfare have long been used to bend nations to the will of imperialist interests. But now Trump has added “peace through strength” to his arsenal. He has directly bombed seven countries this past year, a higher rate than any other U.S. president: Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. When including the U.S.-backed Israeli genocide on Palestine, the list becomes eight. With his continued threats to Panama, Cuba, Colombia, Canada, Greenland, and beyond, we must struggle for the sovereignty of our nations against the “Donroe Doctrine.”

Trump is not a break in the system, but the system revealed: capitalism in crisis, imperialism unclothed. This is hyper-imperialism. As U.S. dominance declines, and the new mood in the Global South grows, Washington compensates for economic erosion, political isolation, and the loss of public support. Diplomacy gives way to brute force in a last-ditch attempt to “Make America Great Again.”

But the world is rising, and the Bolivarian Revolution endures!

Within hours of the attack, thousands mobilized globally, demanding freedom for President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores. An attack on Venezuelan sovereignty is an attack on sovereignty everywhere.

The world has seen how empire uses “energy security” to justify domination. From Iraq to Libya and Iran, it results in the dismantling of public systems and blood spilled for profit. We remember the dictatorships of past decades and will not let Latin America and the Caribbean — the Zone of Peace — become the next battlefield for U.S. militarism. Furthermore, the imperial boomerang has returned in the form of escalated ICE violence, where U.S. protests have increased 133% since 2017.

Our task is not only to denounce, but to organize and defend sovereignty from this gangster-style imperialism. We saw how multilateral organizations failed Palestine; we cannot wait for governments or institutions to act. It is up to the organized peoples of the world to struggle for sovereignty and dignity. We call on all organizations to mobilize in the streets, deepen political education, denounce U.S. imperialism at embassies and institutions, and strengthen coordination across regions.

History is not written by empires alone, but by the peoples who refuse to submit. In every continent, we mobilize and declare that our futures will not be decided by Washington. Victory will be the peoples’!

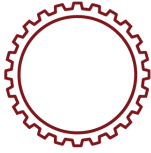
Updates



The Lumumba Legacy Lives!

Every 17 January, we honour Patrice Émery Lumumba (1925–1961). The first democratically elected Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. From his legendary speech confronting the Belgian King, to his Pan-Africanist projects to regain control of resources, Patrice Lumumba’s baton of struggle for African sovereignty lives

on. He was tragically assassinated on 17 January 1961. "The day will come when history will speak... Africa will write its own history, and it will be a history of glory and dignity." — Extract from Lumumba's final letter to his wife, Pauline. Read the full post [here](#).



NUMSA Says NO to Imperialist Bullies

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) led hundreds of South African workers in a march to the U.S. Consulate in Sandton. Alongside other progressive organisations, they demanded accountability from the UN, coordinated action by the African Union and BRICS, pressure from South Africa, and boycotts. They delivered a Memorandum of Demands to the U.S. government, declaring solidarity with Venezuela in defense of global sovereignty, and demanding the immediate release of President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores, as well as an end to U.S. military presence, sanctions, blockades, and resource control over Venezuela and Cuba. Read more [here](#).



The Korean People Put Trump on Trial!

On January 20, one year after Donald Trump's inauguration, the people of south Korea convened the International People's Tribunal to judge the crimes of Trump, his administration, and U.S. imperialism, hosted by the International Strategy Center (ISC). The tribunal highlighted atrocities like Trump's illegal aggression against Venezuela, the U.S. withdrawal from dozens of international bodies, and the creation of a "Peace Council" chaired by Trump himself. With his first year marking the direct bombing of seven countries, it is clear that a Trump-led "peace" mechanism is intolerable. This tribunal affirmed the power of the world's peoples to put imperialism on trial and demand sovereignty. View more [here](#).



Latin America Takes the Streets to Free Maduro & Cilia

On January 28, mass mobilizations swept cities across Latin America and the Caribbean. More than 30 organizations and 500 people rallied at São Paulo's Teatro Municipal, joining a continental day of action with protests in 12+ Brazilian capitals, to reject US imperialist aggression and demand the immediate freedom of President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores. In Havana, Cuba, thousands of people participated in the *Marcha das Tochas* to protest US threats and aggression against the island. Marking 12 years since CELAC declared the region a Zone of Peace, these

mobilizations reaffirmed that 'Our America' will not accept intervention, sanctions, or coups. From São Paulo to Havana, the message was clear: Trump out of Latin America, our Zone of Peace!

News



Iran rejects Washington's "false accusations" and continued attempts to fuel tensions in the region

Iran welcomed the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Iraqi Ain al-Asad airbase after nearly a decade, considering it a positive step for Iraq's sovereignty and for regional security.

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Cuba honors its fallen and reaffirms its commitment to Latin American and Caribbean sovereignty

Thousands of Cuban women and men marched in Havana to bid farewell to the 32 soldiers who died during a United States operation in Venezuela. The Cuban government denounced U.S. interventionism and reaffirmed its commitment to internationalism, sovereignty, and the unity of peoples.

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"Militarization of rules and minds" in Europe threatens workers and welfare

Trade unionists, peace activists, and left-wing politicians warn that Europe's rapid rearmament is already undermining workers' rights, welfare systems, and social security.

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Arab popular protests against the U.S. attack on Venezuela



The internal dynamics of the oil lobby behind Trump's attack on Venezuela

Trump's alignment with the oil industry has once again made Venezuela a priority for Washington. Chevron, acting as a Trojan horse, and ExxonMobil, planning its return, are linked to Trump's attack on Venezuela and to



Peasant councils advance toward a national structure and elect state spokespersons in Venezuela

Protests are emerging in several Arab countries to denounce the U.S. attack on Venezuela and the kidnapping of its president, Nicolás Maduro, and his wife, Celia Flores, who were taken to the United States, where they are being tried.
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the goal of redefining new rules for the global oil game.
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Representatives are preparing for a meeting in Caracas that will consolidate a national body for the sector.
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Analysis and Alerts

The turbulence of the Indian economy

India's neoliberal turn since the 1990s has accelerated deindustrialisation; as the global order shifts, the country's left must seize any openings to push for autonomous national development.

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The false Gen Z and Mexican fascism

Last November, Mexico experienced protests by the right-wing opposition under the guise of "Generation Z," which promoted violent tactics and an extreme right-wing agenda against the current Mexican government. To understand the context of these events, we asked Rodrigo Guillot, who holds a degree in International Relations and is an activist with Mexico's National Regeneration Movement (Morena), for this contribution to the debate.

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