



# In Movement

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## Meet Voices from the Sahel! — a series to understand resistance, sovereignty, and the future

Internationalist greetings! Welcome to the May edition of the **In Movement Newsletter** from the **International Peoples' Assembly (IPA)**. In this edition, we invite you to meet **“Voices from the Sahel”**, a special series of materials aimed at bringing the stories, struggles, and hopes of the peoples of the Sahel closer to the world. This African region, as strategic as it is battered by centuries of colonialism, exploitation, and war, is today experiencing a new wave of resistance that deserves to be known, understood, and supported.



Why the Sahel? The Sahel is much more than a strip of land stretching between the Sahara and sub-Saharan Africa. It is a region shaped by a deep history of

resistance, from the anti-colonial struggles of the 19th century to today's efforts to break the chains of neocolonialism. Countries like Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger not only face severe crises — mass displacement, violence, and extreme climate change — but are also leading unprecedented processes to reclaim their sovereignty.

The **“Voices from the Sahel”** series presents, through videos, articles, and interviews, the voices of leaders, activists, peasants, youth, and women who today raise the banner of a united and free Africa. What does it mean for these peoples to say “enough” to foreign military control? How are they organizing to regain control over their resources and economies? What can their experiences teach us about building popular power in the face of imperialist threats?

In a world where major international media portray the Sahel as a “failed territory” trapped between terrorism and chaos, the IPA is committed to listening to the narratives coming from the peoples themselves. This series shows how centuries of systematic plunder, European-imposed borders, unequal economic treaties, and foreign military bases have prioritized the interests of powers like France and the United States.

But the story doesn't end there. The materials in **“Voices from the Sahel”** also take us into the current processes challenging this situation: the formation of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES), the expulsion of foreign troops, the nationalization of mines and resources, and the creation of sovereign development policies. Young leaders like Ibrahim Traoré in Burkina Faso symbolize a new generation determined to break with the imposed order, guided by a Pan-Africanist horizon.

At the International Peoples' Assembly, we believe that to understand the Sahel is also to understand ourselves: to grasp how imperialist power networks operate, how the peoples of the Global South resist, and how we can weave alliances of international solidarity.

We invite you to dive into this unique series, now available on our website. Discover the stories, share the materials, join the conversations. Because the destiny of the Sahel — like that of Palestine, Haiti, the Congo, or Venezuela — is deeply intertwined with the building of a world where peoples decide their own future.

## Updates



### **New Book on Political Education**

The International Peoples' Assembly (IPA) is pleased to launch "Political Education as a Permanent Crisis — deepening inequality, environmental collapse, and the erosion of democratic rights — but also a revival of the conviction that building revolutionary organization requires cadre formation at every level. Available as a free e-book and print-ready file, the book offers tools and inspiration for educators and organizers worldwide. [Download it now](#) on the IPA website!



## Fascism back in Europe?

From June 20–22, 2025, in Berlin, the Zetkin Forum will host an important gathering of Marxists, historians, and anti-fascists to understand the resurgence of fascism in our time. Through three major blocks of debate, the conference "Fascism back in Europe?" will revisit Marxist theories on fascism, analyze the rise of far-right movements across Europe, and discuss strategies for building a truly progressive anti-fascism today. This conference is part of the Dilemmas of Humanity process in Europe, a collective effort to develop people's solutions to the crises of our time. [Register to join](#) the conference or follow [@zetkinforum](#) on social media to stay updated.



## Africa United Against Imperialism

On 25 May, Africa Liberation Day, we honor the courageous fighters across the continent and the diaspora who continue to stand against imperialism, exploitation, and neocolonial domination. Today, the rise of anti-imperialist movements — especially the Alliance of Sahel States — offers renewed hope for a sovereign, united Africa. But this hope must be defended and advanced through unity, revolutionary education, and concrete struggles against military aggression, economic subjugation, and internal betrayals. Read the full declaration on the [IPA website](#).



## Defend Venezuela's Revolution

Last Sunday, May 25th, the Venezuelan people headed to the polls in crucial parliamentary and regional elections. For ALBA Movements, defending Venezuela means defending one of the most advanced projects in our continent's fight against capitalism. Amid intensified U.S. imperialist attacks and a divided right-wing opposition, the Venezuelan popular movement is mobilising to deepen a truly people-centered democracy. ALBA Movements calls on all organisations across the continent to stand in firm solidarity. Read the full statement on the [ALBA website!](#)



## South Asia Needs Peace, Not War

The International Peoples' Assembly raises alarm over rising military aggression between India and Pakistan — both nuclear-armed nations — at the beginning of May. War would bring catastrophic consequences for the entire South Asian region, already burdened by poverty, unemployment, and inequality. We condemn political and media voices stoking hatred, serving only elites and war profiteers. We call on both governments to halt aggression, embrace diplomacy, and put people's needs first. Let's reject war and invest in life. Read the full statement on the [IPA website.](#)

## News



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### Maduro government consolidates majority in parliament and elects almost all governors in Venezuela

The ruling coalition obtained 82% of the votes for deputies, as well as electing 23 of the 24 state governments in dispute. Read at [Brasil de Fato](#)



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### Israel's final solution for Gaza

The attacks to prepare the way for the attempted annexation of Gaza have been ferocious. Israeli bombs have eradicated entire families of Palestinians. Read at [Peoples Dispatch](#)



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### In memory of Janklod, Haitian martyr

Haitian peasant Jean Claude Philippe played a central role in training internationalist brigade members from Brazil. Read at [Brasil de Fato](#)



### **The Pan-African path to full liberation**

African Liberation Day was established to honor the anti-colonial struggles of the African peoples and nations for independence, a fight which continues today with different contours.  
*Read at [Peoples Dispatch](#)*



### **Panama in flames: mobilizations, repression and persecution of voices opposing Mulino's government**

The Caribbean country is experiencing days of mobilizations of various sectors, in the face of an extreme right-wing government that is not open to dialogue and represses social mobilization.  
*Read at [ARG Medios](#)*



### **NATO Parliamentary Assembly finds opposition in the U.S.**

Hundreds marched to the People's Assembly for Peace and Justice, the counter-summit to the 2025 NATO Parliamentary Assembly, last Sunday, May 25th, in Dayton, Ohio.  
*Watch at [BreakThrough News](#)*

## **Analysis and Alerts**

### **Africa's Faustian Bargain with the International Monetary Fund**

Decades of IMF interventions have locked African nations into cycles of debt, austerity, and economic dependency, stifling real development while reinforcing neocolonial control over the continent's financial sovereignty.  
*Read more at [Tricontinental Institute](#)*

### **Poetry Against Fascism - The Fifteenth Art Bulletin**

During WWII, poetry was a weapon. From the siege of Leningrad to the streets of Santiago, words inspired hope and remembered the fallen. Discover the art that emanated from the Battle of Stalingrad.  
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