



# In Movement

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## Let Cuba Live: For a world without cruel blockades

Internationalist greetings! Welcome to this edition of the *In Movement Newsletter* from the [International Peoples' Assembly \(IPA\)](#). Today, as the United Nations General Assembly votes once again to end the U.S. blockade on Cuba, the world faces a moral test. For more than 60 years, Washington has waged an economic, financial, and political war to strangle Cuban people, whose only “crime” was choosing independence and socialism. Year after year, the UN has condemned this policy of economic asphyxiation, this time **165 nations voting in favor of ending it, 7 against, and 12 abstentions**. Yet the blockade persists, deepening Cuba’s crisis and inflicting untold suffering on its people.



As Hurricane Melissa strikes the Caribbean, devastating infrastructure and crops, the cruelty of the U.S. blockade becomes even clearer. A nation responding to disaster must also fight an artificial catastrophe imposed by imperialism. But as Fidel Castro warned decades ago: **“The criminal blockade that you promise to tighten only multiplies the honor and glory of our people, against whom all your genocidal plans will crash, I assure you.”**

This year’s vote comes as Cuba faces its **gravest challenges in decades**. The combined blows of intensified sanctions, the pandemic’s aftermath, and recurring hurricanes have pushed the island into a multifaceted crisis. The U.S. blockade, reinforced by the 243 coercive measures imposed under Trump’s first term and maintained by his return to power, continues to cut Cuba off from international banking systems, fuel imports, and trade. Between March 2024 and February 2025 alone, **the blockade caused \$7.5 billion in losses**—money that could have powered homes, purchased medicine, or fed families.

By design, it aims to break the Cuban people’s will, to generate hardship so unbearable that they might abandon their revolution. As U.S. diplomat Lester Mallory admitted in 1960, the goal was “to bring about hunger, desperation, and overthrow of government.” More than six decades later, that strategy remains unchanged.

Cuba’s socialist project continues to guarantee education, healthcare, and dignity for all; while global capitalism hoards wealth and deepens inequality. Cuba’s spirit of resistance has inspired movements around the world—from Palestine to the Sahel, from Venezuela to South Africa—who see in its defiance a mirror of their own struggles. The U.S. blockade has failed to crush Cuba’s revolution, but it has revealed the strength of international solidarity. Year after year, millions across the globe mobilize to say: **End the blockade. Let Cuba live.**

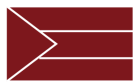
## Updates



### **Peoples Unite Against APEC and Trump’s Economic War**

On October 30, activists, researchers, and social movements from across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas will gather in Seoul, South Korea, for the International People’s Conference Against APEC 2025 and Trump. The conference will challenge neoliberal globalization, Trump’s tariff wars, the new Cold War, and the rise of neo-fascism — all driving deepening global inequality. Speakers include Walden Bello (Focus on the Global South), Vijay Prashad (Tricontinental Institute), Stephanie Weatherbee (IPA), Corazon Fabros (International Peace Bureau, Philippines), and Manolo De Los Santos (The People’s Forum, U.S.). As APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) leaders meet behind closed doors to shape corporate-centered policies, peoples’ movements are uniting to forge alternatives rooted in

sovereignty, solidarity, and justice. The peoples' conference will amplify the call for a world beyond profit, where economic power serves humanity — not empire. Follow the [International Strategy Center](#) and the [IPA](#) on social media to be updated on the event.



## A Fragile Ceasefire Under Imperial Watch

[The IPA welcomed the ceasefire agreement in Gaza](#) at the beginning of October as a crucial step toward ending the genocide and offering much-needed relief after two years of relentless Zionist aggression. The deal includes prisoner exchanges, the withdrawal of Israeli troops, and the opening of crossings for humanitarian aid. This moment was won through the unbreakable resistance of the Palestinian people and the power of global solidarity—workers, students, and movements who refused silence in the face of genocide. However, Israel continues to violate the agreement with new bombings, assassinations, and the blockade of humanitarian aid—killing over 100 Palestinians since October 10. The ceasefire is not the end, the struggle for liberation continues: from the river to the sea!



## Defend Venezuela, Defend the Peace

ALBA Movements and the IPA denounce the grave escalation of U.S. military aggression against Venezuela. Since the start of his second term, Donald Trump has intensified Washington's imperial offensive across Latin America and the Caribbean — from coercive sanctions and economic blackmail to direct military threats. In recent weeks, U.S. warships have positioned themselves off Venezuela's coast, B-52 bombers have violated its airspace, and CIA operations have been authorized inside Venezuelan territory. This is not an attack on one country alone. Each assault on Venezuela's sovereignty strikes at the heart of all Latin America and the Caribbean. To defend peace in Venezuela is to defend the sovereignty and future of our peoples! Read the full statement from ALBA Movements and the IPA [here](#).



## Building African Consciousness in Burkina Faso

On October 17 in Ouagadougou, leaders of the IPA and Pan-Africanism Today (PAT) met with Captain Ibrahim Traoré, President of Burkina Faso. In their exchange, Traoré emphasized the central role of political education and historical awareness in building an Africa rooted in sovereignty and unity. He underscored the revival of the Institute of Black Peoples — founded by revolutionary

leader Thomas Sankara — as key to shaping an informed and decolonized citizenry capable of confronting today’s imperialist challenges. See the photos and highlights from this historic meeting on [our Instagram account](#).



## 80 Years Since the 5th Pan-African Congress

Eighty years ago, from 15-21 October in 1945, the Fifth Pan-African Congress in Manchester marked a historic turning point in the global struggle for liberation. It transformed Pan-Africanism from an intellectual movement into a mass political force rooted in workers’, peasants’, and people’s struggles for independence and socialism. The Congress declared that freedom would not be granted by colonial powers, but won through organized resistance, with strikes, boycotts, and mass mobilization. Today, its spirit lives on in the movements building the Alliance of Sahel States, in the struggle of the Sahrawi people, and in the solidarity between Africa and Palestine. As the Pan Africanism Today (PAT) Secretariat affirms, true freedom demands a total break from imperialism’s domination. Let us make imperialism tremble! Read the declaration [here](#).



## Morocco: Stop State Repression, Free All Political Prisoners

Across Morocco, a new wave of youth-led protests—known as “Generation Z212”—has erupted in response to worsening living conditions, corruption, and the privatization of essential services like health and education. The Moroccan regime has unleashed violent repression, arbitrary arrests, and intimidation against protesters, union organizers, and students. The IPA and allied organizations denounce this brutal crackdown and demand the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners. The Moroccan people’s struggle for freedom, dignity, and social justice is a struggle shared by all oppressed peoples of the world. Read the statement [here](#).



## Exposing Environmental Struggles for Life and the Planet

Across the world, communities are confronting the deadly intersection of capitalism, imperialism, and ecological destruction. From the [poisoned rivers of the Ecuadorian Amazon](#) to [Ecocide in Gaza](#), from [Pakistan’s floods and climate injustice](#) to the [toxic legacy of Bhopal](#), the story is the same: profit over life. With our new social media series, Exposing Environmental Crimes, the IPA denounces state and corporate crimes against the planet,

exposes the fraud of COP30, and amplifies the voices of those fighting extractivism, land grabbing, pollution, and climate injustice. Follow the series on [our platforms](#) and join the struggle for climate justice — for the peoples and the planet!

## News



### Venezuela alerts UN to imminent military threat amid US escalation

Washington is clearly trying to reaffirm its dominance over Latin America in light of China's economic and technological growth.  
*Read at [Breakthrough News](#)*



### Central Committee of the Communist Party of China concludes plenary session and sets priorities until 2030

In an interview with Brasil de Fato, Li Bo, president of the Chunqiu Institute for Development and Strategic Studies in Shanghai, contextualized the strategy.  
*Read at [Brasil de Fato](#)*



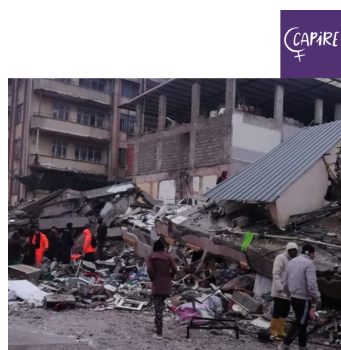
### “There is no peace and no plan” for Gaza, health workers warn

Palestinian health workers and members of flotilla missions condemn Israel's ongoing crimes in Gaza and the false promises of Donald Trump's so-called peace plan.  
*Read at [Peoples Dispatch](#)*



### Thomas Sankara's legacy lives on in Burkina Faso 38 years after his death

Blaise Compaoré's France-backed massacre ended the 1983 revolution, today inspiring anti-colonial struggles in the Sahel.  
*Read at [Brasil de Fato](#)*



### Rebuilding Life From the Rubble: Women Organizing in Turkey

After the earthquake of 2023, women got together to struggle and build the conditions for life.  
*Read at [Capire](#)*



### Get to know Senator Iván Cepeda, the presidential candidate for Colombia's Pacto Histórico

Cepeda, a senator and representative of Colombia's historic left wing, has established himself as one of President Gustavo Petro's political successors.  
*Read at [TeleSur](#)*

