



# In Movement

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## The World Still Belongs to the Peoples

Dear comrades,

Internationalist greetings! Welcome to this edition of the **In Movement** Newsletter from the **International Peoples' Assembly (IPA)**. May reminded the world, once again, a truth the ruling class desperately tries to suppress: **peoples' resistance holds power.**

Empire relies on the working class. Despite siege, sanctions, surveillance, imprisonment, bombardment, and blockades, it is the dockworkers, farmers, drivers, cooks, builders, and caregivers who make society function. **Even in the shadows of siege, the peoples continue to build. The working class knows its power.**

On International Workers' Day, we honored the working class who produces life — in contrast to empire who produces destruction. From the Haymarket martyrs to today's organized working class across the Global South, May Day reminds us that liberation from exploitation cannot be separated from liberation from imperial domination.



Bolivia's indefinite general strike confronts privatization and repression under the US-backed far-right Rodrigo Paz regime. Cuba continues its medical internationalism in the face of economic and potential military siege, exemplifying solidarity not as a slogan, but as material commitment. Despite Israeli prisons attempting to break prisoners, and an entire people "from within", the Palestinian Prisoners' Movement has transformed prisons into spaces of political education, organization, and collective resistance. May 15, Nakba Day, reminded us that the Nakba never ended, and neither has Palestinian resistance. As part of the ongoing Political Rights for Palestinians campaign, the IPA interviewed former Palestinian prisoner Kameel Abu Haneesh about the Palestinian Prisoners' Movement, resistance behind bars, and the struggle to defend Palestinian identity under incarceration.

**To defend Palestine is to defend humanity. To defend Cuba, Venezuela, Lebanon, and Iran, is to defend the sovereignty of nations and peoples to determine their own future. To defend workers, prisoners, campesinos, and organized movements everywhere is to defend the possibility of a world beyond war and exploitation.**

As our struggles are connected, so too is our responsibility to working class international solidarity. May 25, African Liberation Day, reminds us that liberation is a continuous struggle against neocolonial domination, calling us to Pan-Africanist and internationalist solidarity. In response to French imperialism's attempt to reestablish its influence on the African continent by holding a summit in Nairobi, IPA leaders participated in the Pan-African Summit Against Imperialism, a counter-summit aimed at exposing France's new and covert offensive to revive its colonial rule.

Still on the African continent but now in the Sahel region, the IPA expressed solidarity with the people of Burkina Faso on the first anniversary of the construction of the memorial honoring Captain Thomas Sankara, at the exact spot where he and twelve other revolutionaries were killed.

As the Global South rises, pressure intensifies. Across the world, we see the imperialist mask of "diplomacy" slipping as it tries to maintain imperial hegemony. Lebanon faces occupation and violated "agreements." Cuba faces media warfare, a violent blockade, and threats of a "friendly takeover."

Venezuela endures sanctions, invasion, decapitation of leadership as “counter-narcoterrorism.” Iran is being bombed as “peace through strength.” And US military bases in Asia are repackaged as “diplomacy and protection.”

While the peoples of the world keep building a global movement, empire overextends. This month, we honor the workers of the world, remembering that no empire is invincible, and that solidarity is not just symbolic, but a material force.

The peoples are not defeated. The peoples have power, and we are organizing. History remains open.

## Updates



### **Journalists from Alba Movimientos visit Venezuela to combat disinformation against the country**

A group of 15 journalists and communicators from Alba Movimientos traveled to Caracas, in Venezuela, to gather information about the country and build alternative narratives to traditional media coverage. “We target Caracas as an objective to communicate with our friends and colleagues, to provide more information to be able to construct a counter-hegemonic narrative in the face of messages that have already been installed in the hegemonic media, which we fear to see with this discourse about betrayal, and also to tell how we live and how we are as Venezuelans”. [Read the full article.](#)



### **Africa Liberation Day**

On Africa Liberation Day, May 25, 2026, we honour the origins of this significant day in our collective struggle for freedom from oppression. Celebrating the aspirations of 1.5 billion Africans, we confront the pressing question of sovereignty amid recent developments that challenge imperialism. The struggles in the Alliance of Sahel States exemplify a continent-wide reassertion of sovereignty. As the liberal consensus crumbles, a shift from financial to industrial capital is evident, indicating a change in Western hegemony. The ongoing contradiction between capitalism and socialism is highlighted as Africa faces a capitalist crisis that threatens to recolonise the Global South. Despite being a net creditor, Africa suffers from wealth extraction through debt and unequal trade. [Read the full statement.](#)



## **Bolivia resists! Stop the repression against the Bolivian people!**

From ALBA Movements, we denounce before Our America and the world the brutal repression unleashed by the government of Rodrigo Paz against the mobilized Bolivian people. The blood spilled in the streets of Bolivia is the direct responsibility of a government that, subservient to the interests of the business elite and US imperialism, has chosen to respond with violence to legitimate popular demands. [Read the full statement.](#)



## **Korean Solidarity with Cuba**

On May 27th, the International Strategy Center organized a solidarity event with the Cuban Embassy in Seoul. The public event featured a film screening and discussion of “Legado: Vencedores del Dolor” (“Legacy: Victorious Against Pain”). Afterward, Cuban doctor serving in Vietnam, Alfredo Garcia Mirete joined online to share his experience with medical internationalism. Finally, the event featured a fundraising effort to send solar panels to Cuba with Let Cuba Live. [See more here.](#)



## **The Artists Must Take Sides**

On May 26, the final session of the six-week hybrid course, “Artists Must Take Sides: Culture and the Movement in the Past, Present, and Future,” concluded.

Organized by the People’s Forum and the Artists Against Apartheid collective, the program guided participants through the vital role and responsibility of artistic movements. Specifically, the curriculum examined how artists can resist systems that oppress, alienate, and gloss over societal contradictions, while highlighting how art plays a decisive role in building a culture that inspires and sustains the collective struggle for liberation. [Check out the materials produced during the course.](#)

# **In Solidarity**

## **Why We Continue to Support Venezuela**

by João Pedro Stédile, Member of the National Coordination of the MST; Leader of ALBA Movements and the International Peoples’ Assembly



The current political situation in Venezuela cannot be explained solely by the events following January 3, 2026. We need to contextualize what has been happening over the past four decades. In the 1990s, the U.S. exercised total hegemony over the continent, imposing the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) on us and, subsequently, seeking to impose the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas) as a zone under the total control of U.S. capital. All governments, except Cuba, supported this proposal.

But the people of some countries rose up. In Venezuela, there was the Caracazo in 1989; then, the military rebellion; and finally, Chávez's electoral victory, which led him to take power in 1999, breaking the neoliberal wave and ushering in a new cycle of progressive governments. His victory was followed by Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (Brazil), Rafael Correa (Ecuador), Evo Morales (Bolivia), and Néstor Kirchner (Argentina). This wave altered the balance of power on the continent. Another integration initiative was proposed to replace the FTAA, which had been formally defeated in 2005, namely ALBA: the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America).

**[Read the full article on the IPA website](#)**

## News



### Trump falls short on his objectives during state visit to China

China reiterated its red lines about US involvement in Taiwan, clearly warning that any "mishandling" would destabilize US-China relations and may even lead to conflicts.

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### Government pushed to negotiate as fuel strike paralyzes Kenya

In Kenya, a nationwide transport shutdown and protests were triggered by a sharp increase in fuel prices. The shutdown brought the transport sector to a standstill, with very little movement of vehicles across the country on Monday.

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### Africa Liberation Day 2026: The renewed struggle for sovereignty and liberation

African Liberation Day was commemorated across Africa by movements and organizations calling for the defense of sovereignty, stronger organizing, and deeper international solidarity.

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### Cuba condemns US indictment of Raúl Castro as pretext for aggression

The US Department of Justice has indicted the historic leader of the Revolution for an event that took place nearly 30 years ago. Havana maintains that this is a ploy to justify military aggression against Cuba.

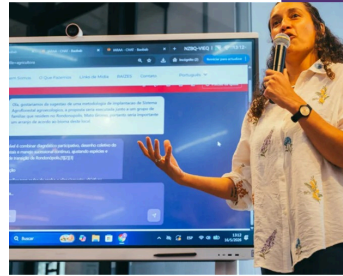
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### Chico Buarque and Silvio Rodriguez capture the resilience and joy of the Cuban people in their re-recording of "Dream with Snakes"

A new version of Silvio's song, recorded with Chico in Havana, unites art, memory, and solidarity with present-day Cuba.

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### IARAA: A Popular Artificial Intelligence for Agroecology

The article presents IARAA, a Brazilian artificial intelligence initiative for agrarian reform and agroecology.

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## 'Magnifica Humanitas': Pope Leo puts social justice back at the center of the global debate

Pope warns that the future should not be handed over to the interests of capital or the power of technology corporations.

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## How does the creation of Digital Twins impact the Milei era?

What's behind the "Digital Social Twin" project being promoted by Milei's government in conjunction with Palantir? In Argentina, the model of privatizing personal data is growing, controlled by Peter Thiel's multinational corporation.

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## Flavio Bolsonaro seeks help from Trump amid electoral collapse

The far-right candidate offered strategic resources to Washington and compromised Brazilian sovereignty in an impromptu meeting outside the official agenda, surrounded by Lula da Silva's advance in electoral polls and his own falling image due to links with fugitive bankers.

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# Analysis and Alerts

## The Future

The future is not what comes tomorrow, the time of the calendar. It is when our human journey breaks from the realism of capitalism and enters a structure that permits us to fully solve human dilemmas. [Read the dossier](#)

## Donald Trump comes to Beijing with hat in hand, and leaves with a handshake from Xi Jinping

Xi demonstrated that it is possible to resist US pressure without capitulation or resorting to theatricality. China approached the United States as a sovereign equal and insisted on that equality calmly. [Read the full analysis](#)

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