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Political Repression: They Fear the Organized People

Dear comrades, Internationalist greetings! Welcome to this edition of the **In Movement Newsletter** from the [International Peoples' Assembly \(IPA\)](#). From India to the United States, from Ecuador to Jordan, the ruling class is revealing, once again, the truth behind its talk of "security": when it cannot answer our demands, it answers our organizing with the language of terrorism instead.

Four states that share no region, no alliance, and no form of government — a parliamentary republic, an imperial power, a right-wing Andean government, and a monarchy — have nonetheless converged on the same legal instrument: statutes and decrees written in the language of "terrorism" and "national security" that treat political opposition itself as a threat to be policed. This is not coincidence but shared architecture, built to designate entire organizations and movements as enemies of the state and, through them, to dismantle the very conditions in which people become capable of organizing at all.

A GLOBAL RED SCARE



Anti-Terror Laws and the Return of Political Repression

INDIA
the Unlawful
Activities
(Prevention)
Act (UAPA),
1967

USA
National Security
Presidential
Memorandum-7
(NSPM-7)

Ecuador
an "internal
armed conflict"
and its laws.

Jordan
Cybercrime
Law No. 17 of
2023.

In India, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, which was originally a regulatory law for banning associations, absorbed the powers of two repealed terrorism statutes in 2004, then expanded further in 2008 and again in 2019, when the government gained the power to brand individual people, not just organizations, as terrorists.

In the United States, no federal crime of "domestic terrorism" exists; in its place, NSPM-7 directs federal law enforcement against a list of political "indicators," including "anti-Americanism, anti-capitalism," and "anti-Christianity." Constitutionally protected speech itself has become grounds for investigation by FBI-led task forces and fusion centers.

Ecuador has governed since January 2024 under a declared "internal armed conflict," designating some twenty-two groups as terrorists and, by mid-2025, legislating warrantless raids, a lowered threshold for lethal force, and near-total shielding of security personnel from prosecution.

Jordan's 2023 Cybercrime Law nearly tripled in scope from its predecessor, criminalizing vaguely defined offences like "fake news," "provoking strife," and "undermining national unity," with categories broad enough that a prosecutor alone decides where criticism ends and crime begins.

What binds these four systems is a single technique: the elastic offence, defined so loosely that its meaning is fixed not by the text but by whoever applies it, letting one clause stretch from an armed cell to an entire trade union or mass movement. None of this machinery is new; each iteration absorbs and sharpens an older apparatus of repression, because the state escalates its legal tools in direct proportion to the threat it perceives to its own survival.

The purpose is never only to punish individuals, but to build a framework capable of branding whole movements as security threats. In India, the sixteen lawyers, academics, and poets known as the Bhima Koregaon 16 were jailed over alleged links to a banned party; in Ecuador, the terrorist designation built

for armed gangs has been stretched over Indigenous and labor leaders during national strikes. Beyond arrests, these laws serve a public function: manufacturing consent by painting communists, unionists, and social movements as enemies of the nation rather than opponents in politics, echoing the McCarthyist logic that recast dissent as disloyalty and mere association as guilt.

Three targets recur across all four countries: economic discontent (Ecuador's austerity strikes met with terrorism charges; NSPM-7 flagging "anti-capitalism" itself), anti-war organizing (Jordan prosecuting hundreds for pro-Palestinian posts; US fusion centers surveilling an Israel–Palestine peace camp), and plain criticism of government conduct (Jordanian satirist Ahmad Hassan al-Zoubi imprisoned over a single social-media post). In each case, opposition to empire, war, or the existing economic order is recoded as a security matter.

The convergence traces to a specific historical hinge: after 2001, UN Security Council Resolution 1373 obliged every state to criminalize "support for terrorism" while leaving the word itself undefined — a template with a hole in it that each government filled to its own advantage. By 2026, the UN's own Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism had concluded that abuse of these laws had become "a tool of choice to suppress critics" worldwide. Underneath the national specifics lies a common material need: when a system cannot deliver wages, housing, or security, it must account for the anger this produces. Increasingly it accounts for that anger as subversion rather than legitimate grievance.

The deepest danger is a shift from prohibiting acts to criminalizing ideas and affiliations: the offence migrating from what a person does to what they are believed to think or belong to. And the deepest mechanism is that the legal process has become the punishment itself: in Karnataka, most UAPA convictions over two decades came from guilty pleas entered only after years of unbailed detention, and India's own Supreme Court found conviction rates of just 2–6% during the period from 2019 to 2023, meaning near-certain eventual acquittal — but only after the years are already gone. Nineteen-year-old student Ayan Yusuf Shaikh was arrested on little more than alleged bad intent; Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam have been held over five years with charges still not formally framed; and 84-year-old Father Stan Swamy died in custody awaiting bail. This is the law functioning exactly as designed: not to convict, but to destroy years of overwhelmingly innocent lives before anyone reaches a courtroom, ensuring not just that today's dissenter is punished, but that the next one never gathers at all.

These laws work through isolation, making every dissenter feel alone and every movement feel suspect, as if they can be broken once that isolation ends. When Ecuadorian trade unions, the Indigenous federation CONAIE, lawyers' guilds, and university federations jointly challenged the security laws in court, the Constitutional Court struck down two of them in September 2025 and suspended parts of a third. The tasks that follow are laid out as shared and concrete: free the named political prisoners, including Khalid, Imam, the Bhima Koregaon detainees, al-Zoubi, and others; recognize the systematic denial of Palestinian political rights as part of the same struggle; and treat prosecutions of journalists and academics as attacks on entire professions.

Above all, name what these laws are actually for: not public safety, but the destruction of popular organizing itself. The most basic act of solidarity is simply to refuse the frame, keep organizing in the open, and deny these laws the isolation they depend on to work.

Updates



ALBA Movements Heads to Havana

From 6–9 August, more than 150 delegates from across Latin America and the Caribbean will gather in Havana, Cuba, for the IV Continental Assembly of ALBA Movements, under the slogan "One Hundred Years Walking with Fidel." Held during the centenary of Fidel Castro's birth, the Assembly reaffirms solidarity with Cuba as it confronts the intensifying U.S. blockade and renewed imperialist aggression. Bringing together over 400 popular organizations in 25 countries, ALBA's Movements is promoting this gathering with participants who will assess the global political moment, debate socialism as the horizon for the peoples of the continent, and adopt a common plan of action to strengthen popular organization, sovereignty, and continental unity. The Assembly is both a tribute to Fidel's internationalist legacy and a commitment to deepen the struggles for a just, socialist, and sovereign *Nuestra América* (Our America).

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Gaza: Ceasefire in Name Only

Nine months after the UN-backed ceasefire was announced, the International Peoples' Assembly warns that Israel's assault on Palestine continues unabated. Airstrikes in Gaza are still killing civilians, humanitarian aid remains dangerously insufficient, and widespread hunger is deepening as families struggle to survive under siege. At the same time, the occupied West Bank faces escalating settler violence, with attacks on Palestinian communities reaching record levels under the protection and encouragement of the Israeli government. Rejecting the illusion of peace, the statement calls for the full implementation of the ceasefire, unrestricted humanitarian access, accountability for war crimes and settler violence, and renewed international solidarity with the Palestinian people's struggle for justice, dignity, and liberation.

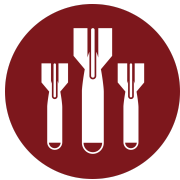
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Mass Exodus to Ceuta: Moroccan Youth Pay the Price of a System Built on Rent-Seeking and Repression

The Political Bureau of the Workers' Democratic Way Party has followed with deep concern and profound anger the scenes of mass exodus from Fnideq toward occupied Ceuta, where thousands of young Moroccans, including minors, have risked their lives at sea and on barbed wire to escape unemployment, poverty, and exclusion, after decades of policy that concentrated wealth and power in the hands of a small elite while stripping the majority of the right to work, education, health, housing, and dignity. The Bureau rejects the government's attempt to manage this tragedy through militarized borders and security coordination with the European Union, insisting that repression cannot substitute for development and that migration is not a crime but the direct consequence of policies that manufactured despair, and it holds the ruling class bloc and the parties that legitimized neoliberal policy squarely responsible for a crisis rooted not in circumstance but in the historic bankruptcy of the regime itself. Young people's lives and futures are not disposable and must come before the interests of capital and the Makhzen's dependent choices — the struggle for a Morocco of dignity, freedom, and social justice continues!

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The Colombo Declaration: Hands Off Asia!

At the Hands Off Asia Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, held from 16 to 18 July 2026, representatives of movements, trade unions, political parties, and people's organizations from 15 countries adopted the Colombo Declaration, a united call for sovereignty, peace, and peoples' solidarity across the continent. The declaration rejects foreign military bases, debt bondage, IMF conditionalities, tariff coercion, regime-change operations, and ideological domination, affirming the right of Asian peoples to determine their own political, economic, and cultural future. Rooted in the legacy of Bandung and the Non-Aligned Movement, it declares that imperialism's attacks are military, economic, political, and ideological—and that the response must be equally united. Concluding with the slogan "Hands Off Asia!", the declaration reaffirms a shared commitment to peace, sovereignty, and a socialist horizon led by the peoples of Asia.

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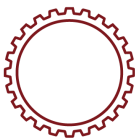
No to the new global McCarthyism

The International Peoples' Assembly and ALBA Movimientos issued a statement condemning the Trump-Rubio administration's "Ministerial on the Resurgence of Political Terrorism," denouncing it as a global attempt to criminalize left-wing parties, popular movements, and anti-imperialist struggles. Rejecting the false narrative of "left-wing terrorism," the declaration warns that the summit seeks to legitimize repression, regime-change operations, and violations of national sovereignty under the guise of international security. Calling this offensive a new global McCarthyism, the statement urges movements worldwide to strengthen internationalist solidarity, defend the peoples' right to self-determination, and stand with Cuba, Venezuela, and all nations resisting imperialist aggression. [Read more](#)



Stand with India's students

The IPA Asia Secretariat expressed its full solidarity with students across India protesting the NEET examination paper leaks, calling the scandal a symptom of a deeply unequal education system. With more than two million medical aspirants affected, the statement denounces corruption that allows wealth and influence to override merit, placing the futures of working-class and marginalized students at risk. The Secretariat supports the ongoing student hunger strike and demands an independent investigation, accountability for those responsible, protection of protesters, and structural reforms to guarantee free, fair, and equal access to education. It affirms that the struggle for educational justice is part of the broader fight for equality and democracy across Asia. [Read more](#)



NUMSA Wins Kimberley High Court Battle to Save Jobs at Ekapa Mine

NUMSA has won a landmark victory at the High Court of South Africa (Northern Cape Division, Kimberley), where Acting Judge Tyuthuza suspended the rushed liquidation of Ekapa Minerals (Pty) Ltd and granted Business Rescue instead, following months of struggle after the company applied for provisional liquidation in March 2026, leaving over 1,000 workers stranded without pay and more than 300 unilaterally retrenched, even as the bodies of five workers killed in a mudslide 890 metres underground remained unrecovered. The Court rejected the employer's claims that the mine had no future, confirmed NUMSA's right as a recognised trade union to bring the application, and found that liquidation would have destroyed the mine's

valuable mining right, whereas Business Rescue preserves it, unlocks over R400 million in receivables, and will save around 500 jobs immediately under a restructuring plan. Workers' lives and livelihoods are not disposable and must come before corporate interests—a luta continua, the struggle continues!

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In Solidarity

100 Posters for Fidel at 100



Ahead of the centenary of Fidel Castro's birth on 13 August, cultural workers from around the world answered the call to celebrate his revolutionary legacy through art. Organized by the International Peoples' Assembly, Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, ALBA Movimientos, Utopix, and allied organizations, the campaign received more than 200 posters from over 100 artists across 30 countries—surpassing its original goal of 100 works. The posters are now freely available under a Creative Commons license, encouraging movements, organizations, and communities everywhere to print, exhibit, and share them. As Fidel's ideas continue to inspire struggles for sovereignty, socialism, and internationalism, these artworks bring his legacy into dialogue with the challenges and hopes of the present.

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The House Ways and Means Committee has made us the target of its latest witch hunt. We're not going down without a fight.

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Israel continues to commit massacres in the war-torn enclave on a daily basis, the latest of which wiped out an entire family of six.

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In addition to the protest against the tariff hike, the Brazilian government issued a diplomatic response to the Argentine president's insults.

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Washington's nuclear double standard in West Asia

Vijay Prashad: The deal with Saudi Arabia is intended to capture a lucrative market while fastening Riyadh more securely to the United States. It is nuclear commerce presented as non-proliferation.

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Carmen Navas Reyes: Under the US sanctions regime, banks and companies around the world sever ties or reject transactions with sanctioned countries far beyond what the law strictly requires.

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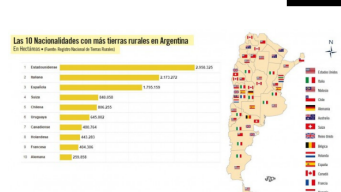
Armed groups threaten governments in the Sahel and regional stability; here's what you need to know

Attacks over the weekend that left at least 50 soldiers dead in Mali may indicate an unprecedented partnership between the FLA and JNIM.

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Haiti's Electoral Council postpones first round of



Milei Wants to Sell Argentine Land to Foreign Tycoons



An Internationalist Life: Alexina Crespo's

presidential elections to December 13

The Provisional Electoral Council conditioned compliance with the new schedule on guarantees of security and funding. [Read more](#)

On August 6, the Federal Coalition in Defense of the Land launched a campaign to reject the law allowing foreign ownership of land. [Read more](#)

100th Birthday and the Struggle for Land

Renowned activist with the Peasant Leagues—a movement for rural rights from northeastern Brazil—would have turned 100 this year. [Read more](#)

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