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Cuba Is Not a Threat: The struggle against the blockade

Dear comrades, Internationalist greetings! Welcome to this edition of the **In Movement Newsletter** from the International Peoples' Assembly (IPA).

In Cuba, daily life has become a struggle to get by. As the United States tightens its blockade and lays siege to the island's fuel supply, an entire people is being pushed to the edge and suffers what amounts to a silent genocide.
Behind every blackout there is a family: a mother waiting for a check-up that may not come, a child waiting for surgery or for medicine that cannot reach the country, doctors and nurses working through the dark, and teachers keeping classrooms open with almost nothing because they believe every child deserves to learn.

This suffering is not the result of a natural disaster. It is the result of a six-decade policy that aims to break the Cuban people by cutting them off from trade, credit, fuel, and supplies, a policy whose effects today are harsher than ever. The measures have piled up over the years: the Helms-Burton Act of 1996 and the activation of its Title III in 2019, Cuba's redesignation as a state sponsor of terrorism, the January 2026 national emergency, tariffs punishing countries that supply Cuba with oil, and Executive Order 14404 of May 2026, which extends the blockade beyond US borders and imposes what amounts to fuel starvation.



Cuba's ambassadors have sounded the alarm repeatedly this year. In June, Ambassador Luis Mariano Fernández warned of an escalating US war against the island, as Washington announced fresh sanctions against the Cuban president and his family. The following month, Washington indicted Raúl Castro outright, a move that Havana called a pretext for aggression and that China condemned as a violation of Cuban sovereignty. By August, with the oil blockade six months old, observers were already warning that the immediate priority was to prevent a humanitarian disaster, and that Cuba needs an energy system it cannot be cut off from. In September, the BRICS bloc, marking its own twentieth anniversary, added its voice to the call for an end to the blockade.

This campaign of aggression follows a long historical pattern in which Washington has sought to domesticate the island and use it for its economic and political aims across the region. What Washington finds intolerable is Cuba's commitment to serving its people and defending its sovereignty, which is exactly what these measures are designed to destroy. That commitment has never stopped at Cuba's shores: even under siege, Cuba has kept sharing what it has, and its doctors have cared for people around the world, often where no one else would go.

That reckoning came this week. On 27 and 28 October, the United Nations General Assembly voted, for the 34th consecutive year, on the resolution Cuba first brought before it in 1992: the necessity of ending the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the United States against Cuba. It passed, 130 votes to 17, with 25 abstentions. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, accused Washington of threatening tariffs, visa denials, and suspended aid against governments that voted with it, and clashed with Waltz on the floor of the Assembly the day before the vote, forcing the session's president to briefly suspend proceedings. The vote is non-binding, and it still passed by a wide margin.

The 2026 vote exposed the intensification of the imperialist offensive against Cuba and its Revolution, combining direct diplomatic pressure from Washington with the growing alignment of right-wing and far-right forces across Latin America. Although 130 countries once again voted to demand an end to the blockade, support fell sharply compared to 2025, when 165 countries voted in

favour, only seven against, and 12 abstained. In Latin America, governments aligned with the Trump administration joined this offensive: Argentina, Paraguay, Ecuador, and Costa Rica were among those voting against the resolution, reflecting the regional advance of forces that align their foreign policies with Washington's agenda. The pressure campaign also led several countries to break with their longstanding positions: for the first time in 34 years, Germany and Italy abstained from the vote. Bosnia, Colombia, Lithuania, Morocco, North Macedonia, Paraguay and Slovenia are among those member states that voted no — most for the first time.

These shifts took place amid an aggressive campaign by the Trump administration to coerce governments through diplomatic pressure, threats of economic retaliation, and the instrumentalisation of US power. This is not an isolated diplomatic dispute, but part of a broader imperialist strategy to isolate Cuba internationally, undermine its sovereignty, weaken its socialist project, and force a political reversal on the island. While the overwhelming majority of countries continue to reject the blockade, the 2026 vote demonstrates how imperialism seeks to extend its reach through pressure on governments and the mobilisation of its political allies, threatening multilateralism and the right of peoples to determine their own future.

Yet this vote is part of a much longer history. A quick research could identify around 3,900 instances in which the United States voted against the overwhelming majority of UN member states. From opposing resolutions against colonialism and apartheid to rejecting calls for Palestinian rights, national sovereignty, non-interference in electoral processes, and an end to unilateral coercive measures, Washington has repeatedly stood against the collective will of the world's peoples. Cuba's case is not an exception: for 34 consecutive years, the US has voted against ending its criminal and genocidal blockade of the island. This record exposes the contradiction between Washington's claims to defend democracy and its persistent disregard for the sovereignty and self-determination of nations.

The International Peoples' Assembly defends Cuban sovereignty and condemns the US blockade to sabotage the Cuban people's right to self-determination. We call on people and organisations everywhere to speak out, act in solidarity, and demand an end to the blockade, whatever pressure Washington applies to the count.

Cuba is not a threat, the blockade is.

Updates

Hands Off Asia: A people's call for sovereignty and solidarity

The International Peoples' Assembly (IPA) Asia has released the book *Hands Off Asia: A People's Call for Sovereignty and Solidarity*, which compiles debates, speeches, and the Colombo Declaration resulting from a conference held in Sri Lanka in July 2026, attended by representatives from 17 countries and 46 organizations.

The publication analyzes the many forms of imperialism in Asia, including militarization, sanctions, debt, and cultural domination. As part of the Hands Off Asia campaign, the book advocates for the sovereignty of the peoples, the withdrawal of foreign military bases, and the building of sovereign and socialist alternatives, while strengthening internationalist solidarity. Read the full press release here and download the book in English.



Solidarity with the youth of India and the Communist Party of India (Marxist)

The International Peoples' Assembly expresses solidarity with Indian youth and with leftist and progressive forces protesting changes to the voter rolls that exclude millions of voters, as well as the repression of protesters. The organization condemns the arrests of political leaders and demands an end to the repression, respect for constitutional rights, and an independent and impartial Electoral Commission. The statement also highlights the connection between the struggles of young people in India, Brazil, France, and Spain, reaffirming the importance of international solidarity in the defense of democracy, dignity, and social justice. Read the full statement



Free the Sumud Four

Since March, Tunisian authorities have held four organisers of the Global Sumud Flotilla, the civilian convoy that sought to break Israel's blockade and deliver aid to Gaza, in pre-trial detention over alleged financial irregularities tied to the flotilla's fundraising. A Tunisian court extended their detention by a further four months in September, prompting protests in Tunis on 19 September and solidarity actions abroad under the banner of the 'Sumud four'. One of the detained organisers has been on hunger strike for more than a month, with supporters reporting that his health is deteriorating. The International Peoples' Assembly joins the call for their immediate release. Read more



Attention, they are erasing democracy: Stop Them

Potere al Popolo!, Italy's left-wing coalition party, warned that the Meloni government's new electoral law would hand a governing majority to a party incapable of winning one at the ballot box, while requiring 450,000 signatures to field independent lists, a barrier the party says is designed to silence it and the rest of Italy's real opposition. Potere al Popolo! linked the law to a wider authoritarian turn: US sanctions against antifascist organisations, an

'antisemitism' law it says targets pro-Palestinian activists, expanding security decrees, and censorship justified by 'hybrid war', alongside Italy's rearmament, NATO commitments, and European austerity. The party, which also names Israel's war on Gaza a genocide, called on civil society and every democratic organisation to mobilize against this law. Read more



Anti-Imperialist Feminists, Stand with Cilia!

Nine months after US forces invaded Venezuela and abducted President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores, a US federal court in the Southern District of New York denied Flores's request for house arrest on 8 October, ruling that she remain at Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center on flight risk grounds. Feminist, grassroots, and anti-imperialist organisations describe her health as having deteriorated under confinement: an 11 kg weight loss, episodes of ventricular tachycardia and severe chest pain, the loss of two molars, and four daily medications. The statement demands Flores and Maduro's immediate, unconditional release with urgent medical care, an end to sanctions and foreign military deployment in the region, accountability for political assassinations and lawfare, and a feminist solidarity network of cross-border mutual care and community self-defence. Read more



Koreans Stand with Cuba

On October 24th, the International Strategy Center (ISC) held a Cuba solidarity event in Seoul. They discussed the current crisis facing Cuba under the U.S. blockade, and strengthened Korea's solidarity with the island. The ISC is planning more Cuba solidarity events soon. See more

In Solidarity

Mobilise for Palestine, Mobilise for the political prisoners



Across the West Bank, the past few months have brought a full military lockdown and a wave of settler attacks on Palestinian farmers, journalists, diplomats, and international volunteers during the olive harvest. None of it is separate from what happens inside zionist prisons. As the mass imprisonment of Palestinians is not a law enforcement measure but a deliberate strategy to dismantle Palestinian political organisation – leaders such as Marwan Barghouti and Ahmad Sa'adat are held to sever the link between grassroots movements and national leadership – the administrative detention keeps political life permanently insecure, and even union membership, student activism, and public speech can be branded a 'security threat'. 'The Israeli prison system,' the IPA has written, 'is one of the most refined weapons of Zionism,' and the message it sends is unmistakable: that Palestinian political participation itself is illegal.

On 29 November, the world marks the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, a date the United Nations fixed in 1977. Since then, it has become a global occasion for opponents of colonialism, imperialism, and Zionism to reaffirm the Palestinian people's right to their land, to the return of the displaced, and to an independent, democratic state, and to condemn occupation crimes including mass detention and land and home confiscation.

The International Peoples' Assembly calls on affiliated organizations and all people's movements to mobilise for Palestine: hold public actions and statements that name Palestinian prisoners individually and demand their release, build active boycott campaigns against normalisation, and make the cause of the prisoners' movement inseparable from the wider demand to end the occupation. The Palestine cause does not need our pity. It needs us in the street.

News



Cereal Production Rises to a Historic High: Burkina Faso's Pursuit of Food Sovereignty

Burkina Faso's food self-sufficiency policies have pushed cereal output to 124 per cent of national need, ahead of a more ambitious 2026-28 plan to deepen the gains.
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Palestinian Women Are a Source of Strength for Our Struggle for Freedom

Members of the World March of Women in Palestine describe what daily survival and resistance look like under occupation today.
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Israel Deemed Main 'Source of Insecurity and Instability' in Asia at Baku Conference

Delegations from more than a dozen countries walked out of a regional conference in Baku when Israeli President Isaac Herzog began speaking.
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I have plenty of debt at the beginning of the month: survive until my next salary

Argentine households are running out of debt before they run out of month: 4.9 million now resort to savings, borrowing, or selling belongings just to cover expenses, with 91.7 per cent of households in debt and 61 per cent of credit card spending going to food.
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Lula Re-elected, Defeating Flávio Bolsonaro in a Historic Turnaround

Lula defeated senator Flávio Bolsonaro in the 25 October runoff, 51.76 per cent to 48.24 per cent, becoming the first candidate since Brazil's return to direct elections in 1989 to trail after the first round and still win the second.
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Student List Defeats Vučić's Serbian Progressive Party

Two years of student-led protests over the corruption-linked Novi Sad canopy collapse culminated on 25 October in the Student List's election victory, taking 53 per cent of the vote to end Aleksandar Vučić's 12 years in power.
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Albania's Protests Show No Signs of Backing Down

Albania's "Flamingo Revolution" against elite tourism projects and corruption has entered its sixth month, with students escalating since mid-October after part of the Ministry of Education building caught fire during a protest; demonstrators have rejected Prime Minister Edi Rama's offer of dialogue, demanding his resignation.
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Protests Banned and Curfews Declared Ahead of Major Mobilisation in France

After roughly 800,000 people marched nationwide on 17 October against austerity, the French government banned follow-up protests in 10 cities and announced troop deployments to "guard" demonstrations, allowing only union-organised marches.
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Tanzania's smallholder farmers set their course in Morogoro

MVIWATA's 850-delegate AGM in Morogoro discussed land seizures, exploitative "ghost farmer" middlemen, and opaque carbon contracts, resolving to pursue land grievances and build an indigenous seedbank.
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Analysis and Alerts

The Critical Minerals Beneath the Trump Corollary

Washington's drive to control the Western Hemisphere's mineral wealth is a renewed imperial subordination, part of "Trump Corollary" to the Monroe Doctrine. Latin America refined only one fifth of the energy minerals it extracted in 2025, while China refines over nine tenths of global gallium, graphite, and manganese; the real bottleneck is not geology but control of refining, patents, and markets. Read more

Israel's Violence Against Palestine Survives the Ceasefire

A year after the Gaza ceasefire, Tricontinental documents bombardment, infrastructure destruction, and financial strangulation as "interconnected fronts of the same offensive": nearly nine tenths of Gaza's water and sanitation infrastructure destroyed, real GDP per person at $212, and over nine tenths of the working age population unemployed. Read more

Beyond Polarity: For a Marxist Theory of the World Order

Tricontinental's new dossier discusses counting powerful states, the language of unipolarity or multipolarity, tells us nothing about how power is actually produced; the real question is "where imperial relations are most vulnerable to rupture." The US retains structural power through the dollar, bases, and legal institutions even as China, Russia, and others widen their room for manoeuvre. Read more

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