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The Present U.S.-backed Israeli Genocidal War Against the Palestinian People of Gaza

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Many young people in the USA and around the world who have borne witness to the unbridled brutality and violence unleashed against the Palestinian citizens of Gaza by the bloody Israeli settler Netanyahu regime since early October 2023 have been shocked. Many have been even more amazed by the total backing given to the right-wing Israeli government from day one by the "liberal" Biden/Wall Street regime. In less than six months, Israel's U.S. supplied war machine has already murdered over thirty thousand Palestinian people, the majority of them women and children. And the U.S. government has used its veto in the United Nations Security Council three times to protect Israel from the almost unanimous condemnation by the rest of the world's governments.

On a positive note: new millions of youth and others both within the USA and world-wide now recognize that the U.S. Empire has much Palestinian blood on its hands. Certainly, one key to the decades-long brutal rule of the U.S. global empire has been its control of the Middle East with its vast oil resources and vital shipping lanes. And for most of this period, the settler state of Israel has been U.S. imperialism's number one recipient of U.S. military aid and its number one enforcer there.

One new feature of the dynamics at work in the Middle East is the U.S. Empire's grand strategy focused on bringing together Israel and Saudi Arabia with an eye toward opposing China's Belt and Road Initiative with a regional trade pact of its own. All this at the ultimate sacrifice of the Palestinian people.

In this light, it appears that Hamas, the de facto government of the Gaza Strip since 2007, felt threatened with the loss of its own money pipeline from the Saudi-led reactionary Arab regimes. This seemed to be a main motivation for the adventurist Hamas putsch into Israel on October 7.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's aim in remaining in power, like his close U.S. ally Donald Trump, is to stay out of prison for his many corrupt criminal practices while in government. Evidently, this is why his regime allowed the Hamas forces to carry out their massive putsch "by surprise." For, this event served both Netanyahu and Hamas in the short run but not the peoples of Palestine and the Middle East.

Prior to October 7, Netanyahu faced huge protests by Israeli citizens against his attempt to usurp the powers of the Israeli judiciary. Immediately after the Hamas invasion, the protests disappeared and the Israeli citizenry now seems committed to the bloodbath being perpetrated on the Palestinian people of Gaza.

The pamphlet that accompanies this bulletin entitled, "Victory to the Palestinian Revolution!" was first published in 1983, over forty years ago. Twenty years ago, we re-issued it with a cover letter that appears in this 2024 version as "June 2003 Update."

To encourage you to read/study this time-tested pamphlet, I want to emphasize the first bullet point conclusion in that "update" page vi as it informs the current unfolding tragedy in Gaza and the Middle East.

"The clarity of the role of U.S. imperialism as the principal enemy of *all* the people of the Middle East rather than being an 'honest' broker or 'peacemaker'—

It is remarkable how clearly Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken have exposed themselves. They and their retinue of sycophants have endlessly repeated how much hard work they are putting in trying to get Netanyahu and the Israeli government to agree to a ceasefire, to end destruction of hospitals and other vital infrastructure, expedite rather than block humanitarian relief, accept negotiations, and end the Israeli-induced famine. Meanwhile, in almost six months of carnage against the Palestinians of Gaza, Israeli PM Netanyahu has never wavered in his stated aim of completely destroying Hamas, that is, in his single-minded genocidal aim of driving out of Gaza, starving out and murdering its 2.3 million inhabitants. — Despite this, Biden and Blinken have not hesitated to continue supplying the rampaging Israeli military with any and all weaponry they desire.

Freedom-loving people everywhere need to be involved in ending
the reign of these U.S. and Israeli war criminals!

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For we recognize that the international working class needs to take up
the revolutionary challenges of our time.

Long Live the Palestinian Revolution!

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