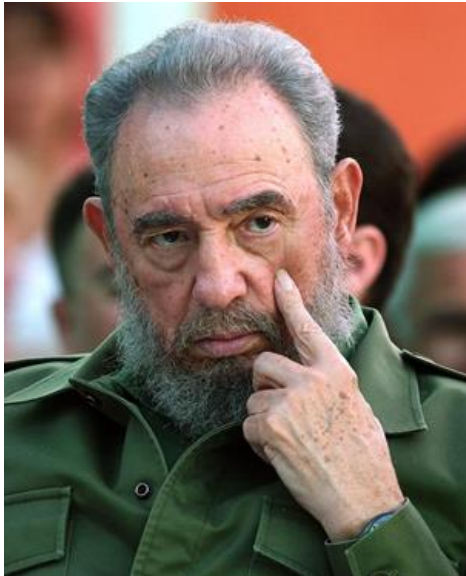


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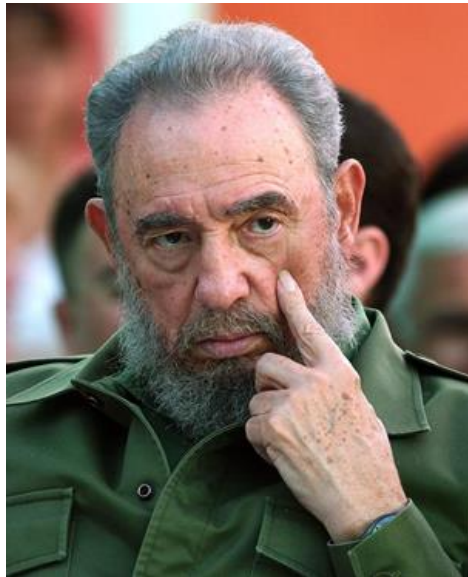
## Cheered by a Crowd that Overflowed Plaza de Mayo, Cristina Fernández Says Goodbye to Argentine President

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## Cuba/Venezuela

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By Fidel Castro Ruz

December 11, 2015

Dear Nicolás:

I share the unanimous opinion of those who have congratulated you for your brilliant, valiant speech on the night of December 6, as soon as the election's outcome was announced.

In world history, the highest level of political glory which a revolutionary can

reach, is that of the illustrious Venezuelan combatant, Liberator of America, Simón Bolívar, whose name now belongs not only to this sister country, but to all peoples of Latin America.

Another Venezuelan official of honorable legacy, Hugo Chávez, understood and admired him and struggled for his ideas until the last moment of his life. As a boy, attending elementary school in the country where the poor children of Bolívar were obliged to work to help support their families, he developed the spirit in which the Liberator of America was forged.

The millions of children and youth who today attend the largest and most modern system of public schools in the world are Venezuelan. More can be said about the country's network of medical care centers and the attention paid to the health of its people, brave but poor as a result of centuries of plunder by Spanish colonialism, and later by huge transnationals, which for more than 100 years extracted from its entrails the best of the immense oil reserves nature bestowed on this country.

History also bears witness that workers exist, and make possible the enjoyment of nutritious food, medicine, education, security, housing and the world's solidarity. You could ask the oligarchy, if you like: Do you know all of this?

Cuban revolutionaries - just a few miles from the United States, which always dreamed of taking possession of Cuba to make it a hybrid casino-brothel, as a way of life for the children of José Martí - will never renounce their full independence or respect for their dignity.

I am sure that human life on Earth can only be preserved with peace among all peoples of the Earth, and acknowledgement of the right to make the planet's natural resources common property, as well as the sciences and technologies created by human beings to benefit all of its inhabitants. If humanity continues along the path of exploitation and the plunder of its resources by transnationals and imperialist banks, the representatives of states meeting in Paris, will draw the relevant conclusions.

Security does not exist today for anyone. There are nine states which possess nuclear weapons. One of them, the United States, dropped two bombs which killed hundreds of thousands of people in just three days, and caused physical and psychological harm to millions of defenseless people.

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The People's Republic of China and Russia know the world's problems much better than the United States, because they were obliged to endure the terrible wars imposed on them by fascism's blind egoism. I do not doubt that, given their historical traditions and their own revolutionary experience, they will make the greatest effort to avoid a war and contribute to the peaceful development of Venezuela, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

<http://en.granma.cu/cuba/2015-12-11/fidels-message-to-president-nicolas-maduro>

**Source: Granma International**

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## Cuba

### Arab Community Living in Cuba Celebrates the 48th Anniversary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

December 11, 2015

By Bill Hackwell

A large crowd of Arabs living in Cuba and their supporters filled the Jerusalem – Alquds, Union of Arabs of Cuba, cultural center in old Havana to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).



The program gave a historical view up to the present of the struggle of the Palestinian people for their homeland and was presented primarily by the youth of the Arab community.

Amongst other guests, representing the Cuban 5, was Rene Gonzalez, Hero of the Republic of Cuba and his wife Olga Salanueva. Also in attendance was Kenia Serrano Puig, President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP).

Clara Pulido Escandel, the coordinator of the Africa and Middle East Area of the Department of the International Relations of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party addressed the audience reaffirming Cuba's long term support for the liberation of Palestine and the right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland.

Areej Al-Khawaja who is in her 5th year at the Latin America School of Medicine in Habana, spoke on behalf of the youth of the PFLP.

Graciela Ramirez of the International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity and Resumen Latinoamericano brought greetings from Carlos Aznárez, the editor of Resumen who is facing prosecution from by an Argentinian

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court coming from a complaint from the Delegation of Argentine Israeli Associations (DAIA). If found guilty he would have to allow Google to turn over all of his emails for several years. Ramirez stated that "the accusation against Aznárez is not against one person, or a specific media, but against all of those who struggle for the right of return of the Palestinian people, and who stand in solidarity with the resistance of the Palestinian people. She also brought greetings from Kifah Afifi, a Palestinian who was born in the refugee camp of Sabra and Shatla. Afifi was tortured and spent 7 years in an Israeli prison.

Bassel Ismail Sahem, representing the PFLP, closed the event by thanking the people of Cuba for all their support for Palestine.

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## Venezuela

### After Parliamentary Elections, Venezuela Strips Lies by the Right



December 9, 2015

Venezuela's Foreign Minister, Delcy Rodriguez, said on Tuesday that December 6 parliamentary elections –transparently held with observers of the region– served to bring down the foreign-led media campaign against the country and

also to ratify the democratic and peaceful nature of the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

"The lies the right has used for years against Venezuela have been debunked. These were about there would be no parliamentary elections, the Venezuelan electoral system was not reliable nor transparent and the President would not recognize results. But immediately after the Electoral Branch spoke, the President acknowledged the results with courage, honor as a man of this country that does not surrender to adversities," the foreign minister told Telesur station in Caracas.

Following a meeting with Leonel Fernandez, president of Dominican Republic and head of the Electoral Mission of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), Rodriguez stressed that President's speech "did make him grow as national president, as head of state, as president of all Venezuelans, "and even when the results were adverse "he showed that the will of the people of Venezuela is respected, and that within the Venezuelan electoral system prevails the democratic spirit."

She recalled that after the Bolivarian Revolution was born, the Electoral Branch changed for the sake of the people and not the interests of minorities that for years plundered the country's resources and led Venezuelans to remain under the threshold of poverty and inequality.

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Rodriguez welcomed the outcome of the UNASUR reports concerning the parliamentary elections held last Sunday.

Leaving the meeting with the Chancellor, UNASUR's mission head stressed. "In this post-electoral process the important thing is how democratic governance is maintained, and what prevails in democracy is always constructive dialogue, national interest, the interest of the country, not the particular interest of political parties. If political players are able to place themselves above their individual interests and always look at the national interest, based on dialogue, the country goes forward."

"One of the great lessons of this electoral event is that, with the UNASUR mission, our integration mechanisms based on the identities got strengthened" because "we do not need the colonial, imperial tutelage of the Organization of American States or any other imperialist center. Here we are with the will of our people," he said.

#### Election results

According to data published by the National Electoral Council ([www.cne.gob.ve](http://www.cne.gob.ve)) the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) won 55 seats, while the opposition coalition MUD won 107. There are two seats yet to be announced.

In this regard, the Chancellor asked the revolutionary movement to do a proper reading of these results and progress in strengthening political awareness to this new scenario.

"We know we have a consolidated 43% block. A consolidated and conscience block. That 43% also spoke, it is also the will of the people, and their vote is a vote of understanding for the deep economic aggression the Venezuelan and international right addressed against the country," she said.

<http://www.avn.info.ve/contenido/after-parliamentary-elections-venezuela-strips-lies-right>

**Source: Venezuelan News Agency**

## Argentina

### Cristina Fernández Says Goodbye to Cheering Crowd in Plaza de Mayo

December 10, 2015

Hundreds of thousands of Argentines said goodbye to Cristina Fernández in Plaza de Mayo during her last speech as head of State, after eight years in office.

Argentina's President, Cristina Fernandez, thanked last Wednesday the more



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than 42 million Argentines who supported a decade of change in their country.

During a ceremony at Casa Rosada (house of government) the President unveiled a bust of former President Nestor Kirchner that will be part of a collection of sculptures in the presidential compound.

"The natural place for a militant is not in government, it has to be with the people and for the people", she said after referring to the importance of popular participation in a free and democratic country.

After completing the act at Casa Rosada, Cristina Fernández talked to the crowd of Argentines concentrated in Plaza de Mayo, in Buenos Aires City to express their support and greet the President, who leaves office after making possible great social achievements of Kirchner's project.

"I expect an Argentina without censorship or repression, freer than ever", said Fernandez in her last Presidential act.

"In order to industrialize the country, it is necessary to make social investment and to support the working class" Fernandez said after referring to one of the actions that her government supported to strengthen economy of the country.

She said that no other Argentine Government had as much concern for health, education, technological progress, equality and social inclusion.

"We leave the government after paying most of the external debt, as had never been done before, after recovering 119 grandchildren kidnapped by the dictatorship, and having vindicated pensioners and retirees who had been excluded for years", she said.

She said that she can look to the face of the 42 million Argentines, thanks to the achievements of the last decade. "I only ask God that those who come behind us due to popular will, may come to this square in four years and look into the eyes of Argentines, proud for having done a good job".

She recalled that in her eight years of government, unemployment stood at 5.4 percent, a record figure in the political history of the country. She added that the only two satellites that the country owns, were created locally by Argentinians, thanks to the economic and social support that her administration provided to national human talent.

"If there was ever a man who worked to establish real authority in Casa Rosada, he was called Nestor Carlos Kirchner", she said after referring to the importance of having a head of State that serves the interests of people and not the interests of neoliberal policies from International Monetary Fund (IMF).

From different provinces, Argentines gathered at Plaza de Mayo to share testimonies about their lives during the Kirchner decade.

"We come to give recognition to Cristina, this is not a farewell", said Inti, a 30-year-old art teacher. Excitedly, she said that she had participated in an artistic recognition to the President, "we made hundreds of white lilies, which is Cristina's favourite flower, to remind her, symbolically, that we are what Néstor (Kirchner) vaticinated with his phrase: 'may a thousand flowers flourish'".

Flavia Rosario, also present at Plaza de Mayo, said that before Kirchner decade she "did not understand anything about politics, nor knew what Peronism was" but "in 2000 my family went bankrupt and when Nestor came, we began to grow and today we have 16 employees and we realized that this was not only due to our effort".

Fernandez denounced last Monday that she was verbally abused by Mauricio Macri, who demanded in a phone call, raising his voice, "that she should hand

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him the presidential baton and band at the Government House because it was 'his ceremony' and if she did not do it that way, the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation would transfer him the attributes because he had already consulted them".

Macri has acknowledged, on several occasions, that he comes "from a sexist family" therefore he believes that women should not play any political role in society.

<http://www.thedawn-news.org/2015/12/10/cheered-by-a-crowd-that-overflowed-the-plaza-de-mayo-cristina-fernandez-said-goodbye-to-the-presidency-of-argentina/>

**Source: The Down**

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## Argentina

### Mauricio Macri Prepares to Scrap Argentina's Media Law



December 13, 2015

Advocates claim that corporate media have played a part in periods of growing inequality, but Macri plans to repeal a law limiting media conglomeration.

Argentines may soon see the end of a communications law designed to limit

the dominance of big media corporations and create space for smaller outlets and alternative voices, Prensa Latina reported Sunday.

Communication Minister Oscar Aguad of Argentina's newly appointed Cabinet of Ministers said that "the regulation of the Media Law is not going to survive" under the current government, stressing a departure from the policies of the government of former President Cristina Fernandez.

"Media Law under threat."

"Media will compete freely in the market and we will try to help the smallest," said Aguad, according to Prensa Latina, adding that the new administration has adopted a policy approach "completely contrary to the previous government."

The comments come just days after conservative President Mauricio Macri and his new Cabinet of Ministers were sworn in on Thursday, marking the end of a 12-year era of Kirchnerism in the South American country under former presidents Cristina Fernandez and Nestor Kirchner.

According to Aguad, Macri is committed to overturning the Media Law on the basis that it inhibits free-market competition.

In a preliminary move to undermine the law, Macri has already transferred oversight of two state communication bodies, the Federal Administration of Audiovisual Communication Services and the Federal Authority for Information Technology and Communications, from the presidency to the Ministry of Communication under Aguad.

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Communication advocates in Argentina claim that corporate media have played a part in historic period of growing inequality in the South American country. Activists have called for mobilizations to defend the law.

In a statement, public media defenders criticized Macri's plans to repeal the media law as a move to "buy the complicity of corporate media," Prensa Latina reported.

Critics say that scrapping the Media Law and its limitations on the size of media conglomerates is a direct assault on a democratic commitment to a diversity of voices in the media and will be a death sentence for alternative opinions in the media.

Macri's opponents say his proposals will turn the country back to 1990s neoliberalism, rolling back the social welfare programs of Cristina Fernandez and her husband Nestor Kirchner, which have benefited poor and working class Argentines. Macri has vowed to remedy the economy by boosting investment and trade.

The Peronist movement that has long fought for social justice in Argentina has been championed by Fernandez and Kirchner now forms the official opposition.

Activists plan to gather on Monday at 6:00 p.m. local time in Buenos Aires in the Plaza de Mayo to protest the planned overhaul of communications law.

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Mauricio-Macri-Prepares-to-Scrap-Argentinas-Media-Law-20151213-0015.html>

Source: teleSUR

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## Argentina

### Statement from the Bar Association of the Republic of Argentina Denouncing Illegal and Persecutory Accusations against Journalist Carlos Aznárez



December 14, 2015

Frequently, we take part in contraventional and penal processes that are plagued with causes for nullity and arbitrariness in all jurisdictions of Argentina. But we often see this in Contraventional processes in Buenos Aires. This includes the process against Carlos Aznárez for participating in an act of solidarity

with the Palestinian People and a repudiation against massacres that the State of Israel committed against defenseless civilians on August 27, 2014.

Carlos Aznárez, director of the well-known journal Resumen Latinoamericano, and Rubén Saboulard, leader of the People's Assemblies, are accused of taking the stage, among many others, to talk about these events, in what is being labeled as "declarations discriminatory against the Jewish religion". Neither Carlos nor his technical defense, which this Bar Association is leading, were informed about this case through the mandatory channels, established by due process.

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After receiving a complaint from the Delegation of Israeli Associations of Argentina, DAIA, the prosecutor initiated an investigation without notifying Aznárez, so that he could prepare his defense. Furthermore, the Prosecutor did not go to the judge that is required in such measures. The process was therefore carried out only by the Public Prosecutor's Office alone, affecting the fundamental rights of Carlos Aznárez.

A request was sent to the e-mail provider of Aznarez to release all contents of his private correspondence used in his publication, Resumen Latinoamericano. This measure violated his right to privacy of his correspondence and freedom of speech among other things.

The e-mail provider informed the journal that 'an Argentine Prosecutor' intended to intrude into his private e-mails 'without order of a competent judge'. It was then that Carlos Aznárez and the other victims of this process became aware of this issue.

All of this was carried out without a Judge and without a Defender, just the Prosecutor. And now he intends to be the one before whom Aznárez must stand in front of without a judge.

It is because of this that the Bar Association went to the natural judge of this case and denounced the human rights violations that are being committed and required that the judge would be the one to set the date for the investigative declaration.

We presented the documents where we argued the unconstitutionality of the rule that allows a Prosecutor to interrogate the person that he is investigating. Above the jurisdiction of the Contraventional Code of the City is the Argentine Constitution.

Dictated in all international treaties on human rights, any process in which human rights of any kind are at stake, three parts have to be present at ALL times; the Accuser/Prosecutor, the Defendant/Defender and an impartial and independent Judge.

Therefore, it is unconstitutional and against all legal standards that the same person that investigates Aznárez will be the one who interrogates him. The prosecutor is not impartial, he is the procedural adversary of the person he will investigate. The competent party who has to listen to what Carlos has to say can only be a Judge, who is competent and impartial, and has no personal interest in the penal process as the Prosecutor does.

This issue, rooted in the Constitution and standards of principle, is not a scheme to 'gain time'. Our position is a matter of ideology, of due process, of principles: a Prosecutor can never take the place of a Judge.

If we really get to the heart of the matter, the accusation against Carlos and Ruben lacks any kind of factual and juridical basis. The declarations they made in the public event are in line with many thousands of others who express their solidarity with the Palestinian People around the world. Never in the event, or in declarations made, were there discriminatory implications, and there is no proof that indicates otherwise. On the contrary, statements were in line with the opinions that as people we have the right to express our beliefs.

Under the guise of investigating Carlos Aznárez, they intend to violate the right to Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press.

It is worth mentioning that at the event many Jewish people showed their support, along with many others, including Jewish personalities from Argentina and around the world, who have signed in support of Carlos Aznárez.

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At stake here are human rights such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to access information, to due process, to an impartial judge, in order to defend oneself. Carlos Aznárez and Ruben Saboulard are the ones being attacked at this time but this issue affects all of us.

We ask colleagues of different organizations, who know these manipulations well because they too have suffered from them, to close ranks on this subject. We call on Human Rights organizations and anti-repressive organizations to support this claim. The process against Carlos Aznárez and Rubén Saboulard shows the attempt to strengthen and consolidate a way of bypassing justice. We must stop it.

Bar Association of Lawyers of the Republic of Argentina

December, 2015

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## France

### Via Campesina Defies Ban, Holds Protest in Paris Against Danone

December 9, 2015

The activists painted the entrance way to Danone's offices red to denounce the negative impact of the transnational corporation in the daily life of millions of peasants.

Dozens of protesters from the international peasant movement Via Campesina protested Wednesday at the Paris headquarters of the international food corporation Danone to denounce the negative impact the transnational company has had on the daily life of millions of farm workers who have been forced to abandon their fields.

The activists painted the main entrance to the company's offices in red and placed banners, while chanting slogans such as "Danone is the enemy."

The rally was brief as participants were forced to abandon the demonstration before the police arrived, to avoid arrest and confrontation. The French government banned all public protests and rallies as part as the three-month state of emergency declared after the Paris attacks, which left over 130 people dead and hundreds injured.

Even though the demonstration, which was condemned by Danone, was brief, members of Via Campesina had managed to get the word out and promote the action to the press.

Via Campesina has participated actively in the COP21. Their delegation in the summit and other members have carried out several activities to inform people of what should be discussed at the core of climate change negotiations.

The Via Campesina has also denounced that the Paris Agreement will ultimately only benefit transnationals and world powers.

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Via-Campesina-Defies-Ban-Holds-Protest-in-Paris-Against-Danone-20151209-0008.html>

Source: teleSUR

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## France

### 'We Are Human Beings; We Are Not Dogs'



December 10, 2015

By Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan

On the outskirts of the northern French town of Calais, a massive, makeshift refugee camp called "The Jungle" grows daily, swelling with asylum-seekers fleeing war in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Sudan and

beyond. Their countries of origin are a map of the targets of U.S. bombing campaigns. More than 6,000 people in this, France's largest refugee camp, hope for a chance to make the last, dangerous leg of their journey through the nearby channel tunnel to England. Wind whips off the North Sea, blasting the shelters made of tarps, tents, plastic sheeting and scrap lumber in this sprawling, ramshackle end of the line. The roads in the camp are muddy; the portable toilets are filthy. The charity health clinic had been closed since mid-November. The main entrance to the camp is below a freeway, with several police vans parked with lights flashing and armed officers stationed above.

Most who arrive here have endured arduous journeys of thousands of miles, hoping to cross to the United Kingdom. The channel tunnel offers asylum-seekers a way to make it to the U.K. without risking a dangerous crossing of the English Channel, by stowing away on either a high-speed passenger train or a freight train. Accessing either type of train involves significant risk, and accidental deaths occur almost weekly when people leap onto moving trains or stumble under truck tires.

A few days before we visited the camp, a Sudanese man named Joseph was killed when he was run over by a car on the highway. Camp residents were protesting that the police had not stopped the driver, holding signs reading "We are Humans, Not Dogs" and "Do survivors of war not have the right to live in peace?" We asked a young man named Majd from Damascus, Syria, why he fled his country: "I escaped from the war. I don't want to die. This war is not my war." We asked him who was attacking his country. He said: "Who? Everyone. Russia and America and Iran—everyone."

Days before we met Majd, the British Parliament voted to attack Syria, and began bombing immediately. In the few months prior, the British government built multiple layers of high, razor-wire-topped fences in Calais, sealing off the tunnel entrance and the rail line for miles before the tunnel, as well as the staging area where freight trucks line up to drive onto the rail cars that will carry them through the tunnel. Each truck also is subjected to an infrared scan to look for stowaways. Before the enhanced security, scores of asylum-seekers might get through the tunnel nightly. Now, it is almost impossible. The more the West bombs their countries, the more it shuts out those who flee its wars.

In the Afghan section of the refugee camp, Sidiq Husain Khil was eager to speak about the 14-year-old U.S. war in Afghanistan—the longest war in U.S. history. Like many, he did not want his face to be filmed. We asked him about the effects of U.S. bombing and drone strikes on Afghanistan. He replied: "If they are killing one person or 10 persons, 100 of them are joining the group of Taliban. ... The war is not the solution for finishing terrorism. They have to talk face to face."

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As we roamed the camp, pulling our coats tightly around us in the cold, we looked for a woman who would be willing to speak. We met Dur, an Afghan professor of English, who also did not want her face shown. She traveled more than 3,000 miles with her four children, by car, bus, horse, foot and boat. In almost perfect English, her 12-year-old daughter described their unimaginable route: "First we go to Nimruz province of Afghanistan. Then we went to Pakistan. Then we walked to Saravan, Balochistan. Then Iranshahr, Kerman, Shiraz, Tehran, Kurdistan and Turkey. Then we start walking in mountains. Then we went to Istanbul, Izmir. Then we arrived to the sea." Dur hired a smuggler to take them in a leaky boat from Turkey to Greece. She told me, "When I saw that boat ... I called all my children and I start to cry ... I spent all my money to buy them death." Miraculously, they survived. Whether they make it to their destination, Britain, is another question.

As we left the camp, Dur's relative, Najibullah, raced up to us. An Afghan who worked with the U.S. Marines as a translator, he applied for a special visa for Afghans who put themselves at risk by working for the U.S. He said he was turned down because he hadn't worked for the Marines for a full year.

"Working with the U.S. government ... just one day or a year ... it doesn't matter to the Taliban," he told me. "As long as you work with them just one hour, you're condemned to death."

"Today, Joseph. Tomorrow, who?" read one of the many signs at the protest earlier that day. These refugees are the roadkill of war.

[http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2015/12/10/we\\_are\\_human\\_beings\\_we\\_are](http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2015/12/10/we_are_human_beings_we_are)

**Source: Democracy Now**

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## Yemen

### Mercenaries in Yemen: the U.S. Connection



December 9, 2015

By Laura Carlsen

Latin American mercenaries are leaving the ranks of the national armies of their countries to fight in the deserts of Yemen, wearing the uniform of the United Arab Emirates. They have been contracted by private

US companies and in some cases directly by the government of the Arab country, which, thanks to vast oil reserves, has the second largest economy of the region.

An article in the New York Times revealed that 450 Latin American soldiers, among them Colombians, Panamanians, Salvadorans and Chileans, have been deployed to Yemen. The mercenaries receive training in the United Arab Emirates before deployment, in part from U.S. trainers.

The presence of Latin American mercenaries in the Middle East is not new. Colombian news media have interviewed mercenaries returning from the Middle East for years. They tell of being recruited by transnational companies with promises of salaries far beyond what they'd receive at home. However, the conflict in Yemen seems to be the first time that Latin American mercenaries have been sent into combat.

Colombia contributes the largest number. According to the New York Times,

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the UAE military recruits Colombians because of their experience fighting the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in the jungles and mountains of their country. But there is another reason.

Since the beginning of Plan Colombia, between 2000 and 2015 the U.S. spent almost \$7 billion to train, advise and equip Colombia's security forces. In the last few years, the U.S. government has carried out a strategy to prepare the Colombians for an emerging industry: the "export of security."

And apparently, one way to export security is to become a U.S.-trained mercenary for Washington's wars in other parts of the world.

Colombian troops, drilled in counterterrorism and counterinsurgency techniques, instead of exporting security are exporting the United States' geopolitical agenda of permanent war. They end up doing the dirty work of their ally to the north, who, as a consequence, avoids exposing its forces to harm or facing accusations of interventionism.

According to analyst William Hartung, the United States government has trained a total of 30,000 soldiers from the four countries that make up the Latin American mercenary force in Yemen. A recent investigative report from El Salvador cites a Ministry of Defense source affirming that there are about 100 Salvadorans operating in Yemen. While the Colombians claim to have contracts directly with the Emirati military, in El Salvador the source states that contracting goes through a national company subcontracted by Northrup Grumman.

Northrup Grumman has a history in the Middle East mercenary business. Forbes reports that it absorbed an obscure company called Vinnelli that holds a \$819 million-dollar contract to provide personnel for the Saudi National Guard, dating back to 1975.

The same Salvadoran source affirms that there are also Mexicans in Yemen. Mexico was not included in the New York Times report, but has a close relationship with the United States security complex through the war on drugs.

It cannot be known for sure if the hundreds of Latin American mercenaries were trained in the United States or by the U.S. military in their own countries. The U.S. government does not reveal the names of the soldiers or police that it has trained. Nor is there a public registry of mercenaries. Although the practice is legal in certain contexts, it forms part of the underground world of war, in which shadow powers dictate the conditions in which we live—and often die.

What is certain is that contracting Latin American mercenaries follows the logic of the new style of war designed by the Pentagon. This strategy reduces risks to U.S. troops, increases civilian deaths and feeds war profits. Drones—unmanned airplanes—kill thousands of civilians without risking a single life on the part of the aggressors. They're shielded from the blood of their victims and the horror of their screams.

While technology makes long-distance war possible, another aspect of proxy war is to get others to fight your battles. A sad reflection of patriarchal violence and economic inequality, the recruitment of foreign mercenaries is central to modern-day warfare.

In the case of Yemen, the populations of the countries that are involved in the conflict or feel threatened by it, such as the United Arab Emirates, have no desire to go to war. In recent months the UAE has suffered increasing casualties on the ground while the U.S. and Saudi members of the coalition keep to the skies.

And the United States has strong interests in the region, but does not want to

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pay the political price of seeing its soldiers return home in body bags. The solution? Hire mercenaries from impoverished Latin American countries.

Recruiting young men from Latin American countries feeds the U.S. war industry. American companies like Blackwater, which has changed its name but remains Erik Prince's empire of death, and Northrup Grumman, headquartered in Virginia, squeeze more out of their juicy government contracts by reducing soldiers' pay. According to Colombian reports, their mercenaries receive less than half what European or U.S. soldiers get. Despite the gouging, they still make on average five times more than what they would earn in their home countries.

The third and often ignored element of the new remote-control war is weapons sales. U.S. arms sales are booming, bringing millions of dollars to the U.S. defense industry—a powerful lobby in Congress. US strategists recognize that arms sales effectively advance the geopolitical agenda by changing the balance of power in strategic conflicts.

The Obama administration has promoted bombings by the governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and developed a very close relationship with the UAE, which shares its zeal for eliminating the Islamic State. The administration has now decided to sell another \$1.3 billion dollars worth of weapons to these countries to replenish supplies. While military aid to allies (and in not a small number of cases, to both sides of armed conflicts) has always been a tool of hegemony, arms sales are now explicitly a central strategy. □

The Pentagon and its promoters in Congress openly talk about the advantages of killing from a distance. Critics cite the many lethal attacks on civilians, including large numbers of women and children that are characteristic of this type of war. The UN calculates that the war in Yemen has already led to the deaths of 2,500 civilians, among them women and children; almost 500 were killed by U.S. drone strikes.

Now how many will die at the hands of Latin American mercenaries?

And how many young men—Colombians, Mexicans, Salvadorans—will take their last breath in a desert half a world away, fighting a war that isn't theirs?

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## Palestine

### Israeli Forces Killing “in Cold Blood,” Palestinian Families Say

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By Maureen Clare Murphy

Israeli forces shot a Palestinian man and, after he was dead, fired at his head at point-blank range, according to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

Mazen Oraibi, a Palestinian Authority



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intelligence officer from the Jerusalem-area village of Abu Dis, had stepped out of his car at an Israeli checkpoint last Thursday when soldiers opened fire and killed him on the spot.

A Palestinian bystander, Khalid Yaqub Abu Jibna, was shot by live fire and taken to hospital in critical condition.

A soldier was lightly injured during the incident, the Israeli paper Haaretz reported.

Oraibi's brother told Haaretz of the married father of four: "It is hard to believe that a man like him would perpetrate a terrorist attack, and we don't really understand what happened there in the checkpoint, and how he was shot and killed, without anyone Israeli or Palestinian notifying us. We have yet to receive his body."

Israel continues to withhold and delay transfer of the bodies of Palestinians its forces have killed during alleged attacks.

Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCI) stated on Wednesday that Israel was withholding the bodies of 12 children, making independent investigation of the circumstances of their deaths nearly impossible.

The rights group documented one case in which Palestinian youths hid the body of a boy shot dead by Israeli soldiers near a checkpoint, so that the teenager could be properly buried.

Ayman Samih al-Abbasi, from the Ras al-Amoud neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem, was shot at around 9pm on 29 November and transferred to a medical center in the area, where he was declared dead.

"After a while, Israeli forces stormed the area to seize Ayman's body, but Palestinian youth managed to hide the body and bury it in Silwan cemetery just after midnight," eyewitness Anwar Abbasi told DCI.

Israel claimed that its forces opened fire at Palestinians after firebombs had been thrown at them, but witnesses said that there were no confrontations or stone-throwing when the boy was shot.

#### Children killed

Another boy in the West Bank was shot and killed in the last week after allegedly stabbing Israeli soldiers, bringing to 23 the number of Palestinian children slain since the beginning of October, according to DCI.

Mustafa Fanoun, 15, was killed along with his 19-year-old cousin, Taher Fanoun, shortly after midnight on 4 December, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) reported.

The teens were shot by Israeli forces stationed at a checkpoint near the Tel Rumeida neighborhood in central Hebron, where the cousins are from.

Hours after the two were killed, their fathers were summoned for questioning by Israeli intelligence but were not permitted to see the bodies of their sons, according to PCHR.

Israel last month declared Tel Rumeida a closed military zone and Hebron as a whole has borne the brunt of its occupation forces' violence.

Another set of Palestinian cousins were killed in Hebron in the last week.

Ihab Fathi Miswadeh, 21, was slain by Israeli soldiers deployed around the historic Ibrahimi mosque near Hebron's Old City after allegedly stabbing a settler on Monday.

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Video of the scene shows Israeli soldiers and medical crews treating the wounded settler but not offering any first aid to Miswadeh.

He was left bleeding for more than half an hour before he was taken away in an Israeli ambulance, according to PCHR.

Israeli forces raided a home belonging to Miswadeh's family before dawn on Wednesday and summoned his male relatives to an intelligence office in Gush Etzion settlement south of Bethlehem.

That same day, Israeli soldiers in central Hebron shot dead Abdulrahman Miswadeh, also 21, who they say stabbed two settlers.

PCHR's preliminary investigation found that the young man was slain at a checkpoint near the entrance to Beit Hadassah settlement in downtown Hebron.

"He was left bleeding without being offered first aid by medical crews of the Red Star of David," according to the rights group, referring to the Israeli emergency service.

Left to bleed to death

Several other Palestinians were left to bleed to death without medical treatment after being shot by Israeli forces in the past week.

On Thursday, 3 December, Israeli police opened fire at Izzedine Abdallah Raddad, 21, near the Old City in occupied East Jerusalem.

"Israeli police claimed that Raddad stepped towards a police officer ... and pulled his knife out to stab the officer in the hand. The police officer started fighting with Raddad, but the Israeli officers who were in the area opened fire at Raddad and killed him immediately," PCHR reported.

Police closed the area and Raddad was left bleeding on the ground without first aid, PCHR added.

The officer Raddad is alleged to have stabbed was also wounded by friendly fire, according to media reports.

"Killed in cold blood"

Another Palestinian man was shot dead by Israeli police in Jerusalem on Sunday and left to bleed to death at the scene even though there were Red Star of David ambulance crews nearby, according to PCHR.

An Israeli police spokesperson said that Omar Iskafi from the Beit Hanina suburb of the city had run over a person in West Jerusalem and stepped out of his car, carrying a knife and stabbed a police volunteer in the hand.

Two Israelis were reported to have sustained light injuries during the incident.

PCHR reported that Iskafi's family "did not believe that their son carried out a run over or stab attack," saying that it was only a road accident "but the Israeli forces killed him in cold blood."

Another Palestinian, Abdulrahman Abdulmajid al-Barghouthi, was slain in an act of willful killing this week, according to the rights group, which said its findings contradict Israel's claim that the man had stabbed a soldier.

PCHR reported that on Friday, 4 December, Israeli soldiers had stopped al-Barghouthi at a temporary checkpoint in Aboud village near the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Al-Barghouthi obeyed the soldiers' orders to raise his hands, and one of the soldiers approached and searched him, after which he slapped al-Barghouthi

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in the face.

Al-Barghouthi then "pushed the soldier, who stumbled and fell on his back," according to PCHR. "The Israeli soldier immediately fired two bullets at him. The first bullet entered the neck and exited the back of the head and the other bullet hit the palm of the right hand."

"Two other soldiers, who were present a few meters away, opened fire at him as well," PCHR added, causing al-Barghouthi, now dead, to fall on the first soldier who fired on him.

"The soldier pulled himself from under the corpse screaming and the three soldiers fled towards the watchtower" opposite the main entrance to the village.

A witness said that he saw a knife near al-Barghouthi's left hand, "but there was no blood on it," PCHR stated.

Al-Barghouthi's uncle told the Ma'an News Agency that the knife was planted and that his nephew was executed in "cold blood."

Israeli forces are suspected of having planted knives in other incidents during which Palestinians were killed or arrested.

Al-Barghouthi was reportedly a US citizen who had recently arrived to the West Bank for his marriage.

Village residents told Ma'an that the man was returning from his fiancée's home when he was killed.

"Every intention to kill"

Also near Ramallah that same day, Israeli forces opened fire at a vehicle driven by Anas Abdulrahim Hammad, 21, killing him after he allegedly ran into a group of soldiers stationed at the entrance to the village of Silwad.

"Israeli forces closed the area and denied an ambulance access to the scene" and fired three bullets at the emergency vehicle, according to PCHR.

An eyewitness told the rights group that "Israeli medical crews arrived and offered medical treatment to the Israeli soldiers but left the Palestinian young man bleeding to death for about 90 minutes inside his vehicle" before it was taken away in an Israeli ambulance.

Another young Palestinian man was left to bleed to death after being shot by Israeli forces during a late-night raid on Dheisheh refugee camp near the West Bank city of Bethlehem on Tuesday.

Soldiers opened fire on camp youth who had gathered to repel them by throwing stones and empty bottles, according to PCHR.

Malik Akram Shahin, 18, was hit in the head.

The army denied Palestinian medical crews access to the camp and left Shahin to bleed for a prolonged time before he was evacuated to a hospital in Beit Jala, where he was pronounced dead, PCHR added.

Doctors said that Shahin was killed with an expanding round, also known as a "dum dum" bullet.

"Medics said the explosive bullet smashed Shahin's skull, and exploded inside his head, with the bullet and skull fragments shattering into 'hundreds of pieces,'" the Ma'an News Agency reported.

"The sources said the positioning of the shot, as well as the type of bullet used, clearly indicates that Israeli forces shot at Shahin with every intention to

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kill," Ma'an added.

The use of this type of ammunition is banned under both international law and Israel's own rules of engagement, according to the Palestinian rights group Al-Haq.

Israelis injured in West Bank

Also this week, an Israeli settler who was found guilty of killing three Palestinians in an attack in the 1980s was wounded along with his wife in a shooting in the West Bank on Wednesday. The assailant was reported to have fled the scene.

Israeli forces imposed total closure on the West Bank city of Tulkarem and neighboring communities in pursuit of the gunman, the Ma'an News Agency reported.

Also on Thursday, an Israeli soldier was critically wounded and another three suffered moderate and light wounds in an alleged car-ramming attack in the central West Bank.

Haaretz reported that the assailant escaped, but the car used in the attack was later found containing an M-16 rifle and a stun grenade.

"The police said that the rifle belongs to one of the soldiers involved in the incident," Haaretz added.

At least 111 Palestinians have been killed during eight weeks of violence, according to Defense for Children International – Palestine.

Nineteen Israelis, one Palestinian and one American were slain by Palestinian attackers during the same period, according to The New York Times.

Many Palestinians have been killed in what human rights organizations and international monitors have condemned as summary executions.

The Israeli rights group B'Tselem has blamed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for "the transformation of police officers, and even of armed civilians, into judges and executioners."

Jerusalem's police commander Moshe Edri recently stated that "Anyone who stabs Jews or hurts innocent people is due to be killed," while Israel's interior security minister Gilad Arden declared, "Every terrorist should know that he will not survive the attack he is about to commit."

The effect of Israel's apparent shoot-to-kill policy is that children as young as 13 are being shot dead at close range in the streets even when they pose no immediate threat.

Mass arrests

Israel has meanwhile arrested approximately 2,250 Palestinians since the beginning of October – nearly one-fifth of them children, according to the rights group Addameer.

Four children are among the nearly 250 Palestinians arrested during that period who are being held without charge or trial under administrative detention orders.

Nearly 600 Palestinians are being held by Israel under administrative detention, according to Addameer. They are among the more than 6,500 Palestinians imprisoned by Israel, including at least 450 children.

In the last two months, Israel has opened new sections in several prisons to accommodate the spike in the number of detained Palestinians, according to Addameer.

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The group has also "documented an escalation of the use of violence and excessive force against Palestinians during arrest and detention."

"Many of those who were arrested after being shot were subjected to field interrogations while bleeding, interrogations during treatment in hospitals while chained to [a] bed as well as being subjected to harsh interrogations shortly after release from hospitals," Addameer added.

Israel has also destroyed and issued demolition orders against homes belonging to families of Palestinians killed or arrested during alleged attacks on Israel.

More than two dozen people, including 16 children, were made homeless this month after Israeli forces blew up two homes belonging to relatives of alleged attackers.

One hundred Palestinians – half of them children – have been displaced as a result of punitive home demolitions since the beginning of October.

Palestinian protests and confrontations with Israeli police that began in mid-September, provoked by Israeli aggression and incursions into the al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City, "rapidly spread throughout the occupied Palestinian territories, including all parts of the West Bank and the Gaza-Israel border areas," as the United Nations monitoring group OCHA observes.

The current uprising and Israeli crackdown is set against a background of failed peace negotiations and political stagnation, as well as decades of brutal military occupation, forced displacement and oppression of Palestinians.

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## United States

### Mass Killings – False Flagging – Fearmongering – Police State



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By Peter Koenig

Mass killings are everywhere.

When they hit westerners in small-scale, like the US, Egypt (downed Russian airliner), Lebanon, France, and Mali, murdering 14, 224, 50, 130 and 27 – mostly white people – they are blown out of proportion by media hype and by immediately associating them

with links to Jihadist terrorists.

Nobody asks who may be behind these terrorists.

While mass killings large-scale, like in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, Syria, Libya – and many more nations, carried out by western NATO powers, remain largely unreported and are just part of the new normal, the eternal profit-making war on terror.

In retrospect all of the small-scale killers, disturbers of our western comfort,

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curiously, have allegedly police records and were known to the police. And even more curiously, the police was impotent in preventing the massacres.

This incapacity of the police in stopping the terror, justifies more police crackdown on civil liberties, gradually making the US – and for that matter the entire western world – to a police state – let's call it the police Zionist-Anglo-Saxon Empire – that has adopted the right to kill with impunity. Killing to prevent killing. That's the name of the game. Totally absurd, but the brainwashed to the core western populace doesn't see it, instead it thirsts for ever more blood revenge.

The western media-duped people, heirs of western feudalists, truly believe they are at the mercy of a bunch of jihadist fighters whose only purpose is to disturb their 'well-being' and go to heaven as glorious kamikaze-heroes. They cannot fathom that vital western interests, their very 'democratically elected' leaders (sic) are behind these killings, that jihadists like other humans are corruptible; that these western interests are easiest materialized by a frightened people that literally asks for more police restraint.

In this game the people at large in the US as well as in Europe are willingly engaged – for their 'safety'. They plead with the state for more protection; they give away their personal freedom for more cameras, more surveillance, more police squadrons patrolling the pavements of LA, Paris, Brussels, London, New York, Chicago, Berlin, Rome — the western world will become an amalgam of police and military-clad armed-to-the-teeth cities.

Who would have thought that 70 years after a devastating WWII, the same fascist powers that produced Hitler and his SS murderers would again be able to brainwash people into willing submission – this time on an even larger scale. Killing is not the issue. Fear is. And fear is the 'soft' weapon these elitist powers use to subjugate the people into their willing servants.

Never mind the western Zionist-Anglo-Saxon Empire instigated mass-killings, the so called 'wars on terror' that have killed more than 12 million people over the last 15 years, not counting the ten million African non-people of central African mineral-rich countries. I call them non-people, because their millions of lost lives are not even worth reporting by the corrupt western media. They were and still are being slaughtered in never ending, western armed civil wars for the sake of exploiting their rich lands for rare minerals such as Coltan, being used for electronics such as cell phones, but foremost by the high precision war industry; precisely these murder weapons that allow the west to dominate and kill for greed and power. They kill for the raw materials they need to kill. A never ending cycle of murderous profit making. The epitome of neoliberal doctrine.

Of the world's total 590 tons of Coltan production in 2013, 400 tons were mined in Rwanda, Congo, Central Africa and neighbouring countries under the most inhumane conditions – child labor, prostitution, drug trafficking, controlled by mafia-type terror clans. These millions of Africans that live and die in misery remain anonymous and widely unreported by the western media – which is, hence, serving western capital interests, by leaving western consumers unperturbed.

The latest (at the time of this writing) of the series of mass killings in our civilized world is the recent shooting in San Bernardino, California, a working class neighbourhood of Los Angeles, killing of 14 and wounding 21. Obama is warning Americans that we are moving into a new era of terror, requiring new measures of protection, herewith paving the way for more police and military repression.

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Similar words are heard from of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Not only are these terror acts linked immediately to people with Muslim background and with relations to 'terrorist organizations' in the Middle-East, mostly Syria, but they are always extremely well organized, professional killers, well trained (probably by CIA, MOSSAD, MI6 and the like) – and the suspects are immediately murdered by police – silenced. Dead people don't talk – and cannot be questioned. Hence, potential evidence for false flags is drastically reduced, though never eliminated. Just look to the contradictory information on events like the Paris massacre of 13 November or the other Paris carnage at Charlie Hebdo on 7 January – or the absolutely incoherent accounts of the Boston Marathon killers – not to mention 9/11.

The San Bernardino case is now firmly in the hands of the FBI which is already assuming that the horrific massacre was a terrorist attack – which it surely was. But by terrorist Washington always, but always means an Islamist attack. Hate against Islam must be nurtured on a daily basis.

As usual, the two suspects, Syed Farook, a 28-year-old county health inspector, and his 27-year-old wife, Tashfeen Malik, were slain by the police. They were silenced. They had been "radicalized," says the police. CNN reports that there were no signs of radicalization. Too bad, nobody can ask them anymore. – The couple had a six-month old child whom they left with grandma during their shooting. Why would they do an illogical thing like that? Leaving behind a new-born baby – for the sake of what? – Nobody can ask them anymore. Conveniently, police has killed the suspects and the witnesses in one. – Was it necessary?

Similar in the Paris massacre three weeks ago, the Charlie Hebdo carnage, and with the alleged Boston Marathon killers – one was shot death by the police and his brother was badly hurt, is in custody and not allowed to speak to anyone, other than his appointed lawyer. Any testimony he may have signed was probably coerced by police.

These supposed Jihadists / Islamic State organized killing spree, immediately prompted western responses, starting with police crack-downs, a three-month temporary state of emergency in France that will most likely be extended; and even in Belgium – preventively. Paris and Brussels are under an 'État de Siège'.

Brussels hosts the European Commission and Parliament, no less. Would that be a reason for extra fear – after what their neoliberal troika (ECB, EC, IMF) puppets have done to Greece, Portugal, Cyprus and are preparing for other European 'heavily indebted countries', not even mentioning their secret negotiation of the nefarious TTIP – Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – with the United States that would leave Europe for the corporate vultures to be sucked dry and picked apart. – Would that be any reason for fear from a terrorist attack?

Spreading and publicizing fear through the media, hyped up police surveillance and patrolling in cities throughout Europe, has become the norm for indoctrination. Fear is the enemy number One.

As to immediate revenge abroad, Hollande declared, even before the alleged ISIS claim of the crime was known, that the Islamic State was the perpetrator, that evidence exists, that he knows who the culprits were that they came from Syria (later 'proven' by a coincidentally lost passport of one of the kamikaze bombers who couldn't speak anymore). Hence, Mr. Hollande was dispatching the nuclear powered aircraft carrier 'Charles de Gaulle', Europe's largest, to Syria, were three days later French Rafale and Mirage 2000 fighter jets ca-

ried out bombing raids on Syria, presumably alongside Russia, but most likely spineless Hollande would not dare to differ from Washington.

Doesn't it wring wrong in the head of any lucid citizen that an aircraft carrier plus accompanying fleet can be readied for war within three days? That the assault on Syria must have been prepared way ahead and the Paris massacre was a convenient trigger? Or was the convenient trigger planned by 'insiders'? – Especially since France is a logical target for Islamic payback. The French have been meddling in the MENA region for years. France led the NATO attack on Libya, assailed sovereign Mali in 2012 for an alleged Touareg rebellion (Mali has uranium that France vies for), and then sent troops to Central Africa where a fierce western-alimented civil war wages for rare minerals. The French were also involved in destabilizing Syria from the beginning, in 2011 alongside CIA and Saudi Arabia.

Now Germany will join the group. Which group? – The US, UK, and the French, of course. Not the Russians, as Merkel may have insinuated a few days earlier. That would be unacceptable for Washington; and the Germans like the French do not want to test the goodwill of their Master.

On Friday, 4 December, the German Bundestag voted overwhelmingly – 445 to 146 (7 abstentions) to send 6 Tornado Reconnaissance jets and deploy a frigate to 'protect' the French aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle (protect from whom or from what?). Berlin may also send up to 1,200 "support" troops, boots on the ground, euphemistically called 'military personnel'.

This is an action in direct violation of the German Constitution (Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany, signed after WWII in 1949) which prohibits any aggression on another nation emanating from Germany, as long as Germany is not being attacked. – It looks like to please the Master in Washington, abrogating one's Constitution and sovereignty is of the order – and that even against the will of the vast majority of the German people.

As soon as a 'terrorist attack' hits one of our western cities, our leaders are ready to retaliate, retaliate against a pre-conceived enemy – and this enemy is unwaveringly in the Middle East, wherever the Zionist-Anglo-Saxon's interests are. Right now the masters in Washington have decided it is in Syria, earlier in this century they were in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Iran, Yemen – but now, the next step is dividing and subjugating Syria, to cut her up in small parcels of different rivalling Islamic sects, to create chaos – chaos à la Libya, Sudan, Yemen, Iraq. Divide and conquer.

The current phase of the Big Plan of the Big Dictator, the western Empire with seat in Washington, is to dominate the oilfields of the entire Middle-East, to move ever one step closer to the last vestiges of resistance – Russia and China. The objective of the next phase of the Big Plan (the PNAC) is most likely going to be Full Spectrum Dominance – with or without war. Let's not forget, according to such prestigious main stream media like the Washington Post: War is good for the economy.

Back to the US crime scene. Did you know that the average American is 9 times more likely to be killed by police than by a terrorist? Thousands of Americans have been executed over the last 15 years by US police, no conviction, no trial, just sheer murder. In 2014 alone at least 1,104 Americans were assassinated by US law enforcement. That makes about 3 a day, every day of the year. Nobody talks about this state terrorism. We are not allowed to know, lest we might think twice before yielding to the state, the police, the military the power to 'protect us' from terrorism.

It doesn't occur to the average American or European for that matter that hate

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bread more hate and murder more murder – and war more war. The Old Testament dictum of an eye for an eye is well alive and ticking. Christianity – the New Testament – which we pretend to practice today, the theory of turning the other cheek, is nothing but hypocrisy.

That omen of peace, taken over from the 12,000 year old theory of Tao (Tao Te Ching), pertaining also to the Christian doctrine, is far from our hearts and minds. Whenever the theory of Tao has been applied throughout civilizations, evil has been defeated. And we, who pretend to be Christians, are the most violent, murderous and greedy civilization that has walked our planet in the last 5,000 years.

It's time to sit back and reflect – and then rescind the terror which we initiated in the west, by what we already know – peace by non-aggression, non-retaliation.

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