

What is the IAF (Internationalist Anti-Imperialist Front)?

The IAF is a space of confluence, cohesion and organization of anti-imperialist and internationalist struggles. It is made up of people who militate in different organizations, grassroots movements, platforms, coordinating entities, or those who only militate in the IAF.

All of them share the ideas contained in the founding documents and, based on them, contribute to the construction of the broadest possible anti-imperialist unity.

2. Why is this joint front being formed?

The Front intends to elaborate theory to orient and execute anti-imperialist actions. The unity of action will be built from the shared analysis on the phenomenon of imperialism. This allows to establish the priorities to respond to each moment or situation. That is to say, the objective of the Front is the organization of collective intelligence and the will for collective action in an anti-imperialist unity with the capacity to generate its own instruments in three aspects: analysis, education and action.

3. What is imperialism for you?

Imperialism is the form adopted by the capitalist mode of production at a moment of its historical development and, as such, an expression of the class struggle.

Imperialism develops to overcome the contradictions of national and protectionist capitalist development. In its local crises it produces capital surpluses which must be exported and develops processes of concentration of capital that seek to control prices, costs and markets in order to maintain the profitability logic.

Therefore, it is the logic of Capital what drives and guides imperial expansion, it does not depend on the will of the specific historical actors.

The specific processes of domination generated by imperial expansion are more an inevitable arsenal of means, than an end in themselves.

If in the past there were conflicts between imperial powers, today there are no empires in conflict; there is a single imperialism of big transnational capital that seeks to establish its planetary domination, directed fundamentally from the Western coalition led by the U.S.

There are not different imperialisms, but contradictions within capitalism itself in its imperialist form, which unleash internal struggles for hegemony and external struggles to remove any obstacle to its expansion. The imperialist hegemonic power tries to discipline companies and

states that try to remain independent as regards the mechanisms of capital export and/or price and/or market control.

4. Is the IAF committed to peace and the sovereignty of the peoples of the world? International law or the Geneva Pact of 1949 is constantly violated.

Of course; the IAF understands peace only as an ideal state, a form in which humanity has organized itself in which social justice rules and, therefore, no human group finds it necessary to resort to its right to revolt, using whatever legitimate means, to overcome situations of oppression and injustice. Of course, this right reaches up to the right to go to war against those who exercise such an oppression.

As the world is organized, International Law is the best of the available instruments, within its limitations; today, nation-states, with equal rights, are the representatives of sovereignty in the concert of nations. Moreover, the United Nations, the body created to regulate relations between countries, has the authority to recognize as legitimate representatives of nations certain organizations of human groups that have not been able to achieve nation-state status, such as Palestine or Western Sahara.

For all of them, respect for their own sovereignty is an indispensable condition for their own development and for peaceful coexistence among nations. That is to say, the inherent right of peoples (articulated as a nation or in the process of doing so) to govern their own destinies, to organize themselves as each one of them freely sees fit.

This must be the key to understanding the IAF's position: the actions of imperialist forces are undermining, with ever greater force, the entire international order laboriously constructed since the end of World War II to preserve peace among nations and favor their development. It is the states of the old colonial and fundamentalist world of capitalism (Europe, Japan, Israel...), organized as allies under the hegemony of the USA, which are imposing their options, using all possible resources of force, ignoring International Law if it supposes the slightest obstruction to their program.

Faced with this, the answer must be internationalism: the struggle for liberation from the oppression of peoples and nations cannot be based on mere charity assistance, not even on solidarity; active collaboration is needed among all the agents of resistance and liberation struggles in a common front, coordinated and consistent: internationalism as a political expression of that will of real transformation.

5. With the COVID19 pandemic, has there been an increase in imperialist aggression?

Of course, the aggression against wayward nations has intensified, in part by ignoring the UN recommendations to stop the conflicts caused by the pandemic; in part, with a blatantly political

and propagandistic use of an evil that afflicts everyone, to denigrate the countries that have responded to such a situation of generalized alarm far away from market and profit formulas; It also took advantage of the situation to tighten economic warfare and blockades against these countries, in the hope that the situation of scarcity and deprivation would lead to popular uprisings against unfriendly governments; but also to deprive countries without the capacity to produce vaccines from participating in a balanced distribution of vaccines, refusing to release patents and hindering the distribution of those developed in Russia, China or Cuba.

Above all, the pandemic has been used by the major economic powers as an excuse to justify an accelerated reordering of capitalism, which since the crisis of 2008 was already showing signs of exhaustion, towards what they call the "Great Reset": another turn of the screw to capitalist exploitation masked behind fetishes such as the virtues of telework, the "Green New Deal", the economy of stakeholders versus that of investors or the accelerated development of new technologies and artificial intelligence as keys to resilience to the pandemic, orienting towards it gigantic public investments, which will eventually have to be satisfied as public debt to be paid by the popular classes and by the countries of the global south.

6. Why is it that the great majority of the international media do not stop talking about Cuba and yet have not focused so much on other countries such as Colombia, Haiti, South Africa, the coup d'état in Burma, the farmers' revolts in India...?

Cuba represents a real beacon of light for countless peoples in Latin America and around the world, who see with hope that there is another way to organize a society truly attending to the needs of their populations, instead of their governments being subjected to the interests of capital and orienting their actions to the protection of business.

The misnamed media have the function of disseminating propaganda dictated from the centers of imperialist power, so they amplify and distort Cuba's problems with repetitive and constant messages to discredit its government, while they keep under mute the much more serious problems and the inability of other governments to face their structural problems from which they will not be able to get out if they do not break the situation of dependence.

7. What do you think of the blockade on Cuba and the US sanctions against the Caribbean island?

Cuba has resisted the onslaught of the US for more than 60 years; the circumstances of the pandemic have given the opportunity to make a new assault, using in this case the discontent of certain social sectors that had been instrumentalized and financed by US government agencies (National Endowment for Democracy, USAID). The tightening of sanctions, the economic asphyxia, the difficulties created by the necessary unification of the currency... together with an increase in the number of victims of COVID and the difficulties in obtaining the necessary supplies to face it, gave the excuse to magnify in the media protests that were intended to

appear as a questioning of the Cuban socialist system itself. The so-called sanctions actually hide a war strategy: the state of siege, so many times used throughout history, which consists of starving the enemy and, if they do not surrender, making them rebel against their own rulers.

As is evident, it is a criminal and genocidal strategy that breaks all international norms of respect for the sovereignty of nations and was overwhelmingly condemned in those terms by the United Nations General Assembly at its session of June 21, 2021. What is more scandalous is that, despite the rhetoric of condemning the blockade in the UN General Assembly, the majority of the allies of the US (among them, Spain) obsequiously lend themselves to the strategy of aggression with interfering statements, sheltering the criminal coup perpetrators or validating the blockade measures.

8. Is the IAF aware of events in Latin America?

We follow the events of interest, especially the imperialist aggressions and the different expressions of struggle that are taking place in all corners: the counter-coup in Bolivia, the national strike in Colombia, the constituent process in Chile, the new actors at the head of the governments of Mexico and Peru... All this shows us a boiling panorama, of popular classes that are reaching the point of exhaustion after decades of neoliberal governments and that have shown themselves incapable of confronting the pandemic.

At the same time, we observe how threats, blockades and interventions by the US and its Western allies, including the Zionist entity, are multiplying; it is an expression of their rage and impotence, at the same time as the realization of their generalized failure in their long standing project of reordering the Expanded Middle East: Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria... are lost to the thrust of the new global players. The character of a dying hegemon makes it return to its "backyard" with even greater vigour, in the certainty that the recolonization of the continent will guarantee the necessary resources to extend its domination as long as possible.

9. What do you think about the fact that there are political forces in Spain and the EU that whitewash the media attacks against the countries harassed by the USA?

There is an international intervention in Latin America that is articulated between Miami and Spain itself. A good part of the heirs of the fortunes that had to leave Cuba after the Revolution expropriated their criminal businesses reside there. Around this nucleus, a whole flood of exiles from all over Latin America, especially those who have been stripped of their wealth by anti-neoliberal governments or whose capacity for enrichment has been limited, have been joining the ranks of this nucleus. This nucleus has come to have enormous power of influence in the US government, to the point that Florida is one of the key states in the process of electing the President, who will have to return the favors once in office. We also know that Miami has become the mecca of Latin American popular music, so that any artist who does not follow its dictates is automatically marginalized and will not have access to the audiovisual market. This is

the case of many of the most relevant Spanish musicians on the international scene, some of whom have lent themselves to abominable maneuvers, such as the "Venezuela Aid Live" concert that preceded the forced entry of alleged humanitarian aid to Venezuela in February 2019.

But in addition, in recent years there has been a massive flight of capital from the great Venezuelan fortunes to the real estate business in Madrid. So that in Madrid resides a notable colony of powerful Venezuelans, who have also woven close relationships with characters of the national right and extreme right. Let us remember the case of Leopoldo López Gil, a Venezuelan nationalized Spanish citizen with a large real estate patrimony in the capital and who serves as a member of the European Parliament for the Popular Party. In addition, he is the father of opposition leader Leopoldo López, who was convicted by the Venezuelan justice system for instigating violent anti-government protests in 2014, which resulted in the death of 43 people and hundreds of wounded. Benefited by the Maduro government with house arrest, he broke his confinement to take refuge in the Spanish embassy in Caracas after a failed coup attempt. Later, he would escape to Spain, helped by the ambassador.

A whole web of interests between the Spanish right wing and counterrevolutionary actors in Latin America is evident. These benefit (in spite of the criminal character of their most conspicuous representatives) from a sort of international legitimacy cover, from "serious" nations and from operating with the enthusiastic support of all the political forces of the parliamentary arc and of all the media, public or private, which do not dare to question the dictates of big capital and corporations in Spain. The Spanish right wing, for its part, attributes to the present government the condition, far away from reality, of "Bolivarian", "Castroist" or "social-communist", using it as a battering ram against a government which is no longer his and which it is willing to recover at any price. So there is a perfect symbiosis between both sides, which works wonders for them in these times of capital's offensive against all manifestations of peoples' liberation.

10. A question I am curious about: What was NATO's relationship with the former officers of the German Nazi army of WWII?

NATO is made up of states, many of which had relations with the Nazis before and even during WWII, especially the secret services and special forces. Keep in mind that the real enemy of the Western "democracies" was the Soviet Union, so their governments flirted with the Nazis in the hope that they would do the dirty work of wiping out the USSR. When it was already evident that Germany would be defeated by the USSR, the USA, many of whose large industries had supplied materials and weapons to the Nazis, entered the war in Europe.

Once the defeat of the Axis was evident, the foundations of the new world order were created: the UN, the Bretton Woods agreements, the dollar as the exchange currency, etc. Even though the USSR appeared among the promoters of these instruments on an equal footing with the other three great powers, the reality is that for the latter and for the industrial and financial

bourgeoisies, animosity against the USSR came to life. The message of the two nuclear explosions against a virtually surrendered Japan was expressly addressed to the USSR, as a warning of what they were prepared to do in the event of a confrontation with the USA.

So all the US security and intelligence structures were activated to take advantage as far as possible of the knowledge and capability of the Nazis for their own silent war against the USSR. In this strategy, they involved the secret services of the allied countries, which did not have many objections in their undeclared war against communism and in which anything went.

The Gladio Network, organized by the secret services of several of the Allied countries as a shadow army, with the active participation of groups of ex-Nazis or extreme right-wingers, whose role would be to act as a fifth column in the hypothetical case that the USSR invaded capitalist Europe, is very significant. This was never the case, but their structures were used in several of them (Italy, Belgium, Spain...) to carry out terrorist attacks whose purpose was to prevent the accession to the government of parties considered friendly to the USSR.

11. Do you share opinions or spaces with right-wing elements in Spain that proclaim themselves against the USA and Israel?

In Spain there have always been sectors of the right wing that have spoken out against the Zionist entity of Israel, but it is still the anti-Semitic component of their conception of the world. There are also sectors of the right wing that do not forgive Spain for the shame of having taken away the ruins of the empire.

Both positions have aspects that we do not share at all: we are anti-Zionist, in the understanding that Zionism is a political expression of a messianic feeling of superiority over the rest of humanity, with the God-given right to occupy Palestine and rule over the gentiles. Nothing to do with anti-Semitism, which is an unacceptable racist stance. We are also against U.S. imperialism, one of whose most notable milestones was the theft of the colonies of Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Guam... from the Spanish empire; but neither are we nostalgic for such an empire. We are for the right of peoples to self-determination and sovereignty, to organize themselves as they see fit and never in favor of the exploitation of lands and men, colonized by other imperial powers.

12. Why is Sandinismo being denounced in Nicaragua? Daniel Ortega is being compared to Somoza according to the Nicaraguan opposition

Nicaragua represents a stone in the shoe of the USA, which has not ceased to intervene militarily against it; although we must say that the history of aggression is plagued with failures: at an enormous cost, but failures: Sandino was able to expel US forces from the country in 1933; despite the bloody irregular warfare of the "contra", the US was unable to prevent the Sandinista revolution and the return to power of Daniel Ortega in 2007.

Economic successes, redistribution, extension of rights and popular participation have given the Sandinista government unprecedented popular support. There are presidential elections in November 2021, so the strategy they have already tried in other Latin American countries is repeated: to sow all doubts about the cleanliness of the elections in order to declare them invalid in the more than probable case that Ortega wins. It is the strategy they used in Bolivia (with partial success), in Venezuela, in Ecuador, in Peru....

It consists of sowing all doubts, above all, with the help of the OAS (the ministry of the colonies, as Che Guevara described it) about its validity, so that its result can be reversed on the basis of external pressures in the event of an unfavorable outcome for the interests of transnational capital and the lacayan bourgeoisies.

The denunciations of dictatorship, of not respecting women's rights, etc., are elements of agitation to prepare the ground and to gain followers, especially among young people who are de-ideologized and more sensitive to feminist, ecologist, LGTBI, etc. discourses. Of course, there are also investigations that denounce the intervention of US agencies in the formation of nuclei of furious anti-government activism, with massive use of social networks and a unique discourse from the corporate media.

13. Out of the media debates, what has happened in Haiti and why is almost nothing being said about it?

Jovenal Möise was a fuse at the service of the interests of the Haitian oligarchy, beneficiary of the business of foreign capital. His mandate had already expired and he refused to call elections. The situation of the country was one of great instability and poverty. For some reason, which we still do not clearly perceive, the real powers in Haiti decided that Möise was already a lost asset and had to be removed.

Colombian mercenaries, trained by the US and Israel and experts in irregular warfare against the Colombian guerrillas, were easy to recruit to carry out the assassination. Twenty-eight Colombians and two Haitians with U.S. nationality, plus six other Colombian fugitives, participated in the attack. The director of the Colombian National Police, Jorge Luis Vargas, confirmed that four Colombian companies had recruited the alleged assassins and that six of them are active members of the Colombian army.

This is not talked about because it leaves in a very bad place the ways of acting of imperialism, evidencing its most criminal practices. Against all the propaganda that shows Colombia as an example of democracy and rights in Latin America, this event highlights its character as a narco-state, corrupt to the core and that functions fed by the production of cocaine and the exportation of its most violent practices.

14. Why does the IAF claim to be against the state of Israel?

The IAF, like the majority of Arab populations, considers that we cannot speak of the "state" of Israel, but of the Zionist entity of Israel; we recognize its de facto existence, but not its right to exist as a state. We must bear in mind its origin, when the British colonial administration abandoned the territory of Palestine without a genuine process of decolonization; and that the United Nations merely accepted the occupation by force of a large part of the territory in what was known as the Partition Plan.

Since then, the government of the entity has done nothing but to increase its territory on the basis of wars of conquest and illegal occupations that it fills with settlers from all over the planet, while expelling the original inhabitants as soon as possible, preventing the return of refugees and limiting the rights of non-Jewish settlers. All this, contrary to the Geneva Conventions on the occupation of territories and in defiance of the countless UN Security Council resolutions against it, always protected by the US veto against effective measures to limit the abuses of the Zionist entity.