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## 20,000 confront racism in Belfast

By John Catalinotto

In Belfast, the capital of that part of Ireland still under control of the British ruling class, some 20,000 people gathered to demonstrate the unified anti-racist sentiments of the majority of the population. The action was held outside Belfast City Hall and organized by United Against Racism in what was called the “Together Against Hate” mobilization.

The solidarity protest, which was supported by local trade unions, was organized as a mass response to assaults by masked racists who targeted immigrants and ethnic and religious minorities, setting fire to houses and cars. Some African migrants were forced to barricade themselves in their homes.

The racist attacks were encouraged by the

most racist and anti-migrant parties in Britain and also by U.S.-based, superrich Elon Musk, an icon of the combination of vast wealth and the most backward, bigoted social ideas infesting ruling-class circles.

Belfast’s mass anti-racist initiative reminds U.S. observers of the massive mobilization in January in Minneapolis against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) stormtroopers, who are the paid mercenaries of the MAGA regime.

The U.S. anti-racist holiday of Juneteenth will be on Friday, June 19, and provides a good opportunity to express anti-racist solidarity.



Belfast, June 13, 2026.

For more information on Juneteenth and the unfinished struggle against U.S.-based racism, see “The worth of a Black youth’s life in the empire” ([workers.org/?p=93267](http://workers.org/?p=93267))

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Chicago, June 11, 2026. Registered Nurses hold one-day strike at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital against unfair labor practices. Read online.

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Chris Silvera, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 808; Chair of the Teamsters National Black Caucus and leader of the East Coast Million Worker March Movement succumbed to a heart attack on June 12 while traveling to a labor conference. Here he’s shown speaking at a May Day action in New York City 2022. Read more online.

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous

youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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# Juneteenth and 250 years of hypocrisy

Almost two weeks before the 250th celebration of the “founding” of the U.S., Juneteenth, a federal holiday, will take place on June 19. Making Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021 was a long overdue recognition that on June 19, 1865, enslaved Black people were liberated in Galveston, Texas — two and a half years after the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation made by President Abraham Lincoln.

This historic day did not prevent Black people from either being kidnapped to countries like Cuba or Brazil, where slavery still existed until the late 1880s, or even murdered by Texas enslavers.

Juneteenth is viewed by Black communities as the “second day of independence,” following the U.S. “independence” from Britain in 1776. Even before Juneteenth — also known as “Freedom Day” — was made a legal holiday, Black people celebrated this anniversary countrywide with marches and rallies, along with an array of social and cultural events.

Fast forward 161 years and the real meaning of Juneteenth — the ongoing fight for full social equality for Black people — continues to be under assault by an outright white supremacist U.S. president. Once #47 took office for the second time, he wasted little time laying off hundreds of thousands of federal workers, a hugely disproportionate number of them Black women. Many of these same workers were among those whose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits were temporarily suspended.

#47 passed an executive order to dismantle DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) — programs recognizing the

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Black History Month, Juneteenth and Women’s History Month, among others, for federal workers, many of them African American and/or gender oppressed.

He also passed an executive order to remove all monuments and remnants from federally funded parks and other institutions that recognized even in a modest way the horrors of the enslavement of Black people. In other words, his administration seeks to whitewash and bury the Black struggle against white supremacy, then and now, in an effort to squash any forms of current and future resistance.

## The struggle for social equality continues

Juneteenth will remain a constant symbolic reminder that Black people as an oppressed nation, no matter their location, face systemic white racism in all forms. There are too many examples to list, but it is important to highlight a few additional attacks on Black workers.

The U.S. Supreme Court 6-3 ruling on April 29 severely limits the consideration of race in drawing voting maps, an important component of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This legal attack ruled “unconstitutional” any redistricting of these maps that bolsters electoral victories for Black, Latine, Muslim or Indigenous candidates to gain greater political representation for marginalized communities in local and statewide elections.

There is the ongoing police occupation of Black communities resulting in racial profiling, beatings, unwarranted arrests and killings of children, such as 12-year-old Tamir Rice in 2014. Vigilante murders steal lives, including 14-year-old Cyrus Carmack-Belton in 2023, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in 2012 and 15-year-old Latasha Harlins in 1991. Their killers were set free by biased jurors, another reminder of how Black life is dehumanized under white supremacy.

If you have not guessed by

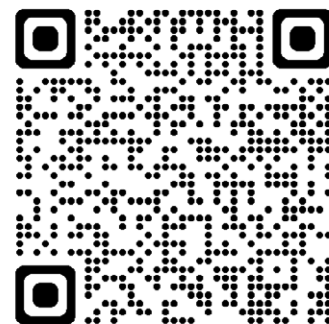


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**Latasha Harlins, Tamir Rice and Cyrus Carmack-Belton had their lives violently stolen.**

now, there is nothing for Black people — along with other people of color, including migrants and the working class in general — to celebrate on the 250th anniversary during the July 4 weekend. It will no doubt be a nauseating display of jingoistic, militaristic and patriotic bullshit pageantry in a desperate attempt to put on a pretty face to hide the ugliness of a decaying U.S. empire. □

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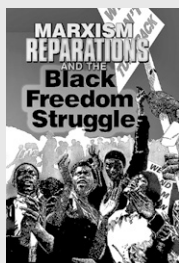
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# U.S. anti-war activists demand 'Stop the secret war chest for Israel before it starts!'

By J.M. Straw

June 14 – In spite of widespread and growing popular opposition to Israel's atrocities, Congress is proposing two bills that would give Israel unprecedented powers and access to U.S. military expenditures and intelligence resources far surpassing current levels, which are already high.

According to an article in *Responsible Statecraft*, the magazine of the Quincy Institute think tank, a buried section, 224, in the House's 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) "would all but fuse the two countries' armed forces together." ("Congress quietly moves to integrate U.S. and Israeli militaries," May 29)

Section 224, titled "United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative," would involve "bilateral research and development, coproduction of weapons, joint ventures, and licensing agreements." Section 224 enables cooperation on types of military technology far beyond the current allocations for missiles, seemingly without limit, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), quantum autonomous systems, directed energy, cyber weapons, biological weapons and more.

Quantum Autonomous Systems are intended to replace AI logic with Quantum Machine Learning (QML) and quantum sensing to enable non-human real time decision-making in complex environments – often associated with drones and laser equipped drones – which allows targeting based on energy sensing without visual confirmation by humans.

## Pentagon could hide funding from Congress

Section 224 would permanently give the Pentagon jurisdiction over funding to Israel, meaning that military information may be legally withheld from Congressional oversight or public scrutiny. It would render periodic spending bills unnecessary and allow members of Congress to wash their hands of accountability on future votes for military funding going to Israel.

Antiwar coalitions based in the U.S. will fight to prevent Section 224 from passing and will continue to fight against U.S. imperialism being partnered with Israel in any form. The funding may be hidden, but U.S. and Israeli war crimes can never be hidden. Opposition at home and abroad is certain to grow.

Yet another measure buried deep in another intelligence authorization bill ("United States-Israel Intelligence Sharing Enhancement") is Section 622. This measure would require the president, via the director of national intelligence and secretary of defense, to "expand and enhance intelligence sharing with the Government of Israel."

Any exceptions to this section would require an onerous process to obtain permission from Congress. This bill would even further remove from visibility the plans and tactics of the U.S.-Israel alliance. Moreover, it would impact not only U.S. intelligence agencies that act internationally, but also U.S. domestic intelligence and law-enforcement agencies.

Joint training programs between U.S. law enforcement agencies,



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**Hoboken, New Jersey, May 10, 2026. Fear that growing opposition in U.S. to Israeli regime will stop arms funding incites new bill that cuts out Congress's role.**

the Israeli Occupation Force (IOF) and Israeli police have existed for two decades. These exchanges of intelligence and methods of operation equip U.S. police with tactics and devices used in mass surveillance, crowd control and protest suppression. Thousands of U.S. officers, border patrol agents and federal officials have participated in these exchanges.

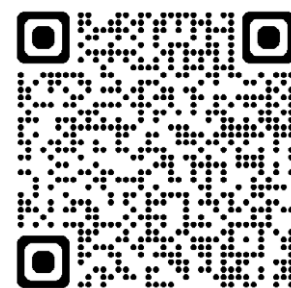
High-ranking officials, SWAT teams and police chiefs from major U.S. cities, including Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C., have attended these training sessions and have refused to document what they learned or who they met with.

## Do it like Durham!

Some cities have fought back. Antiwar activists in Durham, North Carolina, achieved a local ban prohibiting their police departments from participating in military training exchanges with Israel.

Nevertheless, more recently, the FBI and Department of Homeland Security have been employed to arrest or deport pro-Palestine activists. If these measures pass, they will allow unprecedented power to Israel to continue imperialist expansion. They could exert even greater influence over repressive forces that seek to contain resistance to imperialism at home and abroad. No date has been set for a vote, which is likely to take place before Congress's July recess. □

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## Las protestas lanzan un mensaje

# ¡Albania no está en venta!

Por Sara Flounders

Oleadas de protestas diarias, cada vez más numerosas y airadas, denuncian un acuerdo acelerado para desarrollar dos mega complejos turísticos en Albania. Uno de ellos se encuentra en una zona costera única y protegida medioambientalmente.

Las lagunas, los humedales, los bosques de pinos y las dunas de arena de Pishë Poro – Narta proporcionan hábitat a cientos de especies. La región costera del mar Adriático sirve como importante punto de parada para las aves migratorias que viajan entre Europa y África, incluidos los flamencos rosados protegidos, símbolos de las manifestaciones.

Un gran proyecto de desarrollo costero en la isla protegida de Sazan y la península de Zvërnec — impulsado por Affinity Partners, una empresa de inversión vinculada al yerno del presidente Donald Trump, Jared Kushner, y a su hija Ivanka Trump — ha desencadenado oleadas diarias de protestas generalizadas en Tirana, la capital.

Se prevé la construcción de más de 6.000 villas de lujo y la infraestructura de alto nivel que las acompaña, destinadas a los más adinerados. Los promotores estiman que este gigantesco proyecto superará los 4.000 millones de euros (4.600 millones de dólares). ([tinyurl.com/vc3cx4ft](https://tinyurl.com/vc3cx4ft))

Las manifestaciones masivas y la represión gubernamental, captadas en vídeos en los que se ven excavadoras, vallas de alambre de púas y guardias de seguridad arrastrando a los manifestantes por la arena, podrían tener un impacto de gran alcance.

El actual Gobierno albanés es firmemente proestadounidense y pro-OTAN, y ha apoyado todas las guerras de EE.UU. y la OTAN desde 1991, incluido el envío de tropas albanesas a las guerras de EE.UU. en Afganistán e Irak, donde mantuvieron una presencia continua durante casi dos décadas. Estados Unidos mantiene una presencia militar persistente en Albania. ([tinyurl.com/4rft54j4](https://tinyurl.com/4rft54j4))

El Mando de Operaciones Especiales de EE.UU. en Europa (SOCEUR) estableció un cuartel general de operaciones avanzadas rotativo en Albania para que sirviera de centro logístico y operativo para los Balcanes. Con su laxa supervisión, Albania se ha convertido en un centro de ciberseguridad avanzada. Albania sigue siendo uno de los países más pobres de Europa.

A pesar del cumplimiento total de las exigencias de EE.UU. y del apoyo a las guerras estadounidenses y al uso de armas de la OTAN, EE.UU. mantiene a la empobrecida Albania bajo un estricto control. Sigue aplicando sanciones selectivas. Estas forman parte de las sanciones relacionadas con los Balcanes que afectan a toda la región con la congelación de activos, las prohibiciones de EE.UU. a políticos y medios de comunicación locales, y una red omnipresente de control y pobreza impuesta.

### La historia de lucha de Albania

Albania tiene una historia de feroz independencia. Una resistencia antifascista y comunista liderada por Enver Hoxha liberó al país del fascismo italiano, y posteriormente la resistencia partisana se enfrentó a la ocupación nazi alemana directa, sin ayuda de los Aliados durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

A pesar del extremo subdesarrollo y la falta de infraestructuras, tras la liberación, la República Popular Socialista de Albania intentó con gran determinación construir un país socialista igualitario. Pero Albania se enfrentó a un intenso aislamiento. Cada intento de desarrollo fue bloqueado, cortado y sancionado.

Tras el colapso de la Unión Soviética en 1990-1991, todos los países socialistas de Europa del Este se vieron arrastrados por una ola de contrarrevoluciones impuestas por Estados Unidos. En Albania, todo el movimiento comunista fue proscrito durante años de toda la vida política y bloqueado en todos los medios de comunicación.

El derrocamiento del gobierno de la República Popular Socialista de Albania no trajo la prosperidad capitalista prometida ni siquiera el fin del aislamiento de Albania. Condujo a una marcada división de clases. Los productos capitalistas inundaron el país, expuestos de forma tentadora en las tiendas, pero solo un pequeño y corrupto puñado se benefició de la leal sumisión a las exigencias imperialistas. La población en su conjunto se enfrentó a un desplazamiento masivo.

Casi la mitad de la población se ha visto obligada a emigrar de Albania para sobrevivir. A nivel mundial, entre 2,2 y 2,3 millones



Un manifestante en contra del proyecto urbanístico propuesto por Jared Kushner, que traería turismo de lujo a un tramo de costa protegida en Albania, junio de 2026.

de ciudadanos albaneses viven en el extranjero, lo que supone casi el mismo número que los 2,8 millones que viven en Albania. Esta diáspora masiva, una fuga de cerebros, es una de las mayores del mundo en relación con la población total del país.

Las oleadas de manifestaciones de hoy expresan una gran ira ante la falta de transparencia, el nivel de corrupción gubernamental y el saqueo descarado que se observa en los acuerdos secretos que ceden valiosas áreas protegidas.

Las imágenes de flamencos rosados, una especie en peligro de extinción puesta en riesgo por los dos complejos turísticos construidos para los ultra ricos, contienen el potencial para luchas más amplias. □

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