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Cuba will continue to raise the banners of Peace, Solidarity & Cooperation!

Exerpts of the speech delivered by Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, at the closing ceremony of the International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba and against imperialism, at the Palace of Conventions, on May 2, 2024, "Year 66 of the Revolution".

Dear friends, dear friends, defenders of international solidarity;

Sisters and brothers of the Cuban Revolution:

This event is taking place at a time of extreme global complexity: there are threats to world peace, war is the language used by the hegemonic powers to resolve conflicts; poverty is growing; the impact of climate change is increasing; there is a depletion of natural resources, and a growing inequality between the poor and the rich, which explains and expresses the limits to which the current International Economic Order has reached. This current International Economic Order must be changed, and this change must also be promoted through unity and solidarity.

There we have the case of Palestine. In some way and on more than one occasion, we have all pointed out the dangers of the impunity with which Israel acts, thanks to the complicity and support of the U.S. Government and despite the serious risks of regionalization of the conflict in the Middle East, a serious threat to peace and international security.

We cannot be indifferent to the daily crime that for 75 years has been committed against the brotherly Palestinian people. Nothing can justify the brutal Zionist escalation of the last six months, the grave violations of International Humanitarian Law, the war crimes and crimes against humanity that have turned a tiny strip of inhabited land into a training camp for a bloodthirsty army.

Cuba has always been in solidarity with the Palestinian cause. Today hundreds of Palestinian students are studying in our country, with them we have a permanent exchange, with them our people have paraded in front of the US Embassy in Cuba demanding an end to the aggression against Palestine.

Long live Free Palestine! (Exclamations of: "Long live!").

We also express our support for the young people who are demonstrating today in the universities of the United States and who are being repressed and brutalized by the police (Applause).

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Above: Cubans & international guests rally for International Workers' Day in Havana on May 1, 2024.

Top right: Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel speaks at the International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba in Havana on May 2, 2024.

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Mass mobilization is the primary tactic



By Mohammed Nabulsi

Exerpts from the complete talk by Mohammed Nabulsi on the movement for Palestine in the belly of the beast.

Mohammed Nabulsi is a longtime organizer in the Palestinian struggle, including within the student movement as student at the University of Texas at Austin. He is now a leading organizer in the Palestinian Youth Movement, a major political formation within the movement for Palestine in the diaspora.

Nabulsi spoke at the People's Conference for Palestine, held from May 24 to 26 in Detroit, Michigan, at a plenary session entitled "The Movement for Palestine in North America," in which he addressed the most relevant debates within the movement such as the necessity of mass mobilization, the diversity of tactics, chief targets of the movement, and overall strategy.

And what happened was the solidarity movement emerged as the primary and sole vehicle for political organizing in this country. In a way, it saved the movement because it continued the struggle despite the change and the transformation in the conditions in Palestine.

The number one goal that we've had up until now over the last eight months is to secure a ceasefire. I don't need to say this, but I'm going to say this, a cease fire is the floor of our demands. Nevertheless, when you have a moment where the people of Gaza, the people of Palestine, are being genocided, and the number one ask has to be to stop that genocide.

You have to calibrate your tactics and your strategies in light of that goal. We have a goal around lifting the siege. We have a goal around ending the occupation, around freeing our political prisoners, around so much more than just ending this genocide. But right now, we have to assess the strategic logic of the tactics employed through the vantage point of: what have we been able to do in order to

bring us to an end to a genocide?

Mass mobilization is the primary tactic. It's pouring people, thousands and millions, into the streets. What that does is it signals our political strength. It lets everyone around us, and the powers that be understand that we have the masses underneath the politics of the Palestine movement.

These mass mobilizations have happened in consistent and sustained ways, and they have happened towards specific targets. There's a lot that can be said about the significance and importance of mass mobilizations for the long term health and growth of the movement, of bringing people into movement, of agitating, of educating, of all of the work that you all are doing on a day in and day out basis.

Then we have all of the different things related to mass mobilizations, but not necessarily requiring them. Street shutdowns through unsanctioned marches, bridge and train shutdowns, airport caravans and shutdowns, encampments, building takeovers, targeting of weapons manufacturers, shutting down events, bird dogging, all of the things that we've seen throughout these last eight months.

We've also seen the efforts to advance ceasefire resolutions and ceasefire statements through city councils, and popular institutions like unions, and sector-based organizations, mainstream media, different industries, etc. We've also seen this through the uncommitted vote movement that took place over the last few months during the primaries, that was able to do the same thing that the mass mobilizations did in terms of signaling our numbers, showing the power that we have.

Understanding there is no centralization, despite the fact that a lot of our opponents and those in Congress have this amazing imagination where they think that there's this sole central body somewhere else coordinating us all, whether it's George Soros, or the Communist Party of China, or whoever.

But I believe that the strategy, though it hasn't been articulated, or even cohered in this way, was to wage a battle on every front, agitating and implicating the broader institutional life within the West.

Beyond waging a struggle and generating pressure on every front, the question we're asking ourselves is: What is the fundamental strategic logic governing these different tactics? And which decision makers are we trying to force into taking different decisions? Who are we trying to push, and to what end? Who are our targets? These questions are really important for us to have clarity on. We

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Five Vancouver anti-war organizers from Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) participated in the People's Conference for Palestine in Detroit, Michigan, May 24-26. This successful conference brought together over 3500 people, during a critical juncture after nearly 8 months of ongoing worldwide protest in solidarity and defense of Palestine. During 3 days of speakers, workshops, discussion and a tabling fair, Palestine solidarity organizers and activists from across North America established our goals and perspectives to continue fighting for the self-determination and liberation of Palestine!

The People's Conference for Palestine was convened by 15 organizations, including Palestinian Youth Movement, National Students for Justice in Palestine, The People's Forum, Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, ANSWER Coalition and International Jewish Anti Zionist Network. Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) was an endorser of the conference and participated with a table in the tabling fair.

can get lost in the conversation about which tactics to use, which forces us to lose sight of, well, why are we using this tactic, who is it impacting, and what are we trying to get them to do?

We need to be clear. The chief target has been the Biden administration. Ultimately, the Biden administration, and to an extent the Democratic Party, is the primary vessel that controls the policies and the decisions that actually impact our people in Gaza. While we can have a long term vision around different issues—including divestment, even though I believe divestment is also a part of the front that allows us to create more pressure towards the Biden administration—the short term, most immediate goal is to get the Biden administration and the Democratic Party, to end its trajectory in support of this genocide.

We don't do this because we have faith in them. We don't do this because we believe that there's some way we can alter their conscience, make them more moral actors, appeal to their moral sensibilities. That's not why. We do this because ultimately they control the levers of power. We need those levers to be lifted off our people in Gaza.

How do these tactics tie to targeting the Biden administration and the Democratic Party? I believe our fundamental role is to generate political and social crisis within the American ruling class.

What does it mean to generate crisis for the ruling class of this country? It means to make this the continued prosecution of this war politically, socially and economically untenable. It means to create further divisions, ruptures, conflicts, and problems for and amongst the Western ruling class, the Biden administration, the Democratic Party and the base of the Democratic Party.

In my opinion, this is the main constellation of actors, organizations, and forces that we have actually targeted. I believe that most, if not all of the tactics utilized can be understood through this framework, as creating and generating crisis.

[Regarding generating crisis for the ruling class], there's disrupting the war machine, which we all believe needs to happen. But sporadic disruption of the war machine, including shutting down a weapons manufacturer, is not going to effectively disrupt the war machine, even though it's something we should do, and continue to do. But we must understand its limits, not in terms of it as a tactic, as every tactic is limited, but understand the tactic as implemented by the movement that currently exists. That's how it must be calibrated.

The second is making it economically untenable. The economic costs for Western

Opposite page top: Mobammed Nabulsi speaking at the People's Conference for Palestine May 2024

Opposite page bottom: MAWO organizers at the conference

Right top: MAWO at the tabling fair

Right bottom: Sana Daqqa, journalist and wife of martyred Palestinian political prisoner Walid Daqqa, speaking at the conference



and Israeli companies, with BDS as the vehicle, even that is a much more long term project than the immediate goals of generating social and political crisis for the Democratic Party.

Our capacity to generate the crisis that we have generated up until this point, and we have done this, it must be said—There's a bit of a, I want to call it nihilism, because I believe it's nihilism. This idea that everything we've done has been for naught. That we haven't achieved anything, that the war is raging on. There's a mistake in the logic of this type of thought process. It overemphasizes and overstates our subjectivity, meaning our individual thoughts about the role we're playing, as opposed to looking at how we can materially contribute as a front in a war.

We are one front. We are not the sole front. We are not the front. This genocide will come to an end, in part, because of all of the work that we've done. But that's the key word here: in part. Not because of us.

There's other actors involved. Chief among them are the people in Gaza. The actors in the regions, the state actors, like South Africa and the ICJ and the ICC. We don't put our faith in these institutions or in these strategies necessarily on their own, but understanding them as a part of a broader struggle, that needs every front mobilized in this moment to bring this genocide to an end.

The idea of diversity of tactics is really important. This is a phrase that gets thrown around a lot, but I want to concretize it. A lot of bodies, movements, and institutions follow different strategies and build towards those strategies at the same time. Sometimes those strategies are competing, sometimes they're in conflict, sometimes they overlap, sometimes they're complimentary. What we've seen these last eight months is that all of



the strategies pursued have benefited us.

I want to say something that I think is often neglected by the Palestine movement, but the Islamic institutions in the Muslim community, that's been our primary base, in my opinion. The Masjids, the Muslim American Society (MAS), the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), all of these different vehicles. They've been critical. They've been very important for us in our ability to register that we have power in this country. We need to cultivate stronger relationships with these different core constituencies.

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Imperialism persists in its project of domination over our lands, finances and promotes violence, destabilization, and increasingly engenders hate speeches, attacks leftist and progressive forces and seeks to erase the history of struggle and resistance of the Latin American and Caribbean peoples.

We congratulate the Venezuelan people for the development of the new electoral process in a climate of peace and in compliance with its Constitution, for the fulfillment of the electoral schedule despite the threats and actions of the right wing in complicity with the United States.

We reiterate once again Cuba's rejection of external interference and impositions that seek to influence the functioning of Venezuelan institutions and affect the stability and tranquility that characterize the society of that brotherly country.

We express our recognition and full solidarity support to our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters, who are resisting the media siege, and the interference attempts of imperialism and its allies to break their constitutional order.

To the Plurinational State of Bolivia we extend our support and solidarity in the defense of its sovereignty over its natural resources and in the face of destabilizing attempts.

The sister Republic of Haiti is facing a new and very serious crisis. The international community owes a great debt to its people, who were subjected to repudiatory punishments by imperial powers and have been forced to unjustly pay a high price for leading the first social revolution of the continent.

Of course, we support in a very heartfelt manner the right to independence of the Puerto Rican people (Applause). And we express our solidarity with the situation that the beloved Argentine people are experiencing today (Applause).

What to tell you about Cuba, if you know it. We are not exempt from the consequences of the multidimensional crisis of today's capitalism. Our situation is further aggravated by the economic, commercial and financial blockade applied by the United States for more than six decades, intensified to the extreme by the administrations of Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Both administrations have tried to suffocate our economy while allocating millions of dollars to subversive



Cuban President, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez (centre) leads a march for Palestine, against genocide in Gaza in Havana, Cuba in November 2023.

plans and media campaigns aimed at breaking the national unity around the Revolution and the Party.

Dear sisters and brothers of solidarity:

Cuba has resisted more than 60 years of a genocidal blockade, simultaneous with terrorist attacks and countless actions to destroy the Revolution.

Today we are living through one of the most difficult moments in the face of the reinforcement of economic, commercial and financial persecution, but the unity of our people keeps us firm in the defense of our social conquests. That is the legacy of Fidel and Raúl and it is our commitment to the present and to the future!

Our struggle will continue day by day, week by week, month by month, year after year, until the U.S. Government lifts this cruel, immoral and unjustifiable policy.

Our people deserve to live in peace and equal conditions, to really show what we are capable of advancing and building in Cuban socialism (Applause and exclamations of: "Long live Cuba!").

From Martí, Fidel, Raúl and Che we learned the value of solidarity; we learned to give solidarity and to be grateful for the solidarity you give us.

From here we pronounce ourselves for a No to war, to hegemony, to interference, to coercive measures, to aggressions, to the building of walls and blockades.

Long live friendship, peace, solidarity and unity among our peoples and all the workers of the world! (Exclamations of: "Long live!")

Hasta La Victoria Siempre! Always onward to victory! (Exclamations of: "Always!")

(Applause.)

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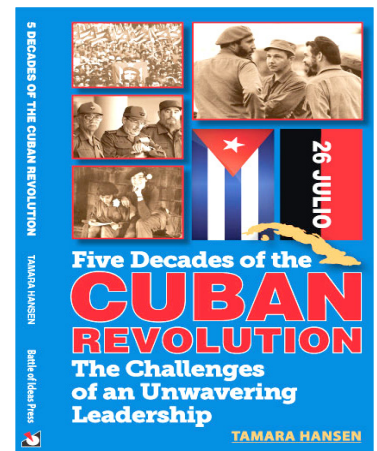
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By Roger Harris

For all the hullabaloo about “free and fair elections” in Venezuela by the US government, its sycophantic corporate press deliberately ignores the elephant in the room – namely, the so-called sanctions designed to make life so miserable that the people will acquiesce to Washington’s plan for regime change.

As Foreign Policy puts it, “Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro values his political survival above his country’s economic well-being.” Translated from Washington-speak, the US government is blackmailing the Venezuelan electorate with, in the words of Foreign Policy, “the looming threat,” of continuing unilateral coercive measures unless they vote against the incumbent in the presidential election on July 28.

The New York Times reports that a Maduro win will “intensify poverty,” conveniently omitting the cause will be the tightening of US sanctions. Typical of such coverage, the article blames Maduro for the “dire” economic situation, but not until the 25th paragraph is there even a passing reference to US sanctions.

Such outside electoral meddling by the use of sanctions is orders of magnitude greater than the supposed “Russiagate” interference in the 2016 US presidential contest. Washington brazenly leaves no ambiguity about its intent to punish the Venezuelan people for choosing a government not to its liking. With no sense of shame or irony, the State Department imperiously calls this bullying “democracy promotion.”

US hybrid war on Venezuela

As documented by Venezuelanalysis, US sanctions against Venezuela are “a war without bombs.” These actions, more correctly called coercive economic measures by the United Nations, are killing Venezuelans. Never mentioned in the corporate press is that these unilateral measures are a form of collective punishment, considered illegal under international law.

The over 930 US sanctions are designed to crash the Venezuelan economy and, above

all, to prevent any recovery. Initially they succeeded in the former objective and, equally importantly, failed in the latter.

The bipartisan offensive was initiated in 2015 by President Obama, who incredulously declared “a national emergency with respect to

as the self-proclaimed “interim president” of Venezuela in 2019. The then 35-year-old far-right US security asset had never run for national office and was at the time unknown to over 80% of the population. Nevertheless, some fifty US allies initially recognized his government.



The Biggest Obstacle to Free & Fair Elections in Venezuela is the U.S.



the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security” posed by Venezuela. (Note, none of the corporate press subjected this extraordinary claim to any kind of scrutiny.) Coercive measures were intensified by President Trump, targeting the vital Venezuelan oil industry. Seamlessly, President Biden continued the “maximum pressure” campaign with minor adjustments, mainly designed to benefit US and select foreign business interests.

As a result, Venezuela experienced the largest peacetime economic contraction in recent world history. The free-falling economy suffered triple-digit inflation, again, the highest in the world. Some seven million economic refugees fled the country.

The US continued other “hybrid warfare” measures including recognizing Juan Guaidó

Further, US-backed coups have continued since the 2002 one that lasted only 47 hours. Recent capers included the “bay of piglets” operation in 2020. Biden recently repatriated two of the US mercenaries, who had been captured in that failed coup, in a prisoner exchange that resulted in freeing Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab.

Coup attempts are ongoing according to the Venezuelan government. US official policy on such extra-legal measures is “plausible

deniability.”

Venezuela successfully resists

Contrary to all odds and most predictions, President Maduro has turned the Venezuelan ship of state around against such unfavorable winds. By the end of 2023, Venezuela had recorded 11 quarters of consecutive growth after years of economic contraction. GDP growth during the first four months of 2024 exceeded forecasts of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and are projected to be 4% for the year, compared to IMF figures for the US at 2.7% and China at 4.6%.

Today, on the diplomatic front, only the US, Israel, and a handful of other Washington vassals still fail to recognize the democratically elected government of Venezuela. Even the US-backed opposition has itself renounced the Guaidó presidency.

Until recently, Colombia (then a hostile US client state) served as a launching pad for paramilitary incursions onto Venezuela’s western border. In 2022, President Gustavo Petro, the first leftist in the entire history of Colombia, replaced the rightwing Iván Duque. The next year, the friendly Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva replaced the hostile government of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil on Venezuela’s southern border.

Meanwhile, progressive regional governments

such as Andrés Manuel López Obrador's Mexico have continued to support Venezuela. Most significantly and indicative of a shifting world order toward multipolarity, Venezuela has strengthened ties with China, Russia, and Iran. This, in turn, has only intensified hostility by the US.

Lessons from the 1990 electoral defeat of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua

Conditions in Venezuela today, in the run-up to the July presidential election, bear some parallels to a similar situation in Nicaragua in 1990. In 1979, the Sandinistas overthrew the US-backed Somoza dictatorship in Nicaragua. By the 1990 presidential election, polls looked favorable for the reelection of their FSLN party's Daniel Ortega.

Everyone, including the US president, who was bent on overthrowing the Nicaraguan Revolution, anticipated a Sandinista victory, according to Dan Kovalik's book on Nicaragua. But the vote was unfavorable, issuing in seventeen years of neoliberal regression.

Both the State Department and the US ambassador to Managua had made it abundantly clear that the Nicaraguans had best vote the "right way" or the US-sponsored contra war would continue. The contras were mercenaries recruited largely from Somoza's former army who were waging an armed terror campaign against the population.

In addition, the country was under US economic sanctions and suffering from hyperinflation. Brian Willson, who lost his legs in civil disobedience protesting the US Contra War in Nicaragua, reported that the US-funded opposition parties and NGOs in the 1990 election. The CIA alone poured in \$28-30 million. Willson concluded that the US "purchased the 1990 Nicaragua elections."

Prospects for the Venezuelan Presidential Election

While Venezuela is not under siege by US-paid mercenaries as was Nicaragua, it is nonetheless subject to Washington's hybrid war of coercive economic measures, funding of opposition forces, international diplomatic belligerence, and covert actions.

An assessment in February by the US intelligence community found Maduro "is unlikely to lose the 2024 presidential election." A May 3 Encuesta Nacional Ideadatos opinion poll reported a 52.7% preference for Maduro. Other polls give the lead to opposition candidate Edmundo González with the Unitary Platform who allegedly worked with the CIA.

Within the Chavista core – those who support the Bolivarian Revolution of Hugo Chávez and its current standard-bearer Nicolás Maduro – it is only to be expected that there is a certain level of weariness. Venezuelan political commentator Clodovaldo Hernández cites ongoing issues of inadequate healthcare delivery, salaries and pensions that have not kept pace with inflation, erratic electric power, incompletely addressed corruption, and dysfunctional police and judicial services, all of which disproportionately impact the Chavista base of poor and working people. How this will translate come July 28 is uncertain.

The propaganda campaign by the US state and its stenographers in the press to delegitimize the Venezuela election process is ramping up. For example, the US "newspaper of record" reports that "the last competitive election was held in 2013." Not "fit to print" is the news that the presidential term is six years, or that the US literally ordered the opposition not to run in 2018. The leading opposition candidate at the time, Henri Falcón, was threatened with sanctions when he chose to ignore Washington's demand.

The very fact that any of the US-backed opposition is contesting in the upcoming election rather than boycotting indicates that they are no longer relying on an extra-parliamentary overthrow of the government. This itself represents a significant victory for the Chavistas.

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THE STRUGGLE TO STOP THE TMX PIPELINE CONTINUES!

By Alison Bodine

On May 1, 2024, the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) gave the climate destroying Trans Mountain pipeline expansion (TMX) the final rubber-stamp approval it needed to begin operation. On May 20, the first oil tanker carrying toxic bitumen (a type of oil) from the TMX pipeline was reported to have left from Westridge Terminal in Burnaby. TMX is a climate disaster already, and the beginning of oil shipments is a ticking time bomb for further climate destruction.

The situation is critical and alarming. More than ever before we must fight back. Our fight against TMX is not over, we need unity, we must build a united front against TMX, and raise our voices loud and clear: Trudeau, Shut Down the TMX pipeline now!

The Trudeau Liberal government bought the existing Trans Mountain pipeline and the expansion project in 2018. At that time, TMX had a price tag of \$4.5 billion and a completion date of the end of 2019. The final price tag for TMX, which is being funded by working people in Canada, is more than 500% over-budget at \$34 billion. This is a huge and unjust burden on working and poor people in Canada.

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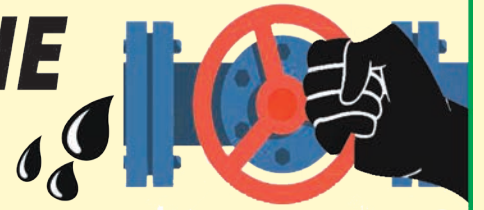
- Triple the amount of bitumen (a low-grade crude oil) running through crucial salmon and wildlife habitats, as well as precious forest and farmland
- Increased risks of catastrophic oil spills and escalates the risk for devastating fires at the Sumas and Burnaby Mountain tank farms
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environmental costs, the Trudeau Liberal government has continued to support this project, trampling all over Indigenous rights as they gave TMX approval after approval.

Join the Struggle in Defense of Mother Earth

We have many important fights ahead of us in this time of climate emergency, including the ongoing struggle to demand that Trudeau shut down the TMX pipeline immediately. We must work together to end global warming, ocean acidification, species extinction, deforestation, pollution, and all the other ills that have been imposed on people and the planet by the capitalist economic system.

Summer 2024 is set to be one of the hottest on record. By May, there were already 115 forest fires raging in British Columbia, thriving in the drought. Extreme weather conditions in BC impact everyone in the province, but poor and working people, farmers, immigrants and refugees, and Indigenous communities and people living in Northern BC will face the most hardship.

In the face of continued climate destruction



in BC, Canada and around the world, we have no choice but to stand up and fight back. We must work to build a united front mass movement for climate justice and Indigenous rights that recognizes that to reverse the terrible impacts of climate chaos, we must get rid of this rotten capitalist system that puts the interests of profits before people and the planet.

On May 8, June 5, and June 26, following the announcement that the TMX pipeline had been given approval by the Trudeau Liberal government to begin operation, Climate Convergence organized successful banner drops demanding that Prime Minister Trudeau shut down the TMX pipeline. These actions have been held over the highway overpass near 22nd Street Station in New Westminster, the Highway 1 overpass at Brunette Ave in New Westminster, and the pedestrian bridge on Hastings near the bottom of Burnaby Mountain. At each dynamic action there has been enthusiastic support from passersby, either from cars passing on the highway below the bridge, or from people that stopped by the Climate Convergence table to pick up more information.

To get involved in ongoing organizing against TMX and in defense of Mother Earth, visit www.climateconvergence.ca and find out about upcoming online organizing meetings and public actions.

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WEEKLY BANNER DROPS FOR PALESTINE!

- ★ Ceasefire Now! ★ Israel Out of Gaza Now! ★
- ★ End the Genocide Now! ★ US/Canada Stop Arming Israel! ★
- ★ Hands Off Rafah! ★ Self-Determination for Palestine! ★



EVERY FRIDAY!

4:30pm

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LIFT THE U.S. BLOCKADE ON CUBA!

President Biden take Cuba off the "State Sponsors of Terrorism" List!

Sundays, June 30 & July 28

12:30pm Pacific

For location call: 604.780.4029

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JOIN THE CANADA-WIDE WEEK OF ACTION!

► **CANADA OUT OF NATO!**
► **NATURE NOT NATO!**
► **NO TO NATO!**

July 5-11, 2024



The Canada-Wide Week of Action is protesting NATO's 75 Year Anniversary Summit in Washington DC July 9-11, & in solidarity with the No to NATO, Yes to Peace Counter-Summit July 6-7 in Washington DC

Actions across Canada in Ottawa • Hamilton • Regina • Vancouver • Victoria • & more!
Check website below for local actions & how to get involved!

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SPEAKERS
POETRY
SALSA LESSON
LIVE MUSIC
PIÑATA
FOOD & BBQ

Saturday July 27, 2024

TROUT LAKE PARK

3350 Victoria Dr.

Near the East 19th Ave. parking lot

& concession stand

Look for the Cuban flags!

6:00pm

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VENEZUELA: HIGH STAKES ELECTION THREATENED BY US SANCTIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024
04:00 PM PT - 7:00 PM ET



MARIA PAEZ VICTOR
PhD, Canadian-Venezuelan sociologist, academic, and activist



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