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CONFUSED: Sympathy for Ukraine's war victims is being used to sabotage prospects of a peace deal that a clear majority of Ukrainians say they want



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STARMER RAMPS UP EU WAR FEVER

Nick Wright
WAR

THE PROSPECT of a Ukraine peace deal has so spooked Europe's reactionary leaders that they are set to ramp up arms expenditure to a level unprecedented since World War Two.

And warmonger-in-chief Sir Keir Starmer jumped the gun to beat EU leaders to the warpath.

As long trailed, Starmer announced an increase in British military spending to 2.5% of GDP, adding 13BN to the current annual expenditure of £54BN (and a further rise to 3% of GDP by 2034. This can only be met by more cuts in public services and welfare spending.

Basking in praise from Tory leader Kemi Badenoch Starmer then picked up on Reform UK's policy to fund arms spending by slashing the overseas aid budget.

Like a crazed stalker aping the fetishised object of his morbid affections he visited Washington only to be humiliated by Trump. Bent on sucking up to the US president in the hope of preferential treatment – and mimicking his abolition of USAid – he was treated with a contempt barely less crudely expressed than that meted out to Zelenskyy.

The highly contrived clash between the Ukraine president and the White House

duo was theatre designed to jump start a deeply divided European Union into increasing arms expenditure.

Contrary to the posturing of official Britain – and putting aside the political theatre of recent days – the overriding priority for the working class is to oppose the new arms race, build the anti-war movement and work for peace in Ukraine.

Apart from the cut in the overseas development budget – which sparked the high profile departure of the already humiliated former shadow chancellor Annalise Dodds – Starmer's ramped up war drive to confront Russia is already sucking the life out of the NHS, keeping the Green New Deal in cold storage and threatening a new freeze on education and social spending. The war drive means mounting poverty for a whole generation of our children.

Communist Party international secretary Kevan Nelson told the party's March national executive committee meeting: 'As Starmer hosts a political summit of selected EU states, EU and NATO leaders and the lame duck Zelenskyy his rhetorical commitment to "unwavering support" and the "search for a just and lasting peace" are hollow words designed to obscure the reality that the NATO rump and the fractured European Union are gearing up for renewed war.'

Giving voice to his opposition to the US/Russian brokered agreement to resolve the war in Donbass Starmer in his statement said that "a bad peace would be a disaster for all of us" reprising Boris Johnson's sabotage of the Istanbul agreement in 2022.

Communist Party general secretary Rob Griffiths said: 'This grotesque arms race can be funded only by running down public services and the welfare state.

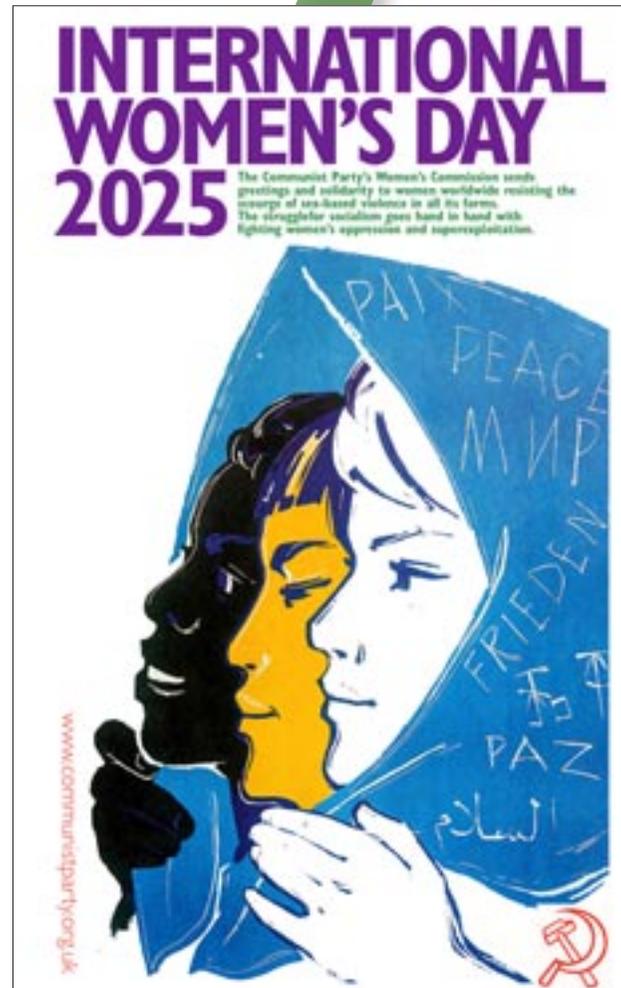
'It is no coincidence that those nations, Britain included, which sabotaged the Istanbul peace agreement in 2022, are creating obstacles to an early end to the war in Ukraine.'

Starmer is attempting to ride two horses at once and the British convened summit, which seeks to upstage the recent US peace initiative, has no prospect of success. The British and French initiatives regarding military deployments into Ukraine as part of a 'security guarantee' are phoney posturing with no chance of Russia accepting NATO garrisons in Ukraine.

The European Union is deeply divided. Those most closely aligned with the US – such as Italian PM Meloni and NATO sock puppet Rutte – are urging conciliation between Trump and Zelensky.

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Unity!



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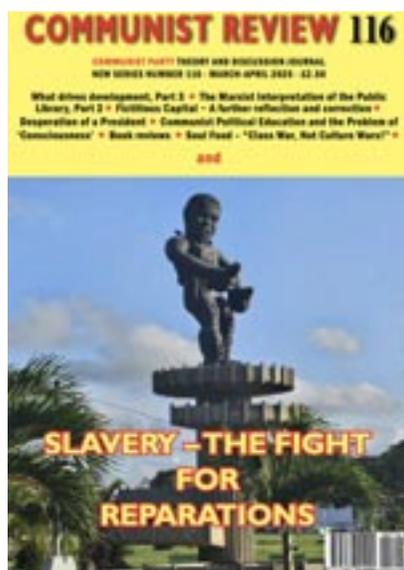
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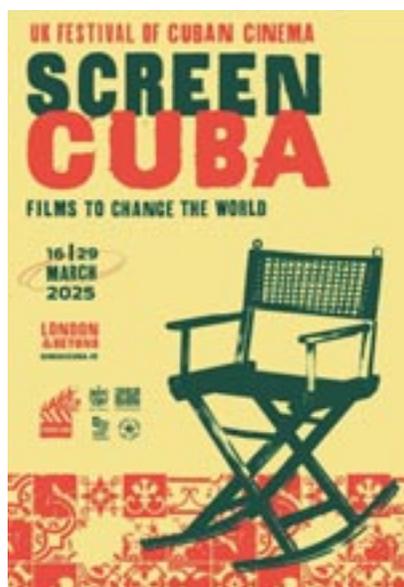
POVERTY FEMINISED

'Today women carry a larger burden; the burden created by the Covid Pandemic: lower pay, job discrimination and the continuing cost-of-living crisis. Many women are trapped in poverty by inadequate pay, erosion of essential public services, the lack of affordable childcare and the lack of care service provision. This is the feminisation of poverty'

Ruth Styles Communist Party Chair 2025



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No to NATO war craze

Unity reporter
COMMUNISTS

BRITAIN'S COMMUNISTS reaffirmed their long-standing policy of withdrawal from NATO and their opposition to any further arms expenditure.

Meeting in late February the Communist Party's Political Committee also rejected any increase in British military spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP as proposed by the Labour government, the Tory Opposition and military chiefs, or to the 5 per cent demanded by US President Donald Trump.

'If the Labour government has between £6bn and £60bn extra to spare, it should use a new peace dividend to defend millions of people against poverty, poor housing and ill health rather than waste a fresh war dividend on more nuclear warheads, submarines and bombers', said the party's international secretary Kevan Nelson.

'It is a bit rich for British and European Union politicians to complain about their

own exclusion from the Riyadh summit, when they have spent two years fueling the Ukraine conflict instead of trying to initiate a peace process, Kevan Nelson said adding that he hoped an agreement to keep Ukraine out of NATO would 'end the 20-year long eastwards march of NATO and the EU to Russia's western borders'.

Ridiculing Keir Starmer's proposal for British troops to be stationed in Ukraine as peace-keepers he said: 'In recent years, British forces have bombed or invaded Afghanistan, Serbia, Kosovo, Iraq, Libya, Yemen and Syria in the name of peace, democracy and Western values while also aiding and abetting the Israeli mass extermination of defenceless Palestinian civilians in Gaza'.

Warning against US and Russian attempts to carve up Ukraine's rich natural resources, the party's Political Committee called upon President Zelensky to unban the Ukrainian Communist Party and restore trade union and democratic rights in that country.

The People's Assembly

Bill Greenshields
UNITED FRONT

AFTER THE BLEAK years of Tory austerity, and with a Labour Party in office committed to playing by Big Business's fiscal, economic and political rules, the crises can be seen by all - but the dark forces of ruling class oppression and fascism are intent on using them to further drive down, and keep down, the working class and our communities

In the face of this, the People's Assembly is re-organising to build that United Front - in the face of the acceleration of the crises in the capitalist economy, reflected in the climate and global environment, in the disintegration of the social fabric of society, in racism and sexism, in superexploitation, in the widening chasm between poverty and wealth, in the sale or destruction of our public services and industries, in the elimination of any working class representation in the political system, in the escalation of the use of oppressive law, in the growing threat of fascism and war.

The People's Assembly has launched its People's Charter 2025... to demonstrate that all these crises have their cause in the economic and political system. PA groups are renewing and stepping up their local work, involving their communities and organisations directly in drawing up such a Charter for every town and village across Britain - demonstrating how these global and national systemic features of capitalism find destructive expression locally... all emanating from the same malign ruling class.

The Charter is designed to be used as an organising tool, not a document to be filed away and brought out for conferences or meetings. It is not just aimed at the current government, but fundamentally a guide for activists and supporters under any government that follows the demands of the wealthiest and most powerful sections of society and refuses to prioritise the needs of the people of Britain for a better life and a safer world.

BILL GREENSHIELDS IS A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLES'S ASSEMBLY



North West Communists take the fight to NATO HQ

EU foreign affairs commissioner Kallas says that the 'free world needs a new leader' channelling the *Financial Times*' Martin Wolf that the 'US is the new enemy of the West.'

Straining to give new life to the European federal project arch Euro-federalists (Starmer included) are seizing the opportunity to establish a multilateral European Defence Fund, waiving EU deficit rules, launching a new cold war in Europe and turbo charging a continental military industrial complex that will suck ever more money and resources from Europe's failing social model.

The first tranche of the armaments binge will be paid for through a cut in the overseas aid budget from 0.5 per cent to 0.3 per cent of GDP. Both USAID, which Trump destroyed, and Britain's overseas aid budget are part humanitarian aid and part the projection of imperial 'soft power' to the Global South.

One calculation of Starmer and Trump, with the West's 'never ending Middle East war and backing for Israel's genocidal war, is that for most people in the developing world this is tainted money.

Starmer now leaves British imperialism exposed. More spent on war preparation to the profit of the arms companies with less spent on the pretence of alleviating global poverty.

The aid budget is a soft target, that fits in with Starmer's overtures to the most bigoted of Reform UK's support. Predictably Tory leader Kemi Badenoch tuned in to target the social welfare budget to fund armaments spending.

America's 'New World Order' is coming to an end. US global dominance is diminishing, despite the enormous armoury of the developed world a host of developing countries sense imperialism's underlying weakness.

The open contempt with which Trump treats his nominal allies is offered without the diplomatic convention which once meant the imperial diktat would be delivered behind closed doors.

In this rapidly changing world there are both old and new threats. Membership of the NATO imperial alliance is an increasing danger to the British people. Our nominally 'independent' nuclear deterrent is controlled by Trump and 'our' domestic arms industry is a joint big business US/UK enterprise.

Some on the left and some in the trade union movement have swallowed the Starmer line and lined up behind the war drive - some with a confused solidarity with the victims of war - but others valuing well paid jobs in arms and aerospace before human lives and destruction. Communists say Britain should quit NATO, junk the missiles and stay clear of the bid to turn Europe into an armed camp itching for war. Give peace a chance!

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THE WOMAN QUESTION

‘A developing consciousness on the woman question today, therefore, must not fail to recognize that the Negro question in the United States prior to, and not equal to, the woman question; that only to the extent that we fight all chauvinist expressions and actions as regards the Negro people and fight for the full equality of the Negro people, can women as a whole advance their struggle for equal rights.’
Claudia Jones 1949 *An End to the Neglect of the Problems of the Negro Woman*

Claudia Jones honoured



Victoria Holmes

Victoria Holmes COMMEMORATION

SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY saw a gathering of comrades and friends to honour Claudia Jones (1915-1964), who is buried to the left of Karl Marx in London’s Highgate Cemetery. Her resting place a fitting tribute to a revolutionary who advanced Marxist theory and practice throughout her life. Her theoretical contributions continue to influence contemporary communist movements, particularly in understanding the intersectionality between national liberation struggles, feminism, and class struggle and emphasizing that the liberation of Black women workers was essential to any successful revolutionary movement.

Claudia Vera Cumberbatch, later known as Claudia Jones, was born in Trinidad in 1915. She immigrated to the United States in 1924, settling in Harlem, where she experienced firsthand the racial discrimination, gender inequality, and economic hardship.

Despite facing significant personal challenges, including a battle with tuberculosis, these experiences shaped her political consciousness. In 1936, she joined the Communist Party USA

(CPUSA), marking the beginning of her formal political activism.

The memorial honoured Claudia Jones, who dedicated her brief but impactful life to the labour and anti-fascist movements, with speakers such as the Communist Party’s Rob Griffiths, Caribbean Labour Solidarity’s Luke Daniels, the BFAWU’s Sarah Wooley and YCL Chair Maise Riley all giving impassioned speeches of the importance of her life. However, it was Dr. Claire Holder’s powerful reading of Claudia’s statement to the US judge who deported her that gripped those attending, with Claudia’s words from 1955 still resonating today.

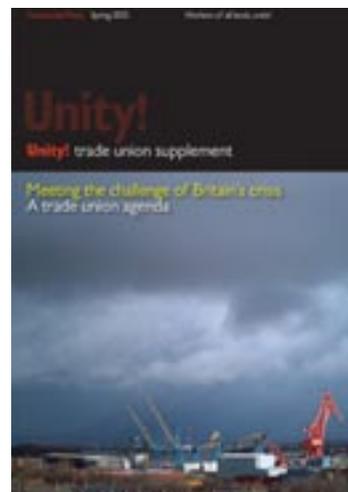
Claudia had been deported to Britain in 1955 after being imprisoned multiple times in the United States for her Communist Party activities, and her staunch opposition to the Jim Crow laws of the era. She was unable to return to her Trinidad birthplace because the then British Colony had refused to accept her. The USA’s loss was the UK communist movement’s gain as in Britain Claudia immediately joined the Communist Party and remained an active member until her death.

Claudia’s accomplishments were vast, as well as her significant achievements in the United States, whilst exiled in Britain, she founded the *West Indian Gazette*, the UK’s first major Black newspaper, and helped establish the Notting Hill Carnival, which remains a powerful cultural expression of anti-racist resistance. She remained actively involved in the international workers’ movement until her untimely death at age 49 in 1964. Her passing was hastened by persistent health issues, which had worsened through the harsh conditions she endured while imprisoned in the US.

Claudia Jones exemplified the revolutionary communist tradition with an unwavering commitment to Marxist-Leninism. She understood that liberation requires dismantling all forms of oppression, and as a skilled orator and organizer, she has left a lasting legacy on modern communist theory and organisation.

Communist Party chair Ruth Styles perhaps best emphasized Jones’s enduring impact when, in summing up the day, she urged people to study Claudia’s speeches, noting that they remain as relevant and inspiring today as when first spoken.

2025 trade union tasks



Victoria Holmes TRADE UNIONS

THE LATEST UNITY! supplement for trade unions, highlights the significant economic, social, and political challenges facing workers in Britain in 2025. The British economy has shown minimal growth, with GDP increasing only 0.1% in late 2024, having remained stagnant since 2022. Comparative analysis with other major economies reveals that British business investment lags, while worker productivity remains notably lower than in the United States, France, and Germany.

The situation extends beyond economic indicators. While substantial resources are increasingly allocated to international military operations, domestic conditions are deteriorating. British citizens are experiencing declining living standards, the death of the high street, and small businesses are facing widespread closures. A sharp increase in wealth disparity has reached concerning levels, with the top 10% controlling 57% of national wealth and the bottom 50% controlling just 4.6%. Additionally, democratic participation has

severely declined, as evidenced by the historically low voter turnout in 2024, with an estimated 8.2 million people left completely disenfranchised due to either not being registered to vote or being wrongly registered.

These challenges stem from multiple systemic factors. Major corporations maintain a primarily international focus, financial institutions wield disproportionate influence, and domestic reinvestment remains insufficient. Productivity growth has stalled, while wealth concentration continues to increase.

The pamphlet proposes the following:

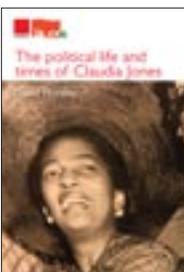
- Pay and conditions campaigns to improve living standards immediately, rather than waiting for Labour action
- Extending the New Deal for Working People and strengthening collective bargaining rights
- A greater emphasis on community organising, particularly in underserved areas, to counter rising far-right influence
- Promoting a radical equality agenda addressing structural inequalities affecting women and minorities
- Advocating for a peace policy opposing the UK’s military interventions and arms exports
- An alternative Economic and Political Strategy to challenge monopolies and promote economic growth

Addressing these challenges requires coordinated action through labour organisations, political engagement, and community initiatives. Meaningful reform necessitates building a United Front to create structural changes in economic and social systems.

The full version of the Unity Trade Union Supplement available at: www.comunistparty.org.uk

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CLASS & IDEOLOGY

'The liberation of the workers can only be the work of the working class itself, it can never accomplish this gigantic and terrible work of history, however, if it is torn in two halves by the sex distinction. As the men and women of the proletariat are united body and soul in their crushing life of misery, so must they also unite a burning hatred of capitalism with a more confident, more daring will to fight for the Revolution. The International Communist Women's Day must not remain only a women's demonstration in any country or town.' **Clara Zetkin** 1922



The origins of International Women's Day



Mary Davis
SISTERHOOD

WITHIN THE last 10-15 years many thousands of women worldwide have begun to recognise and to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD). It is, however, unfortunate that its origins are not more widely known given that its foundation over 100 years ago and subsequent history is truly inspirational.

The motivation for IWD came from two sources: the struggle of working-class women to form trade unions and the fight for women's franchise. These two issues united European women with their sisters in the USA. In 1908 hundreds of women workers in the New York

needle trades demonstrated in Rutgers Square in Manhattan's Lower East Side to form their own union and to demand the right to vote. This historic demonstration took place on March 8th. It led, in the following year to the 'uprising' of 30,000 women shirtwaist makers which resulted in the first permanent trade unions for women workers in the USA.

Meanwhile news of the heroic fight of US women workers reached Europe - in particular it inspired European socialist women who had established, on the initiative of the German socialist feminist, Clara Zetkin (1857-1933), the International Socialist Women's Conference. This latter body met for the first time in 1907 in Stuttgart alongside one of the periodic conferences of the Second International (1889-1914). Three years later in 1910 the Copenhagen Conference of the Second International Clara Zetkin proposed the following motion: '.....the Socialist women of all countries will hold each year a Women's Day, whose foremost purpose it must be to aid the attainment of women's suffrage. This demand must be handled in conjunction with the entire women's question according to Socialist precepts. The Women's Day must have an international character and is to be prepared carefully.'

The motion was carried: March 8th was favoured, although at this stage no formal date was set. Nonetheless IWD was marked by rallies and demonstrations in the US

and many European countries in the years leading to World War One, albeit on different days each year (e.g. March 18th in 1911 in Austria-Hungary, Germany Denmark and Switzerland and the last Sunday in February in the US.)

In 1917 in Russia, International Women's Day acquired great significance - it was the flashpoint for the Russian Revolution. On March 8th (Western calendar) women workers in Petrograd held a mass strike and demonstration (pictured above) demanding Peace and Bread. The strike movement spread from factory to factory and effectively became an insurrection. In 1922, in honour of the women's role on IWD in 1917, Lenin declared that March 8th should be designated officially as women's day. Much later it was a national holiday in the Soviet Union and most of the former socialist countries.

The cold war may explain why it was that a public holiday celebrated by communists, was largely ignored in the West, despite the fact that in 1975 (International Women's Year), the United Nations recognised March 8th as International Women's Day.

Today we acknowledge that IWD gives us an opportunity to draw attention to our own struggles for women's rights, to link this with women's struggles worldwide and to demonstrate international sisterly solidarity with working women everywhere.

However, the socialist feminist origins of IWD should never be forgotten.

WHAT IS CAPITALI



SUPEREXPLOITATION

'The super-exploitation of the Negro woman is thus revealed not only in that she receives, as a woman, less than equal pay for equal work with men, but that the majority of Negro women get less than half the pay of white women... the low scale of earnings of the Negro woman is directly related to her almost complete exclusion from virtually all fields of work except the most menial and underpaid, namely, domestic work'.

Claudia Jones *An End to the Neglect of the Problems of the Negro Woman* 1949



WORK IN ST SOCIETY?

Mary Davis

IDEOLOGY

THE CURRENT debate on prostitution with its accompanying mantra that 'sex work is work' prompts a Marxist analysis of the meaning of 'work' and the payment for it in capitalist society.

In Marxist theory, work (or labour) is a fundamental aspect of human life and social organization. However, its form, function, and meaning change depending on the mode of production. Labour refers to the actual work performed by individuals. It encompasses all forms of productive activity, whether physical or intellectual. Labour is the process through which humans exert their mental and physical efforts to transform raw materials into useful products. However, in contrast to all other economists, Marx makes a key distinction between work (labour) as a natural human activity, and wage labour under capitalism which he terms labour power. In summary, labour is the act of working, while labour power is the capacity to work, which is commodified and sold under capitalism.

Labour power is distinct from the actual labour performed. It is the potential to work, which can be bought and sold in the labour market. Labour power is a commodity and as with all commodities it has a use value and an exchange value. Thus, in a capitalist system, labour power itself becomes a commodity. Workers sell their labour power to capitalists in exchange for wages. This transaction is unique because the commodity being sold (labour power) is inseparable from the worker, and its consumption creates value in the form of commodities – commodity production characterises capitalism. The capitalist purchases the labour power of the worker to extract surplus value, which is the basis of profit in capitalist economies. Because the means of production in capitalist societies is owned by the capitalist, workers who own nothing except their own labour power, are forced to sell this to the capitalist for payment (a wage) in order to survive. A wage is the monetary expression of the value of labour power. The value of labour power (the wage) is determined by the amount of socially necessary labour time required to produce and reproduce the means of

subsistence for the worker. This encompasses food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities that allow the worker to maintain and regenerate their capacity to work and to reproduce the next generation of workers.

This labour power is sold to the owners of the means of production in order to produce commodities. Thus, the labour power of workers results in an external product or service, and their bodies remain their own. In contrast, prostitution involves granting clients direct access to a woman's body for sexual activities, making the body itself central to the transaction. The woman's body, not labour power, becomes the commodity which is sold for a fee and a fee is not the same as a wage. In all forms of class society prostitution commodifies the individual's body in this way, but not as part of the dominant means and mode of production and thereby it bypasses the class relations of production. In capitalist society the relations of production, refer to the social relationships that emerge in the process of producing commodities and this creates a fundamental division between those who own and control the means of production and those who do not. Whilst paid for sex commodifies the woman's body, satisfying male sexual fantasies in the process, it cannot be classified as productive labour. The prostituted sexual abuse of women's bodies is the product and manifestation of women's oppression throughout recorded history irrespective of the mode of production. Prostitution, argued Engels 'degrades the character of the entire male world'

Labour power is central to the process of capital accumulation – the bedrock of which is profit. Profit arises from surplus value. When workers sell their labour power, they work for a certain period to produce value equivalent to their wages; this is known as necessary labour time. However, capitalists require workers to labour beyond this period, generating surplus value: the source of capitalist profit. This additional labour, performed after the necessary labour time, constitutes surplus labour, which is appropriated by capitalists without equivalent compensation. This process is the essence of exploitation – a term which although commonly used to express unfairness, has a precise meaning in Marxist political economy. Exploitation is the surplus labour with creates

surplus value - the source of profit. The cycle of investment, production, and reinvestment drives the growth of capitalist economies. However, it also perpetuates the ever-increasing exploitation of workers, and the super exploitation of women workers, as the quest for greater surplus value leads to intensified labour, longer working hours, and downward pressure on wages. The drive to limit exploitation is the essence of class struggle – the battle between capital and labour. Combating this downward pressure on wages and working conditions is the task of trade unions. They are the organized expression of workers' collective response to exploitation under capitalism.

Whilst it is the case that trade unions have policies on many social and political issues of national and international concern, their primary function remains one of bargaining and representing workers who sell their labour power for a wage. This means that they must challenge those who pay wages – the employers of labour in the public or private sector. This employment relationship does not exist in the case of the self employed or in the case of those women who are forced to sell their bodies for men's sexual gratification.

Women's bodies are not a workplace. This does not mean that trade unions should not have an opinion on the sex for sale business even though it cannot meaningfully intervene in its monetary conduct. On the contrary, as the most extreme expression of patriarchal dominance and women's oppression, trade unions have a duty to oppose the commodification of women's bodies for male pleasure and reject the comfortable illusion that sex work is work freely chosen by women which even in its most 'glamorous' and 'high end' versions never escape associations with violence, threat, risk and danger, illegal activity and online abuse.

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Our illustration is a detail from the mural Labour in struggle, the battle for progress by Paul Butler at the TUC education centre in Crouch End, London N8. The artwork was destroyed by decision of the TUC.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

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WOMEN & SOCIALISM

'Thus, woman will be independent: her education and all other opportunities as those of man. Like him, she, if sound in mind and body (and how the number of women thus will grow!) will have to give her one, two, or three hours of social labour to supply the wants of the community, and therefore of herself. Thereafter she will be free for art or science, or teaching or writing, or amusement in any form. Prostitution will have vanished with the economic conditions that made it, and make it at this hour, a necessity.' **Eleanor Marx and Edward Aveling** 1886 *The Woman Question*

Is decriminalising prostitution progressive?

Attempts to redefine prostitution as 'work' conceal the reality of commercial sexual abuse, Sex "work" is described as the exchange of a range of sexual activities for some form of material compensation but the material goods offered in return are most commonly money, housing and drugs.



Robyn Martin
DECRIMINALISATION

AT THE HEARTLESS centre of the sex industry are sex, class and race-based power imbalances. Most commonly, pimps are wealthy and male, and those most often prostituted are women facing poverty. The problem with calling prostitution *work* is the issue of **consent**. To understand how consent is compelled in the sex industry, we must understand what initially drives women into prostitution.

The sex industry is very **dangerous**. In a nine-country peer-reviewed academic study, which analysed data collected from 854 prostitutes, 73 per cent reported that they had been **physically assaulted**, 64 per cent reported that they had been **threatened with a weapon** and 57 per cent reported that they had been **raped**.

Poverty drives prostitution

Seventy-four per cent of women in Britain who enter the sex trade are in poverty. These women say childcare responsibilities and the cost of living as key motivators for entering sex work.

It is evident that mothers would rather sacrifice their wellbeing than see their child go without food or heating. *Women who face poverty therefore feel more pressure than other groups to join the sex industry.*

Where money and sexual gratification can be plundered from women's bodies, particularly impoverished women's bodies, pimps and punters prey. Where women and mothers are offered a quick, albeit a short-term, escape from poverty, they may feel compelled to say yes.

This shows how the clear power imbalance clouds consent.

It is clear that the sex industry is **sexually exploitative**. Its workforce faces life-threatening and violent risks as routine and more than any other occupation. This has led to a debate on what to do about it. The two solutions discussed within the left are decriminalisation and the Nordic model.

Decriminalisation of the sex industry gives pimps the whip hand

Decriminalisation refers to fully lifting all criminal consequences for those who purchase sex. This implicitly means *pimping*, *grooming gangs* and *trafficking* are seen as mere businesses and *marketing sex* as a legitimate trade. The path to increased exploitation by predatory pimps is smoothed with the legalisation of brothel-keeping.

Decriminalisation allows selling sex to be seen as a legitimate activity. The lack of exit services for those seeking to leave the industry would likely be reduced, making it more difficult for exploited and trafficked women to leave.

Among trade unionists, decriminalisation is often presented as a 'progressive' solution to the problems the sex trade creates. For example, at the 2017 British Medical Association annual meeting a motion calling for the full decriminalisation of the sex industry argued that health would improve

While this idea sounds attractive at first, it misses out on the full implications for those prostituted. With legalisation clients and pimps are more easily able to get away with violence and coercion. The medics saw through the arguments put forward to legalise this exploitation but in the trade union movement woolly thinking about the consequences of decriminalisation persists.

Decriminalisation and the bid to label prostitution as sex work mixes up sexual exploitation and the exploitation of labour power in capitalism.

As shown by the recent 'sex for shifts' scandal at McDonald's, power in the workplace – often male power combined with management and supervisory power – can be very powerful where job security is precarious and employment contracts give few protections.

Under capitalism, profit is the portion of the value created by the worker that the employer retains. The distinctive feature of capitalism is that products, commodities, are produced for the market not an individual.

In capitalism, exploitation – the extraction of surplus value is a process.

Sexual exploitation is personal, the commodity is a woman's body and the pimp holds the power. In prostitution there are no *workers* in the meaningful sense of the word. There are only people

who have been commercially sexually exploited and the pimps who sexually exploit them.

Decriminalisation is especially dangerous for women. It redefines women as sexual objects to be commodified. In the context of trade union organisation on this issue, there can be no wins for women who are sexually exploited via prostitution because there are no *workers* to organise. The only gains which can be made are for pimps and punters.

Nordic model

The Nordic model has been widely acknowledged as successfully limiting the harms of commercial sexual exploitation. This model decriminalises those prostituted and criminalises those who buy sex, while offering effective exit strategies for those who want to escape. Further, it endorses a holistic approach to education and training for wider society on this issue.

Its four-tiered structure has been adopted by several countries including Sweden and France, which have experienced a marked decrease in prostitution.

Women who have been prostituted and therefore victimised should not be prosecuted by the law. Many prostituted women experience isolation, reintegration into society should therefore be the focus – not criminalising them for being forced to sell their bodies.

Offering support and access to exit strategies is crucial. Counselling services, housing and education would enable these women to fully participate in society once exited. This has been proven to reduce incentive to re-enter the sex industry.

Buying sex is criminal

It should be a criminal offence. Consent cannot be given freely when a woman's body is made available through economic or physical coercion.

Prostituted women are exposed to a multitude of harms. The Nordic model is based on changing behaviour and attitudes with all round support offered to prostituted women once justice has been served.

With the Nordic model we can choose the safety, health and livelihoods of women before a pimp's take.

ROBYN MARTIN IS A TRADE UNION ACTIVIST



A woman's body is not a workplace

Aural recording project Inside Outside Scotland is backed by Encompass Network. Women took part in recorded conversations with the Women's Support Project and with Dundee-based photographer Kathryn Rattray to capture their experiences. Included in these excerpts are many accounts detailing the abusive relationship between themselves and the pimps, with a focus on the insecurity of their housing and wage situations.

In some cases the women are even trafficked to Scotland under the threat of their families being attacked at home. In Natasha's story, for example, she explains that she was brought to Scotland and told she could make upwards of £8,000 per month and only paying £250 per week in rent. The tenancy, of course, took place in a two-bedroom flat, alongside seven more girls, all of them sharing a "work" space.

A women's body is not a workplace

Communist Party meeting ahead of the TUC Womens Conference
Hear Mary Davis, Michaela Tracey Ramos and Charlie Weinberg
Chair Liz Payne
Tuesday 4 March 7-8.30pm

Eleanor Marx pictured above was a leading revolutionary socialist, author, translator and a member of the executive of the Gas Workers and General Labourers' Union which became part of the GMB



REFORM & REVOLUTION

‘The final goal of socialism constitutes the only decisive factor distinguishing the social democratic movement from bourgeois democracy and from bourgeois radicalism, the only factor transforming the entire labour movement from a vain effort to repair the capitalist order into a class struggle against this order, for the suppression of this order...’

Rosa Luxemburg *Reform or Revolution 1900*



East of England communists challenge rural inequality and exploitation

Across the East of England, a region home to over 6 million people, citizens are facing unprecedented levels of uncertainty. The decline in local services – transport, healthcare, and welfare, coupled with an assault on living standards and democratic rights – has left many feeling isolated and abandoned.

The Communist Party in the East of England has produced a new, third edition of its programme *Eastern Rising* which includes a call for working-class people to take the lead in reviving local government and democracy, rebuilding community life, and asserting a commanding role in workplaces and companies. This, it argues, is the only way to reverse the region’s decline. Achieving this will require sustained campaigning and mobilisation by unions and local communities, exerting pressure for change both inside and outside local government. The communists reject the notion that rural and smaller market town living should be inferior to urban areas, advocating instead for equality and investment across the region.

Lorraine Douglas, chair of the East of England party, argues for a new tier of regional assembly government. She says such a body should own and utilise major resources for infrastructure projects, including road repairs, homebuilding, retrofitting existing housing, and initiatives to combat coastal and land erosion. “Labour, Conservatives, and Liberal Democrats bear responsibility for the decline and crisis now facing local communities,” she says. “In opposition to this decline, it is necessary to revive a democratic spirit among the people, assert public good over private interests, and establish collectivist democratic government that responds to the needs of the people and involves them at all levels.”

The Communists are the only party demanding a ban on new incinerators, which they describe as “sources of increased traffic, noise, vibration, smoke plumes, flies, and odours for nearby communities.” The programme also

includes bold proposals to combat climate change, soil erosion, and coastal erosion.

In August 2024, East of England Communists launched a ‘Rural Charter’, presented in the five languages most commonly spoken by workers in the food and farming sector. The charter proposes radical changes to food production in the region, including the establishment of cooperative farms and the digitalisation of rural areas to attract new industries. It opposes the growth of mega-farms and the corporatisation of farming at the expense of family-run and cooperative farms.

Linked to the development of a regional assembly is the call for joint work with local government, unions, and the regional TUC to plan and coordinate major infrastructure projects. These projects should aim for new ways of working, with workers taking strategic leadership roles in company decision-making. Key areas of focus include renewable energy, digitalisation, waste disposal, recycling, and food production, all run by an increasingly socialistic public sector. Such publicly-owned associations could redirect profits towards community development rather than allowing them to disappear into offshore accounts controlled by the mega-rich.

Two key concerns highlighted in the programme are housing and peace. The Communists support a mass council-home building programme, with construction workers and design teams directly employed by councils to ensure they become centres of excellence for housing delivery. They also campaign for the removal of nuclear warheads from the Nato/American base at Lakenheath in Suffolk, emphasising that this is not a call to close military bases—which are major

employers in the region—but to convert the skills base to peaceful purposes.

The programme also places women’s issues at the forefront, recognising how poverty, service breakdowns, and societal sexism disproportionately affect women. The party has taken concrete steps to strengthen women’s representation, electing women Communists to leading positions and holding women’s aggregate meetings. They have also collaborated with local *Morning Star* groups to plan the first International Women’s Day meeting in the district for many years.

A united front of those who recognise the need for radical change is possible. Such a front would include revived unions, united trades councils, a powerful cooperative sector, small independent producers, small farmers, revitalised local government, and progressive political forces. It will speak to the people, listen to them, and mobilise them around popular demands. The Communists will play a vital role in making this alliance possible, keeping it focused on the need for working people to take power away from monopolists and big landowners. Those who argue for partnership between the working class and big business betray the interests of our class. We call for an *Eastern Rising* so that power returns to communities, based on the interests of the people.”

The Communist Party’s vision for the East of England is one of radical transformation, placing people and communities at the heart of decision-making and challenging the entrenched inequalities that have left so many behind.

PHIL KATZ IS SECRETARY OF THE EAST OF ENGLAND COMMUNIST PARTY

Phil Katz

RURAL REVOLT

OUTSIDE CITY CENTRES, democratic and community life is in freefall, with child poverty at record levels. Into this void, the far-right Reform UK seeks to exploit the disillusionment of communities long neglected by the Westminster parties. This is a wake-up call to all, especially to trade unionists and progressive-minded citizens.



Simon Brignell

WASTE

THERE IS an explosion in the number of waste incinerator applications in the past few years with eight submitted in the East of England alone.

This is in part incentivised by the Emissions Trading Scheme, a lucrative financial mechanism through which profit from the purchase and sale of emission (carbon) credits, which incineration plants will fall under from 2028.

The Labour government’s so-called war on NIMBYism will lead to a rubber stamping of new incinerator applications, as has already happened with the Woodhurst incinerator near St. Ives, in the name of economic growth.

The commodification of waste emissions

follows the economic logic of state monopoly capitalism. Introducing the instruments of *fictitious capital* produces nothing but fictitious solutions, and of course profit for those who have scant need for it, whilst increasing inequality.

Such ‘solutions’ merely displace environmental issues into the future as economic viability, profit, and greenwashed terminology are the impetus rather than scientific and social reality.

Whatever name it is given, incineration exacerbates climate change and degrades air quality. They are a source of increased traffic, noise, vibration, smoke plumes, flies and odours for the host communities.

According to data from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), for councils with above-average rates of incineration, there is a clear

correlation between higher rates of incineration and lower recycling rates.

The presence of incinerators reduces the incentive to reduce, reuse and recycle and we already face incineration over-capacity.

Scotland and Wales have already banned permits for new incinerators and as a result seen an increase in recycling. Incinerators are three times more likely to be hosted in deprived, ethnically diverse areas.

For this reason communists in the East of England are campaigning for a ban on new waste incinerators and encouraging branches to support local environmental campaigns and community groups to oppose new incinerators by all available means.

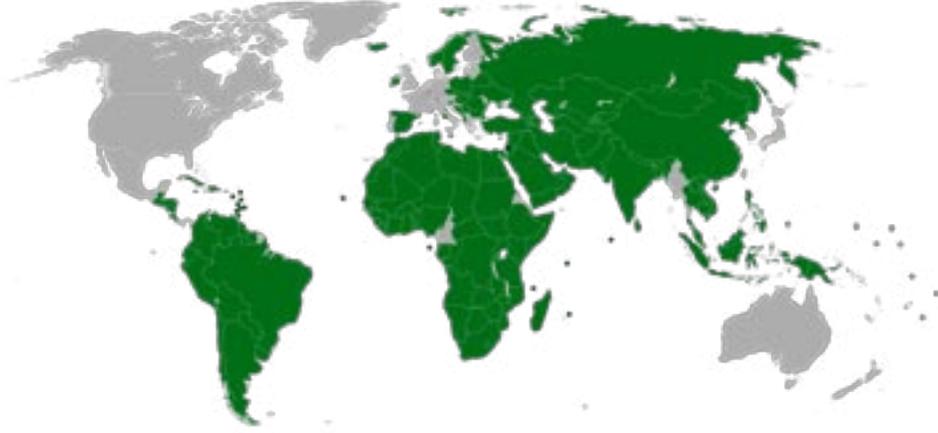
SIMON BRIGNELL IS SECRETARY OF CAMBRIDGE COMMUNIST PARTY



INTERNATIONAL bulletin

Join the annual oration at Karl Marx's grave at Highgate Cemetery, organised by the Marx Memorial Library and the Communist Party, to celebrate the life, work and contribution of one of the greatest thinkers in human history. The event will feature speakers from across Britain's trade union and communist movements as well as international guests. This year's oration will be given by HE Ismara Vargas Walter, Ambassador of Cuba to the United Kingdom and Dr Ashok Dhawale National President, All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) (All India Farmers' Union). Member, Polit Bureau, CPI(M).

Recognise the State of Palestine!



Countries that recognise the State of Palestine

Micaela Tracey-Ramos TWO STATE SOLUTION

DESPITE THE ceasefire Israel has continued the assault on Gaza and escalated the level of violence in the illegally-occupied West Bank.

Two days after the ceasefire, the Israelis launched a military offensive on the northern West Bank. Over 40,000 Palestinians have been displaced from their homes. The Israeli military has said it was expanding the raid in the West Bank to other areas and sending tanks to Jenin refugee camp to force Palestinians from their homes. This is the highest number displaced since the early 2000s. The Israelis later announced that the displaced Palestinians will not be able to return.

Since 7 October 2023, Israel has killed more than 800 West Bank Palestinians with violence increasing. This escalation has support across Israel's political spectrum, with the opposition leader commenting that Netanyahu should send more tanks.

What is next after the ceasefire? Israel uses any excuse to break the terms of the agreement.

The only rational and equitable solution to end the permanent cycle of war is the end to the criminal occupation and end racial apartheid and crimes against civilians alongside the immediate establishment of the State of Palestine, based upon the pre-1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital.

The Israeli ruling class are doing everything they can to undermine and oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian State.

Their ultimate aim is to establish a 'one state' which will be a Greater Israel. It is in this context that any prospect of what some elements of the Palestine solidarity movement call a 'democratic and secular single state' in which both Palestinians and Israelis live side by side is misguided.

The only *single state* solution on the table right now, is a militarised Greater Israel.

The priority is to step up solidarity actions by unions and in the community with boycott, divestment and sanctions pitted against Israel's ethnic cleansing.

With diplomatic and material support for Israel, intelligence cooperation and RAF sorties flown from Cyprus ending British complicity in the genocide is our responsibility.

The demand is for an end to arms trade with Israel. The Labour government's refusal to recognise the State of Palestine denies the inalienable right to the Palestinian people's for self-determination and sovereignty.

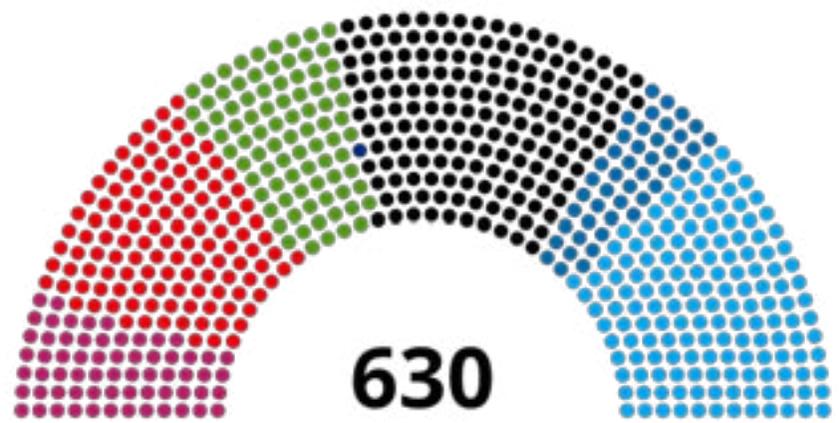
The British government has a historic, as well as present day responsibility for the present role that Israel takes in the region and for the genocide and oppression of the Palestinian people.

With the Israeli attempt to erase Palestine – physical, political and legal – it is time to recognise Palestine. How can Labour talk about a lasting peace when they only recognise one of the parties involved. British recognition of Palestine would send a clear message to the Israeli government and Israeli settlers stealing Palestinian land and that they cannot continue to undermine any possibility of a free, independent Palestine. We must call for justice and accountability on the basis of international law for the perpetrators of the genocide in Gaza and for the violence and displacement Palestinians have faced across the whole of Palestine.

Until Palestine is free from apartheid, occupation and Western backed Israeli aggression, then we must not stop taking action. We must not allow for the erasure of the land of Palestine or the Palestinian people. Palestine will live forever.

MICAELA TRACEY-RAMOS HANDLES UNITY'S INTERNATIONAL CONTENT

Neo-liberal coalition looms



Kevan Nelson GERMANY

THE FIGHT FOR peace and against social clear-cutting will not be decided in the Bundestag declared Patrik Köbele the leader of the German Communist Party (DKP) in a party statement on the outcome of the 23 February general election. It is a case of musical chairs in the German parliament with the new Government led by the incoming CDU but the SPD reverting to junior partner to the party of Big Capital. The social democrats with a 16% vote received their lowest national vote since 1887 but remain locked into Government as steadfast supporters of Euro-militarism and German rearmament.

The DKP noted that new chancellor Friedrich Merz (CDU) 'can fall back on the AfD as a reactionary cue-giver, (and) is therefore not expected to face much parliamentary pressure. This makes it all the more important to work on broad alliances for a strong peace and trade union movement on the streets and in the workplace. It is crucial that those who fight for peace in the 'Left' or are among the supporters of the BSW do not allow themselves to be discouraged'.

The German Communists did not contest the 2025 elections as an independent force. In 2021 it had successfully overturned a state ban on DKP participation in the general election. However, the hurdles for smaller parties not represented in the Bundestag are considerable with registration requiring 200 voter signatures per constituency and up to 20,000 for regional party lists. The DKP did not recommend voting for an alternative party but called for a strengthening of the peace and workers movements.

The communists stated that 'the SPD, Greens, CDU/CSU, FDP and AfD are too

united in their goals. It is the grand coalition of the war drive and rearmament, of social devastation and the dismantling of democracy. It is the grand coalition of dividing the population into rich and poor, old and young, men and women, people with and without German passports'.

The DKP also stated that 'none of the competing parties stands for the struggle for a consistent mass movement against war and rearmament, against the dismantling of social welfare and democracy.' A criticism that would not apply to the militantly anti-war and socialist BSW led by Sara Wagenknecht, former leader of Die Linke's Communist Platform. Although the DKP were critical of the BSW's participation in state governments in Brandenburg and Thuringia as well as its bold migrant policy characterised by the communists as divisive. The BSW came agonisingly close to winning over 30 seats in the Bundestag falling just 14000 votes short in an election in which 40 million votes were cast. They surpassed the national vote achieved by Die Linke in the 2021 election and will now regroup based on their strong footholds in the former GDR lander and 6-strong representation in the European Parliament. Die Linke revived by a strong stance on social issues and an infantilised social media appeal to youth is seen as a big winner in the election and will form the left opposition in the Bundestag but not resolutely for peace in Ukraine and anti militarism.

- The Left 64
- SPD Social Democrats 120
- Greens 85
- South Schleswig voters 1
- CDU 164
- CSU 44
- AfD 152

KEVAN NELSON IS THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY



Stop the war and reclaim the Revolution

To the masses of our people: under the fire of both sides of the war, in areas of displacement, in neighboring countries, and among resistance committees; to all national political forces, civil society organizations, armed struggle movements, professional bodies, advocacy groups, and forces for radical change.



Sudanese Communists INITIATIVE

THE DECEMBER Revolution reaffirmed the long-standing truth in Sudanese history—that unity among the people has always been the decisive factor in achieving national victories.

This was evident in the 1956 Independence, the October 1964 uprising, and the April 1985 uprising.

Similarly, the April 15, 2023 war, instigated by the generals of the Security Committee, the Islamic movement, and their allies, is a calculated attempt to dismantle the revolution and obstruct its aspirations for freedom, peace, and justice.

The Sudanese Communist Party, building on the experiences of our people, emphasizes that ending the war and reclaiming the revolution cannot be achieved without widespread grassroots mobilization.

Organizing the masses in displacement areas, both rural and urban, and even in neighboring countries, is essential to building a unified popular base for transformative change.

Call to action

We call on all Sudanese people, especially those in displacement areas—whether in schools, under trees, in the open, or other shelters—to organize themselves according to their circumstances.

We urge them to form committees and determine their demands and position on the war and its parties.

By doing so, they can assert their rightful role as the primary stakeholders in halting the war and advancing the desired transformation.

This call extends to political forces, transitional authorities, and all revolutionary movements, urging them to exhibit courage and honesty by conducting a thorough critique of the failures and errors that have allowed the Security Committee, the Islamic movement, and their allies to dominate the political landscape, culminating in the catastrophic war and its devastating outcomes.

The war's devastating impact

The ongoing war has inflicted immeasurable suffering on the Sudanese people. It has led to widespread death, displacement, destruction of infrastructure, and erosion of resources. This war is not merely a conflict but an existential threat to Sudan's unity, sovereignty, and future.

While its causes are multifaceted, the war represents the culmination of decades of political mismanagement and the deferred task of completing Sudan's independence.

The Sudanese Communist Party views this war as an outcome of both internal failures and the intervention of foreign powers seeking to perpetuate instability for their own gain. The party asserts that the only viable solution lies in the active participation of the Sudanese people in a comprehensive and inclusive grassroots movement.

It is the people who suffer the consequences of this war and who stand to gain the most from its cessation.

Critique of external solutions

The Sudanese Communist Party categorically rejects reliance on external or foreign-mediated solutions as the primary means of addressing the crisis.

History has consistently demonstrated that lasting change must emerge from the will of the people themselves.

While acknowledging the potential role of international and regional efforts, the party emphasizes that such initiatives must support, not replace, the self-determined action of the Sudanese people. True peace and justice can only be achieved through grassroots mobilization and internal reform driven by national interests, not by foreign agendas.

A call for self-reliance and national sovereignty

The party stresses the importance of rejecting dependency on foreign powers and embracing self-reliance as a cornerstone for building a sustainable

and independent nation.

This includes resisting neoliberal economic policies that have entrenched poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment.

Sudan must focus on creating a self-sufficient economy that prioritizes the welfare of its people, invests in infrastructure, and ensures equitable distribution of resources.

Achieving these goals requires rejecting exploitative systems that favor international capital over national progress.

The importance of grassroots movements

Grassroots movements are central to reclaiming the revolution and halting the war. The Sudanese Communist Party calls on all social forces—professional entities, resistance committees, national organizations, and revolutionary groups—to unite in a broad popular front that advocates for peace, justice, and a return to the principles of the December Revolution.

This movement must address the underlying structural issues that perpetuate conflict and instability. It should aim to dismantle the power dynamics that have allowed warlords, foreign interests, and exploitative systems to dominate Sudan's political and economic landscape.

Unity against division and ethnic strife

The party emphasizes the need for the Sudanese people to reject all forms of racial and regional divisions. The current conflict threatens the social fabric of the nation by stoking ethnic tensions and promoting division.

Such strategies serve only to weaken the people's unity and pave the way for further exploitation.

The party calls for collective resistance against these divisive narratives and the mobilization of a unified front that prioritizes national interests over regional or ethnic loyalties. By maintaining unity, the people can effectively resist external meddling and internal opportunism.

Building a Broad Popular Front

The formation of a broad grassroots front is essential to achieving the goals of the revolution.

This front must include all stakeholders—professional bodies, civil society organizations, resistance committees, and armed movements—and work collaboratively to achieve the following:

1 Stopping the War: Mobilizing public pressure to compel warring factions and their foreign allies to cease hostilities.

2 Reclaiming the Revolution: Restoring the revolutionary momentum by addressing its unfulfilled promises and countering efforts to derail its progress.

3 Resisting Exploitation: Opposing external interference and economic exploitation under neoliberal policies that undermine national sovereignty.

This unified movement should also challenge efforts to fragment Sudan into ethnically or regionally based entities, ensuring the preservation of the nation's unity and diversity.

Rejecting parallel governments

The party firmly opposes the establishment of any parallel government structures, as these initiatives aim to further divide Sudan. Such attempts undermine the revolution and open the door for foreign exploitation of the nation's resources.

The Sudanese Communist Party views these parallel governments as a direct threat to national unity and sovereignty.

Instead, the party advocates for grassroots mobilization to create legitimate and inclusive governance structures that reflect the will of the people.

A revolutionary path forward

The party stresses the importance of returning to the foundational documents of the December Revolution, including the charters and political agreements that were signed during its early days.

These documents emphasize the principles of freedom, justice, and peace, and they call for building a democratic state based on equality and the rule of law.

The party urges all revolutionary forces to recommit to these principles and work collectively to achieve the following:

- Restoring the revolution's momentum.
- Building a unified Sudan that embraces all its people, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or region.
- Ensuring accountability for war crimes and human rights violations committed during the conflict.

Addressing the failures of the transitional period

The Sudanese Communist Party recognizes that the transitional period following the December Revolution faced significant challenges and shortcomings.

These failures contributed to the resurgence of authoritarianism and deepened the crisis in Sudan.

Among these challenges were:

1 Abandoning Revolutionary Goals:

Successive transitional governments deviated from the core demands of the revolution—freedom, peace, and justice—by prioritizing power-sharing agreements and elite compromises over meaningful reforms.

2 Weak Democratic Foundations: The transitional authorities failed to establish a strong foundation for democracy, neglecting to separate powers effectively and dismantle the remnants of the previous regime.

3 Economic Mismanagement: Adopting neoliberal economic policies exacerbated poverty, inequality, and reliance on foreign aid, undermining efforts to build a self-sustaining national economy.

4 Human Rights Violations: The suppression of protests and targeting of activists contradicted the principles of the revolution, eroding public trust in the transitional government. **>>>**



REVOLUTIONARY ACTION & IDEAS

'The precondition for the production of surplus value is the transformation of labour power into a commodity. Workers who are free of the means of production and forced to sell their labour power are available on the market to the owner of money only at a particular stage of social development. The consumption of this commodity (labour power) is equivalent to the creation of new value.'

Vitaly Vygodsky *Great Soviet Encyclopedia*

>>> The party calls for a frank and thorough evaluation of these failures, urging all revolutionary forces to learn from the past and avoid repeating the same mistakes.

A Vision for a Democratic Sudan The party envisions a democratic Sudan where:

- Governance is based on the will of the people, with transparent institutions and accountability mechanisms.
- Resources are equitably distributed, ensuring sustainable development and social justice.
- Fundamental rights and freedoms are upheld, and the rule of law prevails.

To achieve this vision, the party emphasizes the importance of:

- 1 Constitutional Reform:** Convening a national constitutional conference to define the principles of governance and establish a framework for democratic rule.
- 2 Empowering the grassroots:** Strengthening the role of resistance committees, professional associations, and civil society organizations in shaping national policies.
- 3 Economic Sovereignty:** Rejecting exploitative international agreements and focusing on building an economy that serves the people's interests.

Ending the war and ensuring accountability

The party stresses that peace cannot be achieved without justice.

It calls for:

- 1 Ceasing Hostilities:** Immediate cessation of all military operations by warring factions.
- 2 Holding Perpetrators Accountable:** Investigating war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other violations, ensuring that all those responsible are brought to justice.
- 3 Rebuilding Trust:** Promoting national reconciliation through truth and justice mechanisms that address grievances and foster unity.

The party also advocates for strong measures to prevent the recurrence of conflict, including the disarmament of militias and the reintegration of armed groups into society.

Steps toward restoring the Revolution

The Sudanese Communist Party proposes the following steps to reclaim the revolution and address the current crisis:

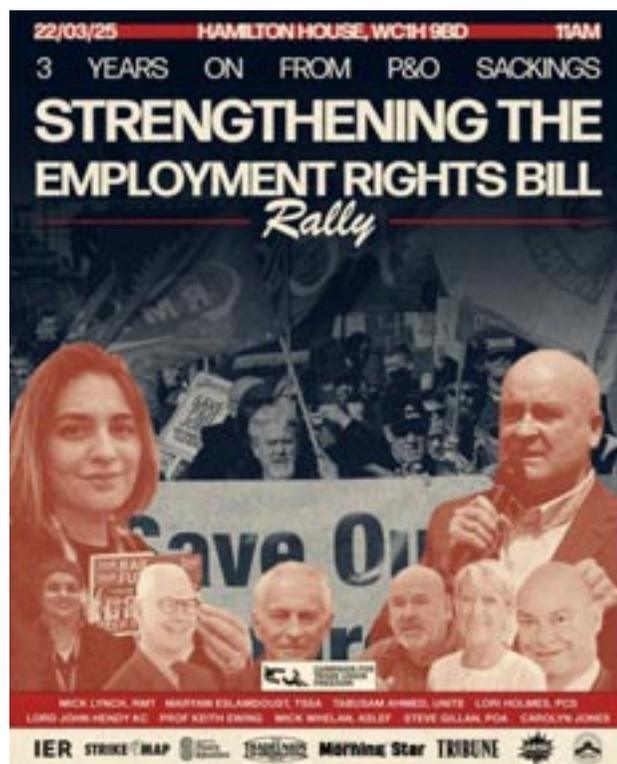
- 1 Reaffirm Revolutionary Charters:** Return to the foundational agreements of the December Revolution and adapt them to address the current challenges.
- 2 Form a Broad National Front:** Unite all revolutionary forces in a coordinated effort to achieve peace, justice, and democracy.
- 3 Organize a National Transitional Government:** Establish an inclusive government with representatives from all revolutionary groups, free from partisan or regional biases.
- 4 Prepare for Elections:** Lay the groundwork for free and fair elections that reflect the will of the people and mark the transition to a stable democratic state.

Conclusion

The Sudanese Communist Party remains steadfast in its commitment to the principles of the December Revolution.

It calls on all Sudanese people, revolutionary forces, and grassroots organizations to unite in the struggle for peace, justice, and democracy.

Only through collective action and unwavering determination can Sudan overcome its current challenges and achieve a brighter future.



MORNING STAR READERS & SUPPORTERS GROUPS IN NORFOLK & SUFFOLK, ESSEX, CAMBRIDGESHIRE & MILTON KEYNES INVITE YOU TO A MEETING ON 8 MARCH - IWD DAY

WOMEN IN DANGER

...from Partners, Pimps and Premiers.

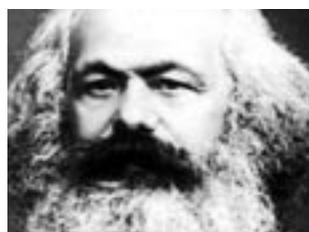
Safety in Socialism!

11-12.30pm READ Morning Star for registration details.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

JENNIE DELLOW - Refuge Worker and Rape Crisis counsellor
PHOEBE - Young Communist League - on why sex work is not work.
PEACE SPEAKER FROM LAKENHEATH PEACE CAMPAIGN

CHAIRIED BY MAISE RILEY Essex MSRSG



MARXISM AND HISTORY: INTRODUCING HISTORICAL MATERIALISM

ONLINE COURSE

Starting Monday, 30 March

EVENTS

Compiled by **Bill Greenshields**

- 6 March Marx Memorial Library (MML) Eleanor Marx event
- 10 March MML Historical Materialism Course
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-course-marxism-and-history-introducing-historical-materialism-tickets-1105602911069
- 10 March Just Stop Oil: "1.5 is Dead. Now What?"
- 11 March TUC Organise Now – Cardiff, S Wales
www.tuc.org.uk/events/organise-now-south-wales
- 12 March GFTU Cuba Solidarity
gftuet.org.uk/courses/solidarity-series-cuba-solidarity-campaign
- 15 March Socialwyr Ceredigion Socialists: Are Things Falling Apart – or is it an opportunity for the left?
- 15 March CND Yorkshire Strategy Day
cnduk.org/events/yorkshire-cnd-strategy-day-3/
- 15 March Association of Indian Communists National Conference, London (venue tbc)
- 16-19 March Cuba Solidarity Campaign: Screen Cuba film festival
- 16 March Marx Oration, Highgate Cemetery
www.marx-memorial-library.org.uk/event/496
- 18 March IER Trump, Populism & Labour Law – lessons for UK
<https://www.ier.org.uk/events/us-labour-law-under-trump-lessons-for-the-uk/>
- 19 March GFTU Union Strategy, the Crisis & Organised Labour
<https://gftuet.org.uk/courses/strategy-series-union-strategy-and-the-crisis-in-organised-labour>
- 19 March TUC Organise Now – Deeside, N Wales
www.tuc.org.uk/events/organise-now-north-wales
- 20 March MML History: Ford Dagenham Women
www.marx-memorial-library.org.uk/event/494
- 21 March SUTR Love Music Hate Racism – Glasgow
www.instagram.com/lovemusichateracism_glasgow/
- 22 March CND: Work for Peace – against nuclear submarine production
- 22 March TUC Young Workers Conference
www.tuc.org.uk/events/tuc-young-workers-conference-2025
- 22 March IER Rally for Employment Rights
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/3-years-on-from-po-sackings-strengthening-the-employment-rights-bill-tickets-1225315895829
- 27 March Marx Memorial Library Decolonising Education
www.marx-memorial-library.org.uk/event/495
- 29 March Stop the War Summit of Resistance – We Demand Change. www.wedemandchange.uk/
- 29 March ARISE Socialism or Barbarism – a Day School
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/socialism-or-barbarism-arise-a-festival-of-left-ideas-dayschool-2025-tickets-1115584656739
- 2 April TUC Pensions Conference
tuc.zohobackstage.com/TUCPensionsConference2025
- 5 April People's Assembly Anti Austerity Demo (in process of organisation)
thepeoplesassembly.org.uk/about/
- 11 April TUC Black Workers Conference
www.tuc.org.uk/events/tuc-black-workers-conference-2025
- 14-26 April CND: Lakenheath Peace Camp
- 16 April GFTU Strategies for Activist Development
gftuet.org.uk/courses/strategy-series-strategies-for-activist-development
- 29-26 April CND: Stop US nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath

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