

# 80th Anniversary of liberation from Facism

**Those without memories have no future**

**Those who do not know their past cannot shape their future**

We stand today at the 80th anniversary of the defeat of German fascism (Hitler's fascism), a regime that plunged the world into war, causing the deaths of tens of millions, leaving millions more wounded and disabled, and bringing about unimaginable destruction. Under 12 years of Nazi rule, six years of brutal warfare claimed nearly 60 million lives, including the systematic extermination of six million Jews. Nazi Germany, the architect of this unprecedented barbarity in human history, was ultimately defeated in 1945, under the leadership of the Soviet Union. With the advance of the Red Army into Berlin, fascism was utterly crushed. Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender marked the final, decisive end to the war. The 8th and 9th of May have since been immortalized as the days of victory over fascism. With the defeat of fascism, the peoples of Eastern Europe, who paid a heavy price, established their people's democracies. Across the world, oppressed peoples and nations fought for their right to self-determination. The victory over fascism inspired oppressed peoples everywhere. To reduce the events of 80 years ago to a mere historical reflection or a simple commemoration would be a grave mistake. Fascism is a regime fundamentally hostile to humanity, born from the heart of imperialism. Even today, it remains the duty of all oppressed peoples to resist not only fascism but also racism, discrimination, and unjust wars. The forces that drove German fascism were rooted in the absolute dominance of the global imperialist system. Imperialist ambitions for market control were pursued through fascist aggression and ruthless political strategies.

Today, we see these same imperialist rivalries and struggles for dominance once again fueling fascist tendencies, giving rise to political figures like Trump. Across Europe, fascist movements are on the rise, their presence visible in every corner of life. Neo-fascist groups are taking to the streets, organizing actions and events in every European country. Under the guise of democracy, fascism is being normalized, with more and more space being opened for fascist forces. Elections across Europe reveal this troubling trend: in Italy, the far-right Meloni has risen to power; in Finland, the True Finns Party has celebrated electoral victories; and extreme right-wing movements are growing in Sweden, Norway, Spain, Austria, and Germany. These movements, with their hateful rhetoric, xenophobia, and racist propaganda, seek to divide societies and incite hostility against immigrants. Fascism reveals its face in many forms and shades, manifesting itself across all areas of life. Throughout Europe, anti-communism and Soviet hostility are being openly promoted, and communist symbols are increasingly being banned.

Today, the wars raging in Ukraine, Gaza, the Middle East, and other regions are the result of the relentless pursuit of profit and exploitation by the capitalist system. This situation drives bourgeois states to become more aggressive and reactionary, creating fertile ground for fascism. Systematic political reaction is being escalated, leading to increased repression and violence against the world's peoples. The contradictions between imperialist powers contain clear signs of a drift towards a new world war. Military budgets are swelling, chauvinism is being stoked, and nations are being set against each other. The imperialist system is once again driving our world towards catastrophe. These are the same bitter truths that history has shown us before. Preventing history from repeating itself depends on the determined struggle of the working class and laboring masses against imperialism, capitalism, and fascism. Without the destruction of the imperialist capitalist system, wars, occupations, and exploitation will never end. By learning from history and refusing to forget the past, we must strengthen our struggle against today's oppressors. The imperialist capitalist system means exploitation, war, and massacres. The true liberation of humanity lies in Revolution and Socialism.

**The true salvation of humanity lies in revolution and socialism !**



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