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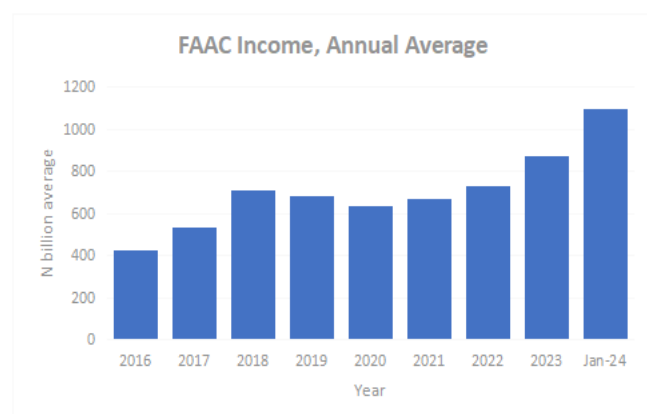
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THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS DUE TO LOOTING

The Accountant General of the Federation recently managed to claim that the “limited nature of government revenue and contending issues requiring attention” prevented the payment of the monthly N35,000 promised to Federal workers. In reality, there is plenty of government revenue, it is just being looted.

The state and Federal governments have more money than they know what to do with. The FAAC Committee recently distributed N1.1 trillion. Last year the governments received more than for any year for a decade, at least. January’s FAAC meeting distributed 25% more than last year’s record average. They could have distributed N1.7 trillion, or well over 50% more, but decided to save this surplus in the Excess Crude Account.

<https://guardian.ng/news/govt-generates-n1-7-trillion-in-dec-shares-n1-1-trillion-among-federating-entities/>



In addition, there is the money claimed to be saved from ending the fuel subsidy. This was said to be over N4 trillion in 2022 and N3.4 trillion in the first half of 2023. This is equivalent to around 15% of the budget for 2024. What happened to all these savings?

The official rate of exchange of the naira to the dollar depreciated from N416 in June last year to over N1,000 towards the end of January 2024. A depreciation of over 150%. This is due to the corrupt elite exporting their loot – without that oil exporting countries have strong currencies. At the same time,

the black market rate was over N1,400. So anyone buying dollars at the official rate of N1,000 can immediately sell them for N1,400, 40% profit – a huge window for corruption.

Every devaluation leads to higher rates of inflation. On the bright side it also provides more money that governments could use to increase the minimum wage or pay the doctors.

NNPC Ltd should have released its Audited Financial Statement (AFS) for 2022 in June 2023. Its excuse was that it had no substantive Board of Directors. This suggests another huge pipe for looting.

A colleague of mine said he would not join a trade union because we say “alooter continua”. I immediately corrected him by saying, “it is Aluta Continua”. He said, “na the same”. I asked him what he meant and he told me, when looted funds are recovered and again looted by those who recovered it, it is alooter continua.

In that sense, Buhari must be a very good “Comrude”. The recovered fund looted under Jonathan were re-looted under him. “Alooter continua, Empty treasury ascerta” (thanks to Abdurashed Rabana).

The head of the Police Pension Board was recently found guilty of looting N23.3 billion. He had to forfeit property worth N325 million and pay N250,000 to avoid prison. So he made a profit of over N22 billion!

The state owned refineries are not working due to looting. The power stations are not working because of looting. Ajeokuta steel mills are not working because of looting. We do not have a decent minimum wage because of looting. We are poor because they are looting. We need to fight with our trade unions for a proper minimum wage to take back some of their loot.

Why are Companies Leaving Nigeria?

The Nigerian stock exchange recently reached a new high of N60 trillion showing the listed companies expect to make record profits. But international companies are leaving Nigeria because of insecurity.

Shell is to sell its onshore oil business in the Niger Delta to a mainly Nigerian consortium, Renaissance. This transaction is still subject to approval by the Federal Government.

In addition, at least 15 multinational companies have either divested or partially closed operations in the country in the last three years. This included GSK, Sanofi, Procter & Gamble, Nampak and Unilever (partial). This could affect the employment of 20,000 workers.

Foreign investments in Nigerian start-ups fell by 66 per cent from \$1.2bn in 2022 to only \$410m in 2023. In 2022 Nigeria was the top African country for such investment. In 2023 it fell to fourth place after Kenya, Egypt, and South Africa. But the four countries still received nearly 90% of such investment in 2023.

This is completely undermining the President’s objective of developing the Nigerian economy by attracting foreign multinationals.

Lecturers are leaving Nigeria in droves!
Doctors are leaving.
Lawyers are leaving.
Footballers and other sports professionals are leaving.
But politicians are not leaving. They only go on holidays and return.
Politicians are the most patriotic Nigerians! 🙄🤔🤨

Burkina Faso Military Leader is no Sankara

Since the coup d’état in Burkina Faso, September 30, 2022, Captain Ibrahim Traoré has silenced his opponents one by one. “Burkina Faso is going through one of the darkest periods in its history”. Me Kam, a lawyer was recently kidnapped. Citizen Balai is an organization that the lawyer co-founded and which was the spearhead of the popular uprising of October 2014 which put an end to the power of Blaise Compaoré. They said: “Never in this country has the rule of law as well as the pride and dignity of the people been violated and put to the test as today through threats, punitive requisitions (forced enlistments in the army), kidnappings and kidnappings in all directions”.

Kenya4Palestine Procession Attacked in Nairobi



A procession organised by Kenya4Palestine was attacked in Nairobi on Thursday morning outside the German embassy. Police violently broke-up and disrupted a peaceful demonstration on Thursday morning in Nairobi. The Kenyan state stands condemned for its violation of the Kenyan Constitution.

Rasha Al-Jundi, Marie Aurelia Sabatte, Nick Selby and Julius Kama were arrested and are being held at Kileleshwa Police Station.

The purpose of the protest was to show opposition to the position of the German Government at the International Court of Justice against the genocide of Palestinians by the State of Israel. The police had asked for permission in writing before the protest was held.

<https://www.africanews.com/2024/01/25/kenya-pro-palestine-protesters-targeted-by-police//>

Briefing on Minimum Wage



We all know that trade union members are poorer now than they were 5, 10 or 20 years ago. And yet the corrupt elite have never been richer.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), food prices are now more than 20 times higher than in 1998. To be able to afford the same amount of food as in 1998, and to take into account the increase in the wealth in the country the minimum should now be \$300 (N406,915 the rate of \$1=N1,356.38) a month, and we need

annual increases in future.

The cost of transport has at least doubled in the last six months. As a result, many civil servants in Abuja, for example, are now only going to work three days a week. The price of local rice increased by 73% and the cost of imported rice by 62% in the year to November 2022.

How can workers afford to buy or cook food for their families if the minimum wage is only increased every five years or more according to the existing law?

The President of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Joe Ajaero, says that “implementation of a new national minimum wage is a collective struggle for all and not just organised labour. The recently announced membership of the 2024 Minimum Wage Committee is unbalanced with 24 representatives of capital and only 12 from labour. This shows once again that is only action by the trade unions that will lead to the result that we need.

We need to increase the minimum wage to to \$300 and move to annual increases at least as high as inflation. A detailed briefing is available for free download from:

<https://ivavalleybooks.com/2024/01/02/briefing-on-the-minimum-wage/>

Ali-Must-Go And The Struggles of Nigerian University Students Against Higher Fees- Izielen Agbon

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela

President Tinubu does not share Mandela’s view that education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world. They believe that higher education is a luxury commodity whose price should be determined by the market. They want to raise school fees to the level of private universities. University education will be only for the rich. The Education sector has N2.18-trillion or 7.9% of the 2024 N27.5-trillion-budget compared to 15%-20% of the annual budget as recommended by UNESCO...

Four primary conclusions can be drawn from the examination of the Ali-Must-Go struggle in 1978. First, violence was triggered by the repressive actions of the police and armed forces. Secondly, the Nigerian ruling class was not able to decompose the power of the students, despite the violence and the banning of NUNS. Thirdly, the struggle of the students was for concrete economic self-development (lower fees and more scholarships). Finally, the students mobilised over many months and circulated their struggles among many campuses until it became a national movement. They presented a united front against the federal government. They linked their struggles to that of the urban workers.

For the full article outlining the important lessons for students protesting against the recent hikes in school fees, see:

<https://www.nationalrecord.com.ng/ali-must-go-and-the-struggles-of-nigerian-university-students-against-higher-fees-izielen-agbon/>

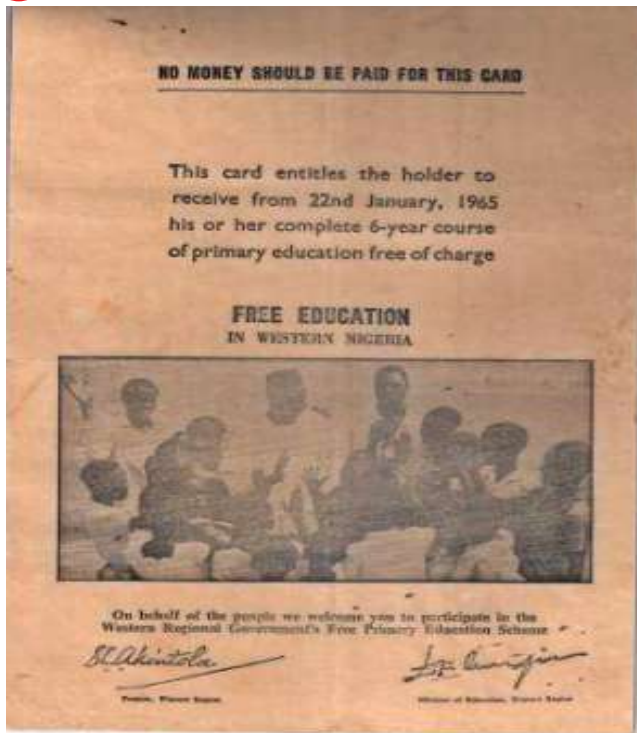
Socialists Believe in Workers Liberating Themselves-BY NEAL MEYER

That workers must liberate themselves rather than rely on top-down liberation is one of the few rules for socialist organizing that Marx and Engels ever laid down. It’s non-negotiable: socialists believe in workers freeing themselves through class struggle.

Neal Meyer develops this idea in the following article:

<https://jacobin.com/2022/01/marx-engels-self-emancipation-working-class-socialism>

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Out of School Children

According to a 2022 report by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Nigeria has over 20 million out-of-school children, the highest in Africa and third globally. But many states are not even bothering to claim money to reduce the number of out of school children:

<https://guardian.ng/news/29-states-fail-to-access-n68b-universal-basic-education-fund/>

Back in 1965 primary education was free – at least in the Western Region.

The Security Forces are Killing Far too Many Innocent People- Tina Ndi

Far from complaining that the military are not doing enough to address insecurity, we should be concerned that they are being encouraged to kill at will. We need far more restrictions against state military intervention. There is no military solution to insecurity – the social issues of poverty and inequality have to be addressed first.

At least 120 people have now died from the two military bomb attacks one Sunday night in the village of Tudun Biri in Kaduna state in early December. But this is not an isolated case, perhaps 30 vigilantes were killed in an air raid in Shiroro Local Government Area, north east Niger State, on 24th January, 2023. The next day around 40 people were killed in an air attack on Rukubi village in the south east of Nasarawa State near the border with Benue.

Barely two weeks after the massacre in Tudun Biri, the Air Force bombed suspected bandits in Niger State after tracking them for hours. On Christmas Eve, the air force was out again bombing six local oil refining sites south of Port Harcourt.

Investigations by the PUNCH newspaper revealed that over 425 people including children and women were killed by Air Force bombing raids between September 2017 and 2023. That is what happens if an air force bombs different parts of the country.

The army also have a shot to kill policy against so called 'terrorists'. During 2023 the military claimed to have killed well over 6,000 'terrorists' – that is 120 people every week. In reality many were probably innocent poor people caught up in events.

We cannot support any calls that encourages further widespread aerial bombing and/or the army's shoot to kill policy. This results in far too many innocent deaths including our comrades, as with the #EndSARS massacres.

Training on Class Struggle Trade Unionism

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation is supporting Organizing for Power to provide some excellent training for trade unions and their local and national leaders. The lead trainer, Jane McAlevey, believes in the need for class struggle trade unionism.

Organizing for Power - Core Fundamentals is a six-week intensive training programme composed of weekly sessions divided into lectures and practice time, plus campaign assignments that organizing groups are expected to complete on their own time. Over these six weeks, you will strengthen your knowledge and practice of leadership. Initial talks are also available from the website. Trade unionists can join the formal training sessions or watch individual talks. Trade unions in each state could use this as part of their training.

Further details are available from: <https://www.rosalux.de/en/o4p>

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Student Loans and Fee Hike

The Government's answer to escalating tuition fees in tertiary education institutions is its proposal for student loans. This pamphlet shows that this is a scam that will still remove tertiary education from the poor masses.

“The students loan policy is based on a lie which is that Nigeria is too poor to fund public education, but this is not true. Nigeria has enough resources to fund public education if these resources are democratically-planned and managed instead of being stolen by the corrupt capitalist elite.”

Six months after Students Loan Act became law not a single student has received a loan!

Beware 419!!

The student loan scam is not working in the US. Why is Tinubu borrowing failed policies?

Even NANS are arguing for fundamental changes to the law.

The pamphlet demolishes the student loan policy as follows:

- (1) It is a gimmick by government to evade its responsibility towards funding of public education
- (2) It is a smokescreen to take public education out of the reach of the poor
- (3) It will transform public education into a business and students into customers
- (4) It has not worked anywhere else
- (5) It will only cater for a minority of the students population
- (6) It will not resolve the problem of access even for the minority of students that are able to obtain it
- (7) It will subject beneficiaries to lifelong indebtedness
- (8) It will lead to mass drop out and decline in enrolment
- (9) It will lead to job loss for education workers
- (10) It is based on false assumptions that Nigeria is too poor to fund public education.

To download this free pamphlet go to the following link: <https://ivavallebooks.com/2024/01/03/10-reasons-why-student-loans-are-a-scam/>

THE LION AND THE JACKALS – WE ARE IN PERIL!-Alpha J. Marshall

The recent Supreme Court judgements affirming all the incumbent governors despite the overwhelming evidence before the Honourable Justices, is a sad omen and a blight on the Judiciary.

The Supreme Court as the highest arbiter of the land, have rendered its pronouncements which are final and binding.

Herein lies the lacuna - the victorious governors are rushing to the President of the Republic - for THANKSGIVING. Why on Earth are the 'excellencies' thankful to the President instead of the Judiciary?

The acclaimed independence of the Judiciary from the other arms of Government is indeed a charade that should not be entertained nor accepted in a saner clime.

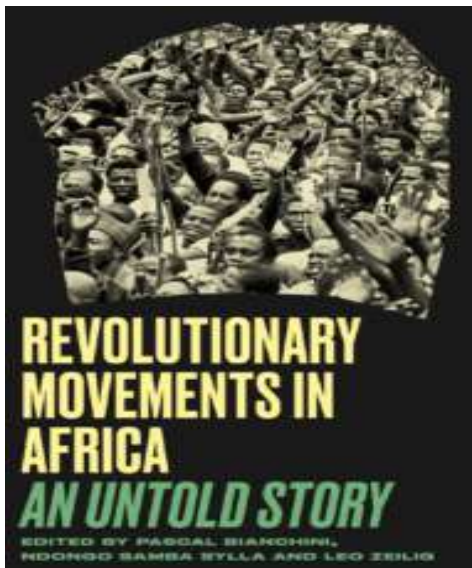
In 2019, after the emergence of the then Senate President and his Deputy - Senator Ahmed Lawan and Senator Ovie Omo-Agege, both men rushed to the Aso Rock Villa to thank the then President of the Republic (Muhamadu Buhari). These actions are inimical to democratic ethos.

These macabre dances by our political class constitutes a nuisance that must not be allowed to continue. Judicial outcomes are tied to “TECHNICALITIES” which does not reflect the wishes and expectations of the People. The political class exploits this lacuna with reckless abandon.

The legal system is akin to a cobweb, the big flies tear through it, while the small flies are caught in it.



BOOK LAUNCH: REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA



Tokunbo Oke reviews *Revolutionary Movements in Africa* a book that looks at the radical left, political movements, and revolutionary struggle across Africa in the 1960s and 1970s. Oke praises a volume that examines the history of revolutionary change in Africa and unpicks the ideas and projects that have attempted to transform the continent.

The review of the book by Tokunbo Ike is available from:

<https://roape.net/2024/01/16/africa-thirsting-for-ideas/>

The recording of the Socialist Labour public meeting towards the end of January on the above topic is now available from:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/iXNK8mewR-DWIeeh5ZErqhFCUqGz6uhZpfcS-tU6LCU5rbzoY-JuCHwN89zsW57Gl.27SE-S3ttZd9NvFM>

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We Demand the End of Sanctions Against Niger

The five months of sanctions have had a heavy impact on the lives of Nigeriens: inflation has exploded, many basic necessities cannot be found... In terms of food, the economies of the area are also interconnected: coastal countries supply themselves in cereals from Niger while Niamey depends on exports of agricultural products to neighboring markets, according to World Bank figures.

Maintaining sanctions against Niger could also slow down the commissioning of the 2,000 km oil pipeline linking the Agadem oil field to the port of Sème, in Benin. The infrastructure is to give a new boost to both economies by transporting around 90,000 barrels per day for the international market, the junta said at its inauguration in November. An unprecedented commercial exchange for Niamey, which could represent up to 13.6 billion dollars (12.36 billion euros), according to the World Bank.

Trade unions in Nigeria should be demanding an end to the sanctions against the people of Niger. We should also demand for an early end to military rule in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali and Niger.

Sahel Coup Regimes' Propaganda Undermined by Increased Insecurity

The ruling juntas of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger have formed an alliance to jointly wage war 'against terrorism,' a field in which they have so far done no better than the governments they overthrew.

More than 210 people have been killed in armed attacks in Niger since General Abdourahamane Tchiani's putsch on July 26; 4,100 in Burkina Faso since Captain Ibrahim Traoré's own putsch in September 2022; and almost 5,000 in Mali since the coup d'état in May 2021 that brought Colonel Assimi Goïta to power.

These deaths have brutally contradicted the putschists' propaganda and brought them face to face with their unfulfilled promises.

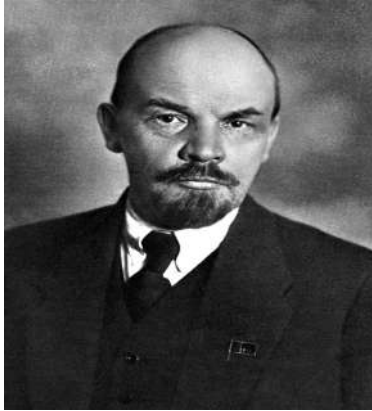
https://www.lemonde.fr/en/international/article/2023/10/11/sahel-coup-regimes-propaganda-undermined-by-an-increase-in-jihadist-attacks_6165024_4.html

We have seen all kinds of revolutionary military coup d'état in Africa. The freedom of grassroot workers and peasants does not lie in the path of military coups as in Niger or in other African nations. The masses must liberate themselves by fighting for their own interests with their own organizations. They should not depend on the coercive institutional arms of the ruling class, such as the armed forces. The armed forces are not a revolutionary institution and even when led by a progressive leader, any gain is easily wiped out by an assassination of the leader by imperialist and domestic counter revolutionary forces as was the case with Thomas Sankara in Burkina Faso. Izielen Agbon

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International Lenin Conference, 22-23rd January, 2014

Learning from Lenin today -By Abiodun Olamosu



One hundred years since Lenin's death, Abiodun Olamosu describes the impact that Lenin had on his own political development. As the pre-eminent organiser of the Russian revolution, Lenin helped to determine the course of Olamosu's life. Olamosu explores the development of Lenin's work and legacy. He regards Stalin's rise to power, and the Soviet Union, as an abomination to the body of ideas of Marxism and socialist internationalism.

<https://roape.net/2024/01/21/learning-from-lenin-today/>

Solidarity Message from NLC President, Joe Ajaero

Solidarity messages were presented from a range of organisations, including the Nigeria Labour Congress. Joe Ajaero, its president said "It is clear that without the work of Lenin and his group, all the beautiful Marxian postulations may not have found traction in real world economy..." He went on to say: "Leninism's emphasis on the class struggle and the need for a revolutionary vanguard to address the concerns of the working class remains relevant. In the face of transnational corporations and global economic disparities, Leninist ideas encourage us to scrutinise power structures and advocate for social justice." He added: "The Leninist lens, with its focus on imperialism and the exploitation of the working class, remains a potent tool for analyzing the root causes of social inequality. The concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few is a challenge that transcends borders, and Leninist principles encourage us to explore collective solutions that address the systemic issues underlying global disparities." He concluded by saying: "I invite all of us as we prepare to negotiate the national minimum wage this year not to see it as a struggle for the NLC and TUC but a collective struggle. I request that we all join hands together from the beginning of the negotiation exercise to the end of it and to its ultimate implementation so that we can overcome those who have already made up their minds to pay Nigerians a starvation wage. We seek for a Living Wage and it is only when we work together as comrades that we can achieve this."



<https://www.nationalrecord.com.ng/lenin-centenary-celebration-will-have-meaning-only-if-we-work-together-committed-to-reclaiming-our-nations-civic-space-by-joe-ajaero/>

Lenin Supported Strikes As The Seeds Of Working Class Self-Emancipation

An important paper at the recent International Lenin Conference in Abuja argued that:

"Following on from Marx and Engels, Lenin supported strikes and other forms of working class collective action. He saw these as the seeds of socialism. The confidence that strikes provided to workers made the idea of socialism appear more realistic.

The concentration of workers at the economic heart of the system creates a powerful force capable of overthrowing capitalism and creating a new socialist society based on need rather than profit. This same force can also be used to win immediate concessions."

In 1899 Valdimir Ilyich Lenin wrote:

"Strikes, therefore, teach the workers to unite; they show them that they can struggle against the capitalists only when they are united; strikes teach the workers to think of the struggle of the whole working class against the whole class of factory owners and against the arbitrary, police government. This is the reason that socialists call strikes "a school of war," a school in which the workers learn to make war on their enemies for the liberation of the whole people, of all who labour, from the yoke of government officials and from the yoke of capital."

The full paper is available for free download from: <https://socialistlabour.com.ng/2024/01/25/lenin-supported-strikes-as-the-seeds-of-working-class-self-emancipation/>

POVERTY AND INSECURITY Bashir Bello:



“Revolution is the antidote to African problems.” But what about armed struggles? Firstly conscious revolution is the solid foundation, to take us from where we to where we are going, and address why are we are under-developed? The abundance of natural and human resources means that no continent can survive without Africa, but why are so many Africans so poor? Moving from bad to worse? Any way out comrades?

More ordinary citizens are joining the ranks of kidnappers and bandits. The rising wave of crime has nothing to do with ideology or insurgency. It is the forces of poverty and wanton deprivation that are driven ordinary people into crime. Unless the government provides citizens with employment and decent salaries, every citizen is a potential criminal, with the exception of the 1% within the power bloc and their accomplices. Remember, the late sage Mahatma Gandhi warned that poverty is the highest form of violence. And there is a saying in my native parlance “Maras shi da barawo tunaninsu daya”. Literally this means they have not shared the same thought with the thief.

But why has crime and kidnapping increased recently? Is it not the doubling the price of transport that is forcing so many into abject poverty? A decent minimum wage would be far more effective in reducing crime. Do police really always arrest the guilty? It's usually the poor that rot in prison - innocent or guilty - and they would be the ones dying in execution squads.

Relative Poverty Headcount from 1980 to 2010

Year	Poverty Incidence (%)	Estimated country population (millions)	Number in poverty (millions)
1980	27	65	17
1985	46	75	35
1992	43	92	39
1996	66	102	67
2004	54	126	69
2010	69	163	112
2021	77	215	166

Source National Bureau of Statistics

It's Kicking Off Every Where!

In this talk delivered last September at the Socialism 2023 conference in Chicago, Shireen Akram-Boshar, describes how multiple global crises and revolts signal rising popular rage against the neoliberal capitalist order and argues that as neoliberalism has eviscerated resources for care and social reproduction, feminist insurgency is especially important.

This provides a useful review of the global rise in protests, revolts and insurrections. <https://www.rs21.org.uk/2024/01/06/global-crises-and-global-revolts/>

How Can We Make the Trade Union Movement Stronger?

We need all readers of this Socialist Bulletin to be more active in their local trade union branches. It is this well organised base that can re-invigorate the whole trade union movement, improve democracy and ensure that we start to win our demands.

We need to expand the number of public sector organisations where the trade unions are properly organised. This will give confidence to the private and informal sectors to build more effective trade unions.

Basic state level trade union organisation needs to be improved by checking that the check-off dues are received accurately each month from all the relevant organisations.

If these basic steps are taken then the vitality of the whole trade union movement will be improved and we will all benefit. More details are available from the following pamphlet:

<https://ivavalleybooks.com/2024/01/03/unity-and-solidarity-how-we-can-win-strikes-2/>

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Junta in Niger Republic Expelled the French Forces and Survived

Some people on the left like to claim that the imperialists are all powerful. They say that the local ruling classes and their governments are just puppets. But the military Junta in the Niger Republic forced the French military to leave and to close the French embassy in Niamey. Six months after they coup the Junta appears to be more secure than ever, especially with the release of former president's son in January 2024.

Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world and its Government depended on donors (led by France and the EU) for around 40% of the revenue for its annual budget. Despite this the military Junta was still able to insist that the French soldiers should leave. This troop withdrawal was completed in December 2023, despite the logistic challenges that included a 10-day drive, including desert tracks, to N'djamena, the capital of neighbouring Chad.

The full article is available from:

<https://socialistlabour.com.ng/2024/01/26/niger-republic-junta-threw-out-the-french-army-and-survived/>

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Summary of Workers Strikes - January 2024

We need your assistance to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive. Please submit details of any strikes in your state or community. All these strikes need our support and solidarity. We call on all trade union branches to send messages of support and to organise solidarity visits to any strikes in their localities.

The **Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU)** directed its members to work only two days a week from 19th July. COEASU is demanding a 200 percent increase in the salary of its members.

FCT, primary school teachers, members of the Nigerian Union of Teachers, struck for two weeks from 15 January 26th January. This was over the non-implementation of the 40 per cent Peculiar Allowance and payment of 25 months minimum wage arrears, among other issues. No progress had been made since strike suspended in early October.

Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) members in the **Primary Healthcare Centres of the FCT** started a strike on January 11, 2024, over non-payment of their arrears and other allowances. The strike was suspended on 30th January.

Doctors down tools on 15th January at Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital after an attack on the accident and emergency department

The **drivers of the BRT buses** in Lagos went on strike on 13th January over the non-payment of their December salary (due to have been paid on or before 25th December).

Workers in Ondo State tertiary institutions started strike action on 23rd January over the non-payment of the palliative waged award of N35,000 that was paid to other State workers from November.

Nassarawa resident doctors at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, declared a 72 hour strike from 30th January over the assault of one of their members by a relative of a patient. Other hospital staff joined protests over incessant aggression towards hospital staff.

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Socialist Labour-JOIN US

The economic, environmental and Covid-19 crises show that society is a conflict between two classes: the vast majority who create the wealth, and a tiny minority who profit from our work. Reform attempts have failed: the only solution is a truly democratic socialist society. The corrupt elite will only give up their power if forced to do so. We need a mass democratic movement to bring about socialism. Events, such as Russia in 1917, the January 2012 protests in Nigeria and the mass uprisings in Sudan and Algeria from 2019, begin to show what we need.

For more details of the basic ideas and policies of Socialist Labour see:

www.socialistlabour.com.ng/about-us/

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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KiOyN3OKGBllvtuh0ycDaU>

We would love to receive letters, comments or suggestions from our readers. We want to hear from you with suggestions for articles for our future editions or questions on any articles in this issue. Please contact us via WhatsApp of 0916 693 3998

We especially welcome news about protests and strikes in your community or town.

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Socialist Labour depends on its members and supporters for funds. We need more financial support so that we can be more active, expand and grow. If you are able to make a modest financial contribution that would be really helpful. We would also like all readers of this Bulletin to consider fully joining Socialist Labour by paying monthly subscriptions.

The standard rate is N1,000 a month, with a lower rate of N500 for students or unemployed and N5,000 for higher paid comrades. We can all afford something - every little helps.

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