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The Indo-Pacific Is a Thing

by Mary Beaudoin

“The Indo-Pacific” is something we hear more and more about in political discourse as “Asia Pacific” is phased out by Washington.¹

The vast body of water in the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the land that they surround comprise one of the six regional combatant commands that the earth was divided into by the United States Department of Defense (DoD). The region used to be called Pacific Command (PACOM) until 2018 when U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis announced the name change to include the Indian Ocean.² Sri Lanka journalist Ameen Izzadeen noted that “with the formal announcement of the Indo-Pacific Command, the Indian Ocean region is set to

become a militarized zone where big powers will flex their military muscles sooner or later.” He lamented that “the Indo-Pacific Command is a blow to the Indian Ocean peace zone concept.” India ditched its former policy to “cooperate with the U.S. in the renaming of the Pacific Command, in keeping with its redefined geostrategic objective of containing a rising China . . . India’s new policy is a major shift from its Indira doctrine which was designed to keep the U.S out of the seas surrounding India.”³

“The move further consolidates the U.S. strategy⁴ with making India the lynchpin in containing China,” Izzadeen concluded.

There is evidence in 2023 with the U.S. and India conducting joint military exercises; the U.S. offering to help India develop its own military industrial complex, INDUS-X; and encouraging the purchase of more U.S. weaponry.⁵

Bordering China, which the U.S. considers an adversary, India is in a significant position on the Eurasian continent, and is a rising power on the world stage. Already long a nuclear nation, India landed on the moon last August and this September is hosting the G20 economic summit of the world’s 19 most prosperous countries and the European Union.

Yet India is not entirely in the U.S.



*Extensive line shows China, Mongolia, India, Australia, etc.
within United States Combatant Command of the Indo-Pacific.*

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camp. Although border disputes have caused tension with China, India is a founding member with China of the economic organization BRICS (to which the U.S. does not belong), and it abstained in the UN vote on Ukraine. Further, it is showing its independence from the West with a possible name change from “India” to its pre-colonial Sanskrit “Bharat.” (For purposes of current recognition, “India” will be used here.)

China is naturally concerned about associations forming with India and other countries in its region without its inclusion. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin remarked with cynicism: “In the name of freedom and openness, the U.S. concocted the ‘Indo-Pacific Strategy’ and created political and military confrontation by ganging up with some countries.”

By ganging up, Wenbin is referring to the U.S. “collaboration with allies, partners, and institutions, within the region and beyond it.”⁶

One such partner group, the Quadri-lateral Security Dialogue, most recently met in New Delhi on March 3, 2023, bringing together Quad bros Australia, India, Japan, and the U.S.⁷

There are plenty of reasons for characterizing the Quad as an “Asian NATO,” as has been the case. Japan and Australia attended the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit in Vilnius, Lithuania in July of this year, as did South Korea and New Zealand. NATO released a statement called a “communiqué” on July 11, which included strong anti-Chinese rhetoric: “We are working together to address the systemic challenges posed by the PRC [People’s Republic of China] to Euro-Atlantic security and ensure NATO’s enduring ability to guarantee the defence and

security of Allies.”⁸ Hu Xijin, a commentator in the Chinese daily *Global Times*, ridiculed NATO’s statement for giving “the impression that China is right on the doorstep of the North Atlantic” and needs to “defend Europe” from it, when in reality the North Atlantic is far from China and it is U.S. warships and aircraft that are in the Taiwan Straits and South China Sea.

Speaking for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Mao Ning said, “We always believe that cooperation between countries should conform to the trend of peace and development of the times and should not be confined to exclusive ‘small cliques.’”¹⁰

The Indo-Pacific policy of the U.S. additionally shows plans to “empower the ten-member Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN),” whose largest trading partner is China.

On August 18, at Camp David, President Biden announced another of what China calls “a small clique,” with the interesting-sounding acronym “JAKUS.” It brought together, with the U.S., the current right-wing governments of Japan and South Korea for “trilateral defense collaboration to deliver in the Indo-Pacific region” with pledges of cooperating on weapons and military exercises and actions, the Taiwan Straits, and economic issues such as those around semiconductors used in electronics.¹¹

A point was made that the summit wasn’t “anti-China,” but thou dost protest too much – of course, it was. It’s aimed directly at China in an alliance, led by the U.S., that is at the same time trying to “decouple” from Chinese manufacturing.

The JAKUS summit had been proceeded on July 21 through August 4 by the military exercise, Talisman Sabre “designed to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific.”¹² Even the name is designed to strike terror in the

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hearts of the Chinese, who are obviously the goal of target practice. The confrontational “free and open” idea is an invention of the “rules-based order,” in which the U.S. defines the rules while accumulating allies to take its side against China. Japan, South Korea, the U.S., and other countries (Canada, Fiji, France, Germany, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Tonga) supplied 30,000 personnel and weapons from sea, air, and land in the massive live-fire military exercise in Australia. India, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand acted as observers.

Continuing with another horror show of force in the wide ranging and so-called Indo-Pacific, on August 21 to 31, South Korea and the U.S. conducted Ulchi Freedom Shield. This was a large-scale military training exercise based on an *all-out war* scenario.¹³

And we can't forget these collaborations: AUKUS (Australia, the UK, and U.S.), and the Five Eyes spy ring comprised of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the U.S.

Altogether the building of adversarial alliances and the conducting of massive, aggressive military exercises demonstrate that the U.S. is serious about actually going to war against China. Can we demand an end to our nation's provocations and redirect our resources toward peaceful relations, fair trading, and supplying our country's human needs before it's too late?

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ACTION:

Is there any hope for peace in the region? One place to begin is to end an actual war. An armistice in 1953 stopped the hot war but has kept the Korean peninsula divided and

weaponized ever since. **Korea Peace Now: Women Mobilizing to End War**, a global organization, invites you to take action. **Info at: koreapeacenow.org**

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Save the Boards

by Carol Masters

It was a few weeks after George Floyd's murder. Kendra Zellner-Smith is intentional in her use of the word for what occurred on May 25, 2020 when police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for nine minutes 29 seconds, pressing the life out of him. Zellner-Smith was driving past workers taking down heavy plywood sheets from a boarded-up business. She stopped. "What's going to happen to these?" she asked. The worker shrugged. "My heart dropped. I knew I had to do something."

So began a life-changing mission: to preserve the boards, and their

messages, removed from buildings damaged or threatened during the 2020 uprising following Floyd's death. Zellner-Smith formed a team, used her dad's pickup truck, and began an Instagram account. The movement to keep the Black Lives Matter message alive grew. Today the collection numbers in the hundreds, the messages heart-breaking, sometimes angry, always clear. The murals range from stunning beauty to harsh graffiti.

These boards pictured were exhibited in August at Becketwood, a senior cooperative on West River Parkway, just one of the many

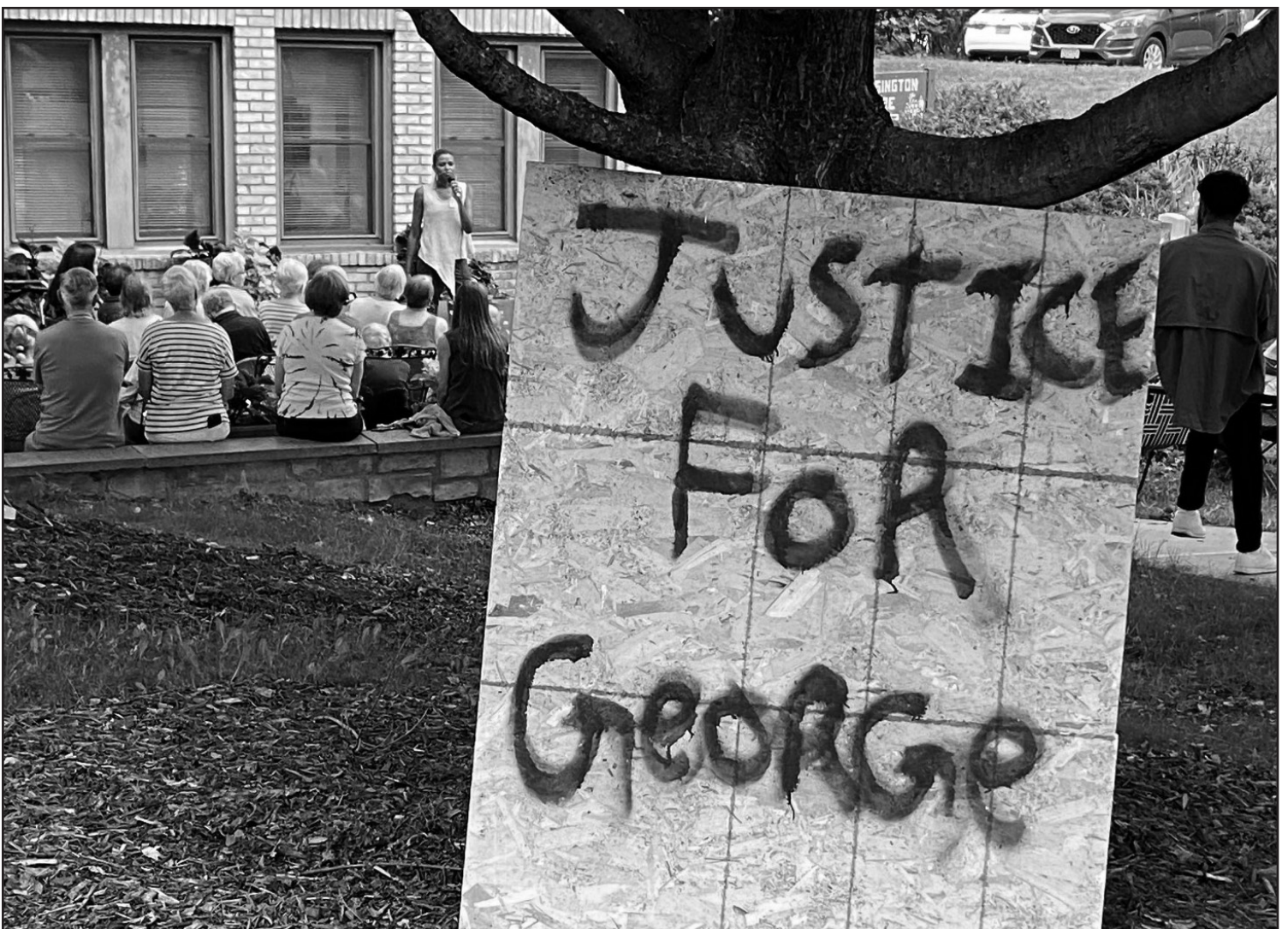
locations where the Boards are being displayed for the public to contemplate. At this event and more to come, the band Brass Solidarity, formed in response to the murder, played.

Carol Masters is a member of the WAMM Newsletter Committee. She participated in the Save the Boards program at Becketwood Cooperative.

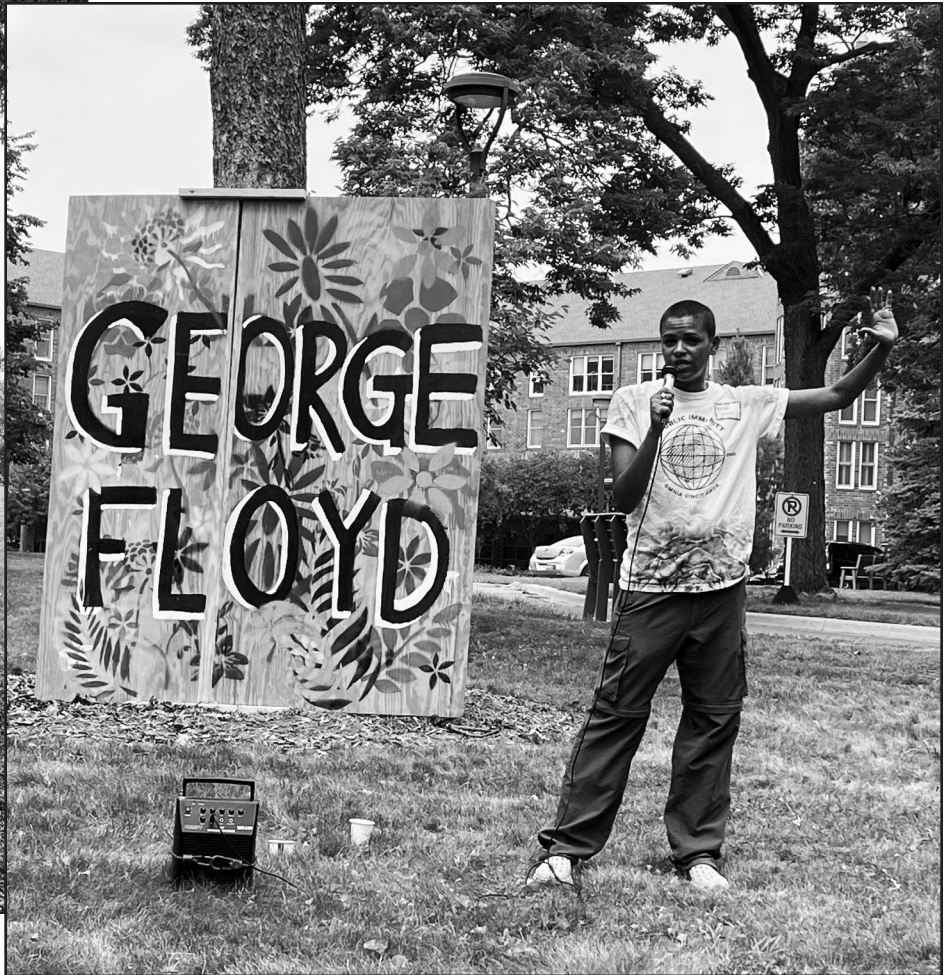
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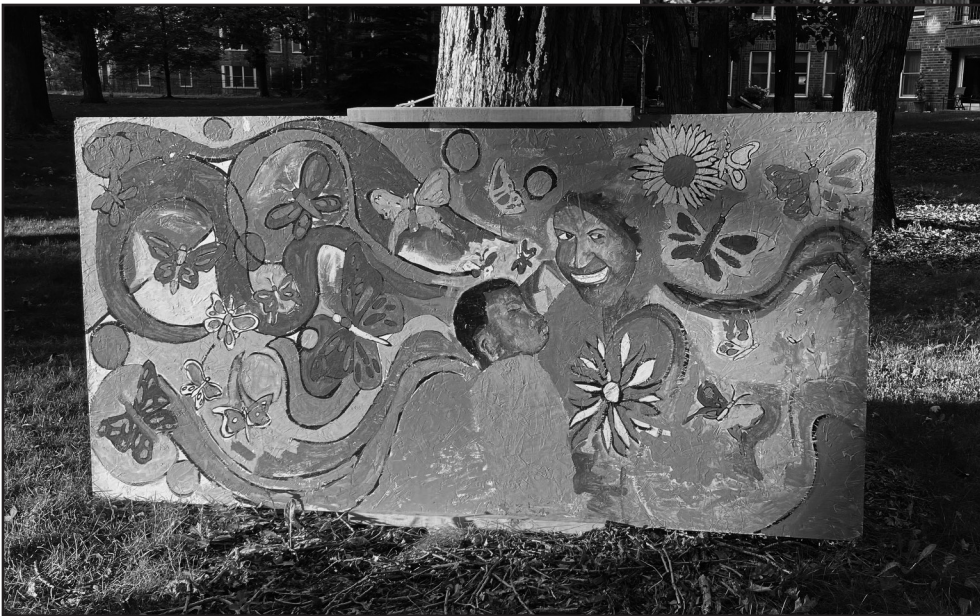
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Kendra Zellner-Smith speaking about the Save the Boards project which exposed the emotions of people in Minneapolis as they spilled out onto plywood boards tacked up to protect store windows or cover damage during the George Floyd uprising.



Photos: Carol Masters



Pakistan: how did Ukraine get into this?

by WAMM Newsletter

The democratically elected president of Pakistan, Imran Khan, was removed from office in April of 2022, by the nation's parliament in a no-confidence vote. His removal resulted in massive street protests throughout Pakistan. He was subsequently banned from running for office for five years and sentenced to prison for three years on what appear to be politically motivated charges.

So why was Khan, the country's most popular political figure, really overthrown?

Apparently, he had displeased Washington by what was characterized as his "aggressively neutral" position on the Ukraine crisis. This was revealed by the online publication *The Intercept*, which exposed the contents of a diplomatic cable (described as a "cypher" for its secrecy) that was leaked to them by an anonymous source. The material vindicates Khan's declaration that he had proof the coup was contrived by the U.S.;¹ he later blamed the Pakistani military, with which he had fallen out, for his arrest.²

The cable gives an account of a March 7, 2022 meeting between Donald Lu, the Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, and Asad Majeed, Pakistan's ambassador to the U.S., in which Lu says, "People here and in Europe are quite concerned about why Pakistan is taking such an aggressively neutral position (on Ukraine) . . ."

Lu goes on to say that Pakistan could expect to be rewarded if there were a no-confidence vote against Khan in the Pakistani parliament. On the other hand, if he remained in office, Lu warned,

Khan could face isolation from the U.S. and Europe, and there could be "tough going ahead." (An actual transcript of the conversation is included with *The Intercept* article.)³

Thus, the U.S. State Department, while going around the world loudly promoting democracy, uses its muscle covertly to instigate another coup abroad and see a foreign head of state deposed – this, against one that had enjoyed wide domestic support, wished to remain nonaligned in foreign policy (on Ukraine, in particular), and was not hostile to the U.S.

The cables show that Khan had raised the ire of the U.S. by making a diplomatic visit to Moscow in February of 2022, in addition to rejecting pressure exerted by U.S. NATO partners to support the war on Ukraine. Speaking before a crowd in Islamabad, he aimed impassioned rhetoric at the Europeans: "Are we your slaves?" and "What do you think of us? That we are your slaves and that we will do whatever you ask of us? We are friends of Russia, and we are also friends of the United States. We are friends of China and Europe. We are not part of any alliance."⁴

Khan's image and mention of his name are now forbidden in Pakistani media.⁵ Along with censorship of journalism and denial of internet access, there has been a brutal crackdown on dissent.⁶

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Depleted Uranium, Cluster Bombs, \$1 Billion More to Ukraine Proxy War

On September 7, U.S. Secretary of State Blinken announced an additional \$1 billion more for the U.S./NATO proxy war with Russia. The U.S. began sending cluster bombs, which cause lost lives and limbs, to Ukraine in July. Now the U.S. is sending depleted uranium, known to cause cancer and birth defects, to Ukraine. *Al Jazeera* reported that "Russia has denounced as inhuman a plan by the United States to provide the Ukrainian military with ammunition containing depleted uranium." Here's the kind of diplomacy our State Department practices: **an inventory of these and other weapons sent by the U.S. in your name: FACT SHEET.** Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. U.S. Security Cooperation with Ukraine. U.S. Department of State. September 8, 2023. tinyurl.com/za6pv4dh

Leave Africa for Africans

by Mary Beaudoin

The July 26 bloodless coup d'état in the African country of Niger was welcomed with jubilant cheers from Nigeriens filling a 30,000-seat sport stadium in support of the newly created National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland¹ who had removed the Western-backed president, Mohamed Bazoum, “due to the deteriorating security situation and bad governance.”

Neighboring countries Mali and Burkina Faso in the Sahel, the vast region south of the Sahara Desert, had conducted their own coups in recent years and pledged their support for the popularly supported junta, as did Guinea, which had also had a coup. Together, these four countries signaled the urgent desire to end neo-colonialism and take back Africa for Africans.

But the 15-member Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS),² whose leaders are favored by Europe and the U.S., responded by leveling sanctions against Niger, sealing off two of its borders, cutting off its electricity, and threatening to intervene militarily if the deposed Bazoum were not reinstated.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, whom we could expect to be a big fan of coups given how instrumental she was in orchestrating one in Ukraine in 2014, flew to the Nigerian capital, Niamey, on August 6. However, this time she was in *opposition* to the coup and on a mission to meet with Bazoum, who was under house arrest, as well as to threaten the junta officers with cutting off “U.S. economic and other kinds of support.”³ She was rebuffed in her efforts to see either Bazoum or Niger’s new leader, General Abdourahmane Tiani.

Nick Turse, a journalist specializing in military matters, found that at least five of the Nigerien junta officers received training within the U.S. from the U.S. military. General Tiani himself had attended a U.S. counter-terrorism program at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.⁴ But that does not mean that soldiers will always act as their patrons wish.

Why was the U.S. training Nigeriens anyway? The U.S. had designated the entire continent of Africa to be under AFRICOM (the U.S. African Combatant Command)



Captain Ibrahim Traoré of Burkina Faso, the charismatic young leader who captures the spirit of a new, liberated Africa.

in 2007. Approximately ten years later, near the small Nigerien community of Agadez, the Air Force built a massive drone base whose stated purpose is to “advance national interests” by “promoting security and stability” and “fighting terrorism.” In reality, this U.S. military installation, known as Niger Air Base 201,⁵ acts as an imperial overseer of Western Africa. It is the second largest U.S. drone base in Africa (after the one in Djibouti, which acts as an overseer of the Horn of Africa). Connor Echols of *Responsible Statecraft* describes the Niger location as the “primary launching point for nearly all of Washington’s intelligence and surveillance operations in West Africa.”⁶



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The U.S. has also been operating a joint mission near the Nigerien capital of Niamey with France, which colonized Niger in the 19th century and agreed to its independence in 1960 – but with major caveats to keep Niger poor and undeveloped. USAFE-AFAFRICA is the catchy simple-minded acronym for the U.S. air component of Africa working together with its European neo-colonial predecessors.⁷ Beyond those currently assigned, more U.S. military have been coming and going on a transitory basis, and the U.S. and the French have also played host to military from other EU countries at their Nigerien bases.

Aside from drones, fighter jets and attack helicopters were among the aircraft that USAFE-AFAFRICA could operate from Niger⁸ – until the July 26 coup felled the government.

We in the West want to know what is being done in our name, but what do the people of Niger think about the foreign forces on their soil? Nigerien-born journalist Constance Ikokwu, speaking August 10 on *Arise News* commented:

The level of terrorism – you know it used to be in the Middle East and so [today] we have the Boko Harams. We have the Al-Shabab and then we have the al-Qaeda that has affiliates in the Maghreb, in North Africa, and in West Africa. And so these countries have been suffering this for many years and that is also why you have the U.S. base there [in Niger] with over 1,000 military men and the



Nigerien-born journalist and Arise News commentator Constance Ikokwu

France base with over 1,000 men, as well.

People are watching not only in Niger, but in all these francophone countries and people are watching and saying why do we have all these bases – it looks like the counter-terrorism fight is not working. They're not winning the fight so there's lots of lies, there is further radicalization, there's economic devastation, there's humanitarian crises . . . You look at all of this and we're so fed up that also there are over 20 countries in Africa that have military bases of foreign countries in them and so there is ongoing awareness . . .

Ikokwu said that the bravado that ECOWAS displayed in issuing their threat to intervene is “because they were speaking for *someone else* . . .” She also posed the rhetorical question, “And by the way, *who* are you fighting for?”⁹

With all the foreign forces and Western-supported proxy politicians in Africa, it is not hard to deduce what Ikokwu was alluding to in general, while much of Niger's justifiable vitriol is currently directed at France for mercilessly exploiting

the resources of its former colonies and keeping them in economic bondage for decades.

When the young charismatic interim president of Burkina Faso spoke at the Russia Africa Summit held in St. Petersburg last July, he captured the spirit of a new Africa, an Africa for Africans liberated from the foreign shackles that would hold them down. Wearing a signature red beret evoking the image of Thomas Sankara, another young populist leader (R.I.P.), and quoting from Algerian Franz Fanon's 1961 book, *The Wretched of the Earth*, Captain Ibrahim Traoré told delegates from 49 African countries, including 17 heads of state [excerpts]:

The questions my generation is asking are the following. If I can summarize, it is that we do not understand how Africa, with so much wealth on our soil, with generous nature, water, sunshine in abundance—how Africa is today the poorest continent. Africa is a hungry continent. And how come there are heads of state all over the world begging? These are the questions we are asking ourselves, and we have no answers so far . . .

My generation also asks me to say that because of this poverty, they are forced to cross the ocean to try to reach Europe. They die in the ocean, but soon they will no longer have to cross, because they will come to our palaces to seek their daily bread.

As far as what concerns Burkina Faso today, for more than eight years we've been confronted with the most barbaric, the most violent form

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of imperialist neo-colonialism. Slavery continues to impose itself on us. Our predecessors taught us one thing: a slave who cannot assume his own revolt does not deserve to be pitied. We do not feel sorry for ourselves, we do not ask anyone to feel sorry for us. The people of Burkina Faso have decided to fight, to fight against terrorism, in order to relaunch their development.¹⁰

Arikana Quao, former African Union ambassador to the U.S. – whose frank and fearless stances against colonialism and imperialism are likely why she was terminated from her position – spoke of the recent coups:

I see what's happening in Niger, in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Guinea very differently. If you look at the previous coups, those were orchestrated by Western powers – the majority, of course, orchestrated by France. The [African] leaders [who] were doing what was best for the people were assassinated. [Today] the people have spoken. The people understand the issues and are standing up to say what is going on is unfair, is unacceptable. It just really makes sense that something has got to give. There's a difference between previous coups and these last four coups, especially the one in Niger. I, personally, even feel uncomfortable calling them coups. You look at a situation where people are basically desperate, where they know they are rich in natural resources, and yet the majority are extremely poor.

How long can that situation be sustained before the people finally wake and rise up? That is what's happening and I would like to call what's happening in these four countries an ideological realignment of their economic, their political, their social values.

At some point, if you look at the situation with the former French colonies, even when a president comes to power there are certain no-go areas that a president must not touch because you may not live to the end of the day – areas like the military, areas like, of course, the finances and reserves that must be deposited with the French treasury, areas of the natural resources – French companies have the first rights . . . the whole thing is so mind-boggling. It is unbelievable that you can have a country like Niger to be the second poorest country in the world and yet all the resources are going to France. Most of Niger is not electrified, while their uranium is electrifying France and Europe. You can take one thing after the other at every level and it's unfair,



Dr. Arikana Quao, former African Union (AU) ambassador to the U.S.

it's unacceptable. I don't know how the Western powers sleep every day knowing the carnage that they are creating in Africa and hope this would go on forever.

The time has come. The children of Africa are now awoken and the world had better listen.¹¹

While the U.S. and other governments may see opportunities with their French cohort banished, Quao wants to see all foreign forces leave and advocates for fair trade instead. We peace and justice loving people in the U.S. agree and want our government to get out of Africa and to stop harming and trying to control and plunder faraway people and places and start providing for the needs of our own people and our own nation which has been impoverished by militarism abroad.

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UPDATE: Global Shifts

NIGER: The U.S. moved its military from its base at Niamey, Niger's capital, to its base near Agadez, and is no longer conducting joint exercises with Nigerien troops.

SYRIA: The U.S. military occupies one-third of Syria and is stealing its oil. Now our government is reigniting war on Syria, attempting to isolate it in the Middle East and control access to the Mediterranean Sea to stop the Belt and Road (New Silk Road trade route) which would connect the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

BRICS: The economic bloc of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa is expanding to include six new countries, rivaling the U.S. dollar-based economy.



Women in Niger bang pots and pans and sweep joyously with brooms in a symbolic demonstration of their support of the liberating junta in Niger. "It's not just the men," they say. Photo: Christian Science Monitor

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WAMM Calendar

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WAMM Ongoing Peace/Justice Vigils

Pipeline Blues Vigil (Stop Line 3)

Every Monday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available on St. Paul side. Brief circle up for announcements after the vigil on St. Paul side. Sponsored by WAMM End War Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Immigration Solidarity Vigil

See "Immigrant Solidarity Vigils" next column.

Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

Vigil at the ICE entrance on 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. (Not far from Bishop Whipple Building where Immigration Court is held.) Park at the Ft. Snelling commuter light-rail parking lot. Sponsored by WAMM. Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.

Vigil at 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, (Minneapolis/St. Paul), 55111, outside the Bishop Whipple Building, where Immigration Court is held for five-state area. Prayer, song, courtwatch. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. FFI: mnicom.org

WAMM Action Groups

Board Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. + hybrid Zoom. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Domestic Militarism

Times/Dates pending. Updates at facebook.com/WAMMEDM. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Military Madness Against the Earth

Time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/ WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444 or Bill 612-926-8459.

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Friday via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

WAMM Ongoing Events

WAMM Monthly Movies

Please note: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance on 42nd Street) Projected on big screen. Free admission. All are welcome. Discussions follows film. No September Movie. *The Movement and the "Madman"* is canceled.

The Sacred Sundance

October 9 (Indigenous People's Day). A journey into North American indigenous spirituality and understanding of the healing power of a tradition. Mi'Kmag director Brian J. Francis.

Special Events

Middle East Peace Now September Forum

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Online: registration link on WAMM's website. "U.S. Policy Toward Israel at a Turning Point," with Mitchell Plitnick, President, ReThinking Foreign Policy. Hosted by Middle East Peace Now (MEPN). Sponsored by Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel and WAMM. FFI: mepn@mepn.org

Camp Ripley 2023 Peace Vigil

Sunday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Open House Day at Camp Ripley, 15000 Minnesota Highway 115, north of Little Falls, MN. Stand outside Camp Ripley with a peace message. Sponsored by Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace (BACP), WAMM, and Veterans for Peace. FFI: WAMM at 612-827-5364

Haiti Justice Committee Political Education Night

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., 3547 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis (Law Offices of De León & Nestor). Join night of political education, Haitian food, and camaraderie in support of the Haitian people and to raise money to support legal training for Haitian women attorneys combatting sexual violence. Hosted by Haiti Justice Committee, Haiti Justice Community (Northfield), Haiti Connection. Sponsored by Anti War Committee, WAMM, Minnesota National Lawyers Guild. FFI: Rebecca at 612-388-2542, rebacramer@gmail.com

Walk For Peace and Justice

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Gather at Brackett Park, 2728 S. 39th Ave, Minneapolis, 55106. Join WAMM to walk across the Lake St./Marshall Ave. bridge. Bring "Peace in Ukraine" signs. Hosted by Friends for a NonViolent World (FNWV), in collaboration with Twin Cities Non-violent (TCNV). Endorsed by WAMM. FFI: WAMM at 612-827-5364

Protest: Unwelcome Lockheed Martin

Thursday, October 12th, 4:30 p.m., Gateway Park, Raymond Ave. and Energy Park Dr., St. Paul, MN. Lockheed Martin is the world's largest military company. It manufactures multiple weapon systems that are routinely used in war crimes around the world. Lockheed Martin is opening a new site in St. Paul. Join us to unwelcome them to the Twin Cities and say no to U.S. militarism! Initiated by MN Peace Action Coalition.

Check the WAMM calendar and zoom links at womenagainstmilitarymadness.org or call the WAMM office: 612-827-5364.



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