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# WHY ARE THERE SO MANY POLICE ON THE BUS?

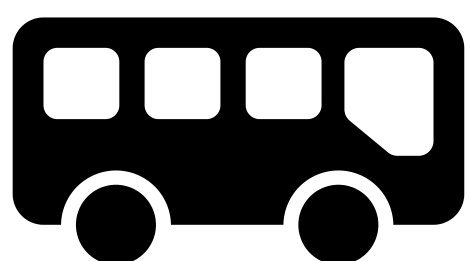
By Comrade Damon

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On the way back from the clinic near my home in Flatbush, I walked past the southbound B44 bus stop. Surrounding it were MTA transit cops, two of which were in the process of fining a young man trying to get a free ride on the select bus. My father, an MTA bus operator himself, says these transit authorities, who wait at bus stops all around the city, trying to catch unsuspecting New Yorkers at SBS bus stops, ready to ask for proof of payment, are referred to as “The Eagle Team”.

The practice of camping outside of SBS stops to shake down riders is not a new phenomena, in fact, I can recall when the Eagle Team was first implemented in my neighborhood sometime around 2016. In an act of communal solidarity, some passengers who got off at stops where there was no Eagle team presence, would hand off their ticket to other riders who had no proof of payment, helping them to avoid the hefty 100 dollar fine.

In a blog post by the MTA in 2023, in which they go into detail regarding the redeployment of Eagle teams around the city, Chief Security Officer Michael Kemper elaborates on the relationship between the MTA and NYPD: “Instilling order is key to safety and the perception of safety, and we are in the process of creating a dedicated NYPD unit to support the MTA and its EAGLE teams to deliver riders quickly and safely to their destinations”. The post also includes a quote from Transport Workers Union President (though at the time of the blog post served as Secretary-Treasurer) John V. Chiarello, who said that there exists a correlation between fare evasion and assault of public transportation: “This initiative is great news for our bus operators, because we know fare evasion and assaults go hand in hand...The EAGLE teams are a welcome sight on our buses, and we believe that this will help deter crime towards the men and women who keep this city moving”.







But law enforcement's role in public transportation does not only end there. If you've ever taken the subway in New York, the NYPD's presence within the station becomes immediately apparent, you or someone you might know might even have had the displeasure of being caught hopping the turnstile and getting the \$100 fine. But, especially in a post lockdown, post BLM protest era, you might've noticed more cops than usual. This is due in part to Eric Adams increasing funding for the NYPD as well as governor Kathy Hochul's initiatives to make the subway "safer". What are these initiatives in question? Well, at the beginning of the year, among promises of increased funding for mental health services for the homeless, as well as increased lighting within stations, Hochul also proposed the addition of even more police. Roughly 750 more NYPD officers in stations (with 300 riding within the train cars), an increase in patrolling from the hours of 9pm to 5 am, and an increase in the number of national guardsmen in subway stations across the city.

Someone, especially those who have a neutral or biased attitude toward policing may be inclined to retort that the increased police presence on our public transportation is a good thing for the city. "What of the woman set on fire by a migrant a couple months ago?" "What about the 'scary homeless person' who was yelling a bit loud on the L train on my way back home?" "Are people just supposed to ride the train or bus for free?" Though fears around safety on public transportation are understandable, we should view the furthering of police presence on the trains and buses we utilize everyday with some concern, especially for POC who reside in lower income areas.

Recently I finished "The New Jim Crow" By Michelle Alexander, in which she argues that mass incarceration has taken the place of segregation (and before that slavery) in regards to being a mechanism by which to subjugate people of color. During the crack epidemic, communities of colors were policed to absurd amounts, and, the usage of crack cocaine netted more severe consequences than powder cocaine. Guided by racial bias as well as federal grants for drug busts, the United States managed to balloon our prison population to the highest in the world, even to this day. Given the history of targeting lower income people of color for incarceration during the drug war, I think it's best to be wary of the different ways in which those same populations may be put under a new form of hyper surveillance and criminalization. Consider this, next time you see the Eagle team, or when you see one too many police officers at a train station, are fears around safety being used to usher in further attempts to push us deeper into a surveillance state?







# **STATEMENT ON INDIA PAKISTAN CONFLICT**

By Lal Morich

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We begin by extending our love, solidarity, and condolences to the people suffering from the recent escalation between the Indian and Pakistani governments. We extend this solidarity and recognition to those who have loved ones on both sides of the Line of Control (LOC). In Kashmir, Jammu, and Punjab, there is a heightened disaster as the brunt of the conflict continues to fall on these areas.

State-led media blackouts from both India and Pakistan make it difficult to determine when military operations are being conducted on occupied land. The distortion of information on social media has helped amplify the call for war from various sections of society. It surprises no one to see these calls for war echoed by the religious fascists on both sides. They are not the only ones war-mongering. The revisionist Communist Party of India, Marxist (CPI-Marxist) has been calling for the militarization of Kashmir since the tragic incident in Pehelgaon on April 22nd. CPI-Marxist continues its barbaric campaign of endorsing the Indian state's use of colonial practices in the region.

Meanwhile, individuals in India speaking up against Operation Sindoor are being taken into police custody. On May 7, journalist Rejaz Sydeek was arrested after Sydeek had condemned Indian government officials calling for an Israel-like solution in Kashmir. In a separate incident, Kashmiri journalist Hilal Mir was arrested for sharing a poem on social media, which, according to the police, portrayed Kashmiris as victims. These arrests are all done by the Indian government in the name of "national security".

"India's Kamikaze drone strike on Pakistan boosts this Israeli stock with an Adani connection"

Shares of Israeli defence firm Elbit Systems surged this week after India deployed SkyStriker kamikaze drones, co-developed with Adani Group's Alpha Design Technologies in a series of precision strikes on Pakistani military targets this week, marking the drones' most prominent role yet in active combat and fuelling investor bets on the future of unmanned warfare."

Whether it is Kashmir, Punjab, or Bastar, India uses aerial drones mainly made by Israeli military companies, making them Israel's largest weapons exporters. Hence, the importance of connecting Palestinian struggle with the people in the subcontinent struggling against colonialism and oppression is essential cause these oppressed nations share a common enemy.







The Bangladeshi diaspora can not limit our understanding to the tragedies done to our people by Pakistan during the 1971 liberation movement. We must understand the last 50 years of history, which includes settler-colonial projects like those waged by the Bangladeshi Military in the Chittagong Hill Tract. We must realize that oppressed nations can also house and oppress other” ethnic groups and nationalities internally. A national independence project is not complete without the sovereignty of its indigenous peoples. This is true of Bangladesh and its inability to demilitarize the CHT, it is true of India and Pakistan’s colonial relationship to Kashmir.

When reactionary wars take place between oppressed nations, the imperialist powers always win. They take advantage of the situation by directly profiting off the war and using internal contradictions to strengthen their own geopolitical position.

The imperialist powers will be happy to sit back and assess the strength of the advanced military equipment they sold to both sides of this conflict. They will see their arsenals tested at the expense of the people of Kashmir, Punjab, Balochistan, and Bastar.

The Kashmiri struggle is a larger international contradiction between different imperialist powers of the world. It’s a reflection of the settler-colonial mentality passed down to neocolonial puppet governments like India and Pakistan. Governments that are happy to replicate the oppressive systems of their imperialist masters, so long as they keep their power. We remain steadfast and unequivocal in our opposition to this war of aggression. We remain firm in our condemnation of the reactionary ruling powers in both India and Pakistan and call for:

**NO TO INDIA-PAKISTAN WAR**

**YES TO SELF-DETERMINATION**

**FREE KASHMIR  
FREE PUNJAB  
FREE BALOCHISTAN  
FREE PALESTINE  
FREE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACT  
FREE TURTLE ISLAND**

**STOP OPERATION SINDOOR, STOP OPERATION BUNYAN  
MARSOOS, STOP OPERATION KAGAR.**

**LONG LIVE NATIONS!  
THE FIGHT FOR  
AZADI, AZADI, AZADI!**







# MIGHTY YEMEN DEFEATS US IMPERIALISM

By Comrade Yoya

Throughout the past weeks, the US has bombed Yemeni cancer research facilities, migrant detention centers, and a water plant that provided clean drinking water to 15,000 Yemenis. Yet, Ansar Allah and the Yemeni people remain completely undeterred in their militant support for Palestine. The resilience of the Yemeni people cannot be understated. One video shows a group of children playing soccer, while bombs go off around them they don't even take a break from their game. Another video shows a Palestine solidarity rally, and while bombs fall in the background, the people are not frightened, instead they raise their fist and chant with strengthened resolve.

Ansar Allah has also claimed immense military victories. From tactical strikes that evaded Israeli and US missile defense systems in "Tel Aviv", to forcing US Aircraft Carriers to make quick and sudden maneuvers, resulting in the loss of three fighter jets that fell overboard with a combined value of at least \$180 million. These military victories, side by side with the Yemeni people's strength and willingness to absorb US aggression have forced the US to call off the attacks.

Even Donald Trump, imperialist pig in chief, had to hand it to the Yemeni people: "You know, we hit them very hard. They had a great capacity to withstand punishment. They took tremendous punishment. You can say there's a lot of bravery there..."

Yemen, one of the poorest, most sanctioned countries in the world, deserve the highest praise, honor, and respect for their undying solidarity with Palestine, and their undeterred fight against imperialism. In the words of Hashem Sharaf al-Din said in a statement: "Yemen's victory represented a major shift in the balance of power in favor of Yemen, which was able to force America to halt its aggression and stop its attacks."

Glory to Yemen, Glory to AnsarAllah.





### COMMUNITY CONTROL

We want community control - by the people, for the people. Indigenous and working class people will collectively determine and lead programs that guarantee all institutions serve the needs of the people. The people should run their schools, hospitals, libraries, houses of worship, housing, parks, transportation, banks, and cooperatives.. True neighborly camaraderie and interdependence can only be built once we have community control. We support land being returned to indigenous people and reject all colonial borders.

### TRUE EDUCATION

We seek to uncover and make known the true violent history and imperialistic nature of the United Snakes of Amerikkka. We are creating educational systems to inspire the people with knowledge and confidence in themselves to push history forward. History is made by the masses - not one great man.

### GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT & INCOME FOR ALL

We demand that the means of production - workspaces, equipment, transportation and production of goods - should be taken from violent capitalist bosses and put into the hands of the people so that they can organize and employ themselves in the ways that are the most beneficial for all. We want a society in which the people reap the full fruit of their labor.

### AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE & HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL

We want affordable and healthy food for all. Food deserts, toxic chemicals, lack of farms to grow on, and the hoarding of food for profit is violence. We organize to feed ourselves and our neighbors to alleviate the effects of this violence inflicted by the Enemy. We encourage stealing from capitalistic, exploitative corporations.

### CLOTHING

We organize to collect and relocate clothing among the community, both to bring attention to the massive excess in production, and to invigorate the community to find ways in which we as a neighborhood can clothe ourselves and support each other in communal ways instead of an individualistic consumerist mindset.

### HOUSING FOR ALL

We want affordable and safe housing for all. We say housing should be taken from the rich landlords and put into the hands of the people. We support rent strikes, squats, and any legal or illegal means to take control of housing for the benefit of the people.

### HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

There should be no barriers to adequate physical and mental healthcare. Medicine and treatment should be free. Doctors should be well trained to recognize and address the systematic inequalities present in today's medical field regarding disability justice, medical racism, and lack of variety in the research subjects. Access to these services and facilities should be widespread and available for all.

### ABOLITION

We are for the complete abolition of the Enemy: the billionaire ruling class, their armed guards (law enforcement, department of corrections, military), landlords, capitalists, any bourgeoisie politicians, and the system of capitalism that enables them. We are for the abolition of the prison industrial complex that enslaves our people, exploits them for little to unpaid labor, and holds our political prisoners behind bars.

### LIBERATION BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

We aim to organize and empower the people to fight by any means necessary against capitalist exploitation so that we may develop a society organized and run for the benefit of the people. Given the webs of violence that the Enemy has built and systemized in order to dominate and oppress the masses, such as mass-produced weapons, surveillance, tactical robots, detention centers, global military control, etc., armed struggle is not only inevitable, but a key component to our collective liberation.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM

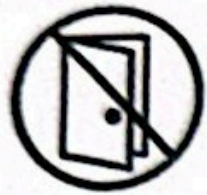
We want a society in which the needs of our people come first, where the peoples of the world are bound by solidarity and mutual well being. We believe these ends will only be achieved using the principles of scientific socialism. A world free from capitalist domination, oppression, and racism where adequate housing, education, food, clothing, healthcare, transportation, utilities, and employment for all are addressed as human rights is not only possible, but inevitable!





## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### IF YOU SUSPECT ICE IS AT YOUR DOOR: WHAT CAN YOU DO?



#### DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR

Ask ICE if they have an arrest warrant SIGNED BY A JUDGE and to slide it under the door.



#### KEEP SILENT

You have the right to remain silent. If an immigration agent confronts you, tell him: "I use my right under the fifth amendment, I have the right to remain silent"



#### DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING

Do not sign anything that the immigration agents give you, or hand over your personal documents (especially your passport.)



#### NOTIFY SOMEONE

Call a loved one or a **trusted lawyer** immediately. You can also call 311 to report it to the city of New York. When you do so, ask to speak to a representative, do NOT call 911.



#### RECORD IT

You or someone present should take photos and / or record videos of everything you see or hear EXCEPT the people at risk. Send footage to yourself, and/or [nycicewatch@gmail.com](mailto:nycicewatch@gmail.com) & (716) 241-1979.



#### MAKE A PLAN

Memorize the phone number of a trusted lawyer or a loved one, give them copies of your identification, and make plans for someone to take care of your children. You can fight your deportation case with a trusted lawyer and maybe get bail. Talk to friends and neighbors and educate them about their rights. Post this by your door and refer to it if needed.

(adapted from United We Dream and Make the Road NY)



### JUDICIAL WARRANT VS. ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT

The 4th Amendment of the Constitution protects against search, seizure, and arrest without probable cause and does not permit police or Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to enter homes without judicial warrants or consent. Judicial warrants can include arrest warrants (to arrest a specific person) or search warrants (to search a home, for example).

**⚠ WARNING:** It is very rare that ICE would be able to obtain a judicial warrant. ICE agents sometimes present a document that says "warrant" on it but is not a judicial warrant. In order to be prepared, here's how to know the difference!

#### Administrative Warrant Does NOT allow ICE entry

1. May have "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" at the top
2. Signed by an ICE agent or supervisor NOT by a judge

#### Judicial Warrant Does allow ICE entry

3. Issued by a court
4. Must have your name and address spelled correctly
5. Must be signed by a JUDGE

**1**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Warrant for Arrest of Aliens

I, the \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_  
has determined that there is probable cause to believe that \_\_\_\_\_  
is in violation of the laws of the United States. This determination is based upon \_\_\_\_\_  
the execution of a search warrant to obtain evidence against the subject.  
The failure to comply with this warrant may result in the subject being \_\_\_\_\_  
detained and removed from the United States. It is the duty of the \_\_\_\_\_  
to ensure that the subject is brought before the court for a hearing on the \_\_\_\_\_  
warrant. The subject is to be held in custody until the hearing is held.

YOU ARE HEREBY WARRANTED TO ARREST the above named person and to take him or her into custody and to bring him or her before the court for a hearing on the warrant.

I hereby certify that the Warrant for Arrest of Aliens was issued by me or \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and the contents of this \_\_\_\_\_  
warrant were read to him or her in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.

**2**

Signature of Agent or Supervisor

Place of Issuance (City and State)

**3**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

For the District of \_\_\_\_\_

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**4**

14 RJ 0396

SEARCHED AND SEIZED WARRANT

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
On: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, a United States District Judge, has issued this warrant to the \_\_\_\_\_  
to search for and seize the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_  
The warrant is issued under the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the United States District Court for the District of \_\_\_\_\_  
The warrant is valid for \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of issuance.

**5**

Signature of Judge

Place of Issuance (City and State)

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