

Peace, Social Justice, The Struggle against War and Militarism: Upholding Black Radical Internationalism

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A wise person said being attacked by one's enemies means you have become effective. Events over the last weekend at the Left Forum in New York City prove the Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) is now seen as a threat, making our 1-year-old organization a target.

It started with an article circulated against BAP's national organizer, Ajamu Baraka, calling him an "Assadist" and a Trump supporter for opposing U.S. imperialist intervention in Syria. The weekend ended with a [demonstration organized by an obscure group](#) during Ajamu's presentation at the closing plenary.

We welcome the attacks because we understand why they would see an independent, politically clear formation like BAP as a threat. But we also know that we need to be ready for even more attacks.

A revolutionary formation that upholds peace, social justice, and the struggle against war and militarism within the context of an anti-imperialist frame is a deep threat. But when you consider the base we are attempting to politicize and organize is African/Black working class-oriented activists and organizers, why, that is just too much for the system to handle.

Here are the recorded livestreams of panels we spoke at:

1. A joint UNAC/BAP panel, ["Stop the Wars at Home and Abroad"](#)
2. A Black Agenda Report panel, ["Russiagate: Muzzling the Black Left and the March to War"](#)
3. ["Venezuela Resists the U.S. Empire: Task Force on the Americas"](#)
4. [Ajamu's statement at Sunday's closing plenary](#)

BAP in Venezuela

BAP member Efia Nwangaza represented BAP as an election observer in the Venezuelan presidential election, which was closely observed around the world as the revolutionary Latin American state faces pressure from the United States to yield to transnational capitalist forces. [Efia reported on her trip last week on a national call.](#)

African Liberation Day

BAP commemorated African Liberation Day on May 25 with a statement demanding the [United States get out of Africa](#). We followed up with a call for the Congressional Black Caucus and leaders of the Poor People's Campaign to [demand AFRICOM be dismantled](#).

Action Teams

We thank our research and Africa teams for meeting and moving the campaign development work forward. If you'd like to join these teams, [apply to be a member or supporter](#).

Research Team:

Work collaboratively with BAP action teams and National Organizer to provide relevant information and analysis related to BAP programmatic work. Team will analyze data and write research findings for BAP public educational and advocacy materials, including policy briefs, blogs, toolkits, petitions and special issue reports. If you are interested, send a message to info@blackallianceforpeace.com with the subject line "Research Team".

Social Media and Communications Team:

Provide support for press and social media work. Coordinate with staff to develop and maintain press list and update press sections of website. Press component of team will assist with producing press releases and pitch BAP actions, spokespersons and events to press, with special emphasis on developing contacts and pitching to alternative press. Social media component of team will gather news links for circulation, work with communications consultant to maintain our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts. If you are interested, send a message to info@blackallianceforpeace.com with the subject line "Social Media and Communications Team".

We are only able to do this revolutionary work with support from anti-imperialist folks like yourself. [Can we count on you to keep building the Black anti-war movement in the United States?](#)

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No retreat.

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