

# War Is a Working Class Issue. Black Alliance for Peace (BAP)

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*Workers from around the world took to the streets on May 1—International Workers’ Day, also known as May Day—to proclaim on their day they were not going to surrender to the logic of capitalist dehumanization and plunder that the ruling class imposes on the peoples of the world.*

Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) joined in by declaring our solidarity with those workers because *we are those workers*. In our statement, we reminded everyone that it is the working class and poor who end up being the cannon fodder for imperialist wars. We repeated once again what is now becoming our slogan: “Not one drop of blood from the working class and poor in defense of the gangsterism of the capitalist ruling class.”

[Read our May Day statement here.](#)

Imperialist wars abroad are linked to capitalist-induced class repression on the stolen, occupied land called the United States. On May Day in 2008, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) proved [labor strikes can stop these attacks on humanity](#).

The people of the U.S. colony of Puerto Rico have suffered since September due to a lack of electricity that is a direct consequence of colonial destruction and austerity measures. On May Day, they faced further violence at the hands of goons who work for the colonial overseer when Puerto Ricans [rightfully expressed their indignation](#) in the streets.

In France, the neoliberal policies of **President Emmanuel Macron** sparked [massive demonstrations](#) on May 1. Thousands of workers poured into the streets in opposition to his support for an even more militarized agenda than what his predecessors had proposed. This includes a plan to re-introduce a military draft.

Meanwhile, people in the Cuban socialist state 90 miles from the U.S. imperial core say they don’t need to demand their rights as workers because they [already have them in place](#).

## **Black Activists Still Imprisoned**

Afro-Colombians fear for the lives of two leaders of the Black Communities Process, or PCN, the main organization defending the collective land rights of descendants of African slaves. **Sara Quiñonez** and her mother, **Tulia Maris Valencia**, were detained on false charges of collaborating with the ELN guerilla group—an allegation that could mark them for assassination. But the PCN is an organization that “promotes peace and peaceful struggle,” said PCN organizer and BAP member **Charo Mina-Rojas**, who called on leftists everywhere

to demand the two women's release during an interview with BAP member **Glen Ford** on [Black Agenda Report Radio](#).

You can find information on how you can support these two freedom fighters [here](#).

### **Upcoming Event**

War, revolution and organizing the Black left is on the agenda for the National Assembly for Black Liberation. We encourage Black left forces to participate. Information on the conference can be found [here](#).

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No retreat.

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