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### SUMMARY

#### G20, IMF

##### » A G20 meeting for naught

by Eric Toussaint and Damien Millet

The G20 summit meeting in London from April 1st onward was loudly announced and publicized. Those 20 industrialized and emergent countries (G20) are meeting to find solutions to the crisis. But long before the end of the summit, it is clear that they will not rise to the challenge. The G20 was not created in order to provide genuine solutions; it was hastily summoned a first time in November 2008 to salvage the powers that be and try and to plug the breaches in capitalism. It is therefore (...)

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##### » The doublespeak of a discredited IMF

by Eric Toussaint and Damien Millet

The international crisis that broke in summer 2008 demolished all the neo-liberal dogmas and exposed the deception behind them. Unable to deny their failure, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund claim they no longer uphold the set of neo-liberal policies known as the Washington Consensus. Yet, discredited though they may be, these two institutions are using the international crisis to return to the limelight. For decades they have enforced the deregulation measures and (...)

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##### » Today's Third World stimulus packages will be tomorrow's odious debts

by Patricia Adams

In the frenzy to resuscitate the failing global economy, the World Bank and IMF are planning to rescue the Third World's poor, whom they describe as the innocent bystanders to a problem that originated in the rich north. "Developing countries face a financing shortfall of \$270-\$700 billion this year," stated the World Bank in its March 8 press release. Agencies such as the Brookings Institution are in support: Declare a "development emergency," it urges. High-income country borrowers will crowd (...)

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#### World Social Forum 2009 in Belem

##### » A New Start with the 2009 WSF

by Eric Toussaint

Some talked about a new start for the movement for another globalization with the World Social Forum in Belem. Do you think this is the case? Since the World Social Forum (WSF) went through difficult moments in 2006, 2007, and 2008, we can really call this 9th edition a new start. It was a huge success in various respects. First it drew a considerable participation, with 133,000, possibly 140,000, registered participants. This is remarkable and makes the Belem WSF one of the most popular. (...)

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» **Water Resources and climate change in MENA region**

by Jawad Moustakbal (ATTAC / CADTM Maroc )

WSF Belem 2009. Intervention of Jawad Moustakbal (ATTAC / CADTM Maroc ) during the panel "Ecological debt and common goods: for the peoples' recovery of control over natural resources"

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» **WSF Belem 2009 - Globalizing Gender Solidarity**

On 29th of January 2009, the fully packed Belem's Rural University gymnasium resounded with gender slogans by women activists when four male presidents of Latin America declared themselves as "feminists". Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, Bolivia's Evo Morales, Ecuador's Rafael Correa and Paraguay's Ferdinand Lugo asserted that "no socialism [is possible] without feminism" adding that they are all true feminists. Nobody doubts the socialist credentials of the four left wing presidents, but few present in the (...)

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## Debate on Socialism

» **Interview with Eric Toussaint**

As he assesses the international crisis and the proposals made by the Left to meet a fast deteriorating global situation, Eric Toussaint distinguishes between two very different kinds of Left that suggest different ways of resolving the interconnected crises of capitalism. One alternative, he explains, is still concerned with socialism and the environment, it proposes a form of ecosocialism, and finds its expression in social movements and struggles to implement anti-capitalist, feminist (...)

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## Economists' conference in Havana

» **Global crisis: the main protagonist**

by Deisy Francis and Susana Lee

The global economic crisis was the main protagonist on the first day of Globalizacion 2009, the 9th International Conference of Economists on Globalization and Development Problems, presided over by First Vice President Jose Ramon Machado Ventura; Dominican President Leonel Fernandez Reyna; Cuban Vice President Esteban Lazo Hernandez; Nobel Laureates in economics Edmund Phelps and Robert Mundell; Roberto Verrier Castro, president of the conference organizing committee, and others. In four (...)

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## South-Asia

» **Bangladesh: our sovereignty is not for sell out to IFI's**

by Equity and Justice

During last couple of weeks in January 2009, there was news coverage in the country's major print media that the representatives of WB and IMF (World Bank and International Monetary Fund) would visit Bangladesh sometime in February to support government in preparing MTBF (Mid Term Budgetary Framework) and also to advice government in the issue.. Meantime the chief of Asian Development Bank visited the country and assured government to provide so called necessary financial support (...)

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» **Pakistan: Movement's victory rekindles faith in just struggle**

by Abdul Khaliq

Two years ago the illegal sacking of Chief judge Iftexhar Chaudhry by the former dictator Gen Musharraf triggered lawyers movement, popularly supported by major political parties in Pakistan. The new US-backed President Asif Ali Zardari also refused to reinstate the judge. But a massive long march of lawyers and political activists on 16 March 2009 forced the PPP government to bow before peoples will, making it agreed to reinstate the judge. History is made. It is a true moment of (...)

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» **A gory video that shook Pakistanis**

by Abdul Khaliq

Taliban at Swat awarded punishment of public flogging about 25 times to men and twice to women during the past two years as they consolidated their control in the valley and established their own courts. The chilling videotape of a 17-year old girl being flogged by Taliban in public, shown by TV channels in Pakistan on April 4, shook the entire country. The inhuman treatment meted out to women in tribal areas of

Pakistan has been a routine and documented often, but this video commands (...)

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