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SUMMARY

Latin América

» The U.S. and its unruly Latin American 'backyard'

by Éric Toussaint

U.S. aggressiveness towards the Venezuelan, Bolivian, and Ecuadorian governments has increased in response to diminishing U.S. influence over the Latin American and Caribbean area, which Washington has been blaming on Hugo Chávez in particular (and also on Cuba, but Cuba is a much older story). Several examples illustrate the United States' waning control. During the negotiations that followed Colombia's attack on Ecuador on 1 March 2008, [1] instead of appealing to the Organization of (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Haiti



International call

» To the governments and organizations gathered in Montreal on the situation in Haiti

The recent tragedy in Haiti shocked the people of the world for its destructive impact, the environmental and social consequences, and especially for the loss of human lives. Unfortunately, natural disasters are not new in that Caribbean country, which was impacted in 2008 by hurricanes Hanna and Ike. Nor is it the first time we have watched the international community make pledges of cooperation and assistance to Haiti. We are concerned, as organizations and social movements, that the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» For Haiti : Honor and respect

by Anne Cauwel

The disaster that struck Haiti has raised an impressive show of solidarity worldwide. This is good: solidarity is the tenderness of the people! And relief is essential, when everything fails to start with the drinking-water, when you cannot even bury the tens of thousands of lives ... and when the chaos caused by the earthquake has added a daily reality already marked by scarcity of drinking water and hunger for the vast majority of Haitian people. But this aid is accompanied by a (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» 'New Haiti,' Same Corporate Interests

by Isabel Macdonald

In the wake of the earthquake that has killed more than 100,000 people in Haiti, the foreign ministers of several countries calling themselves the "Friends of Haiti" met on Monday in Montreal to discuss plans for "building a new Haiti." Participants in the Ministerial Preparatory Conference on Haiti, who included Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; representatives of international financial institutions including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund; and Haitian Prime Minister (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» Analysis of the military deployment in Haiti following the earthquake of 12 January 2010

by Tony Rebecchi

Chronological summary 1914 – The US marines plundered, guns in the hand, the National Bank of Haiti, and transferred the money in the coffers of the Citibank |1| 1915 to 1934 – The US army occupied and exploited Haiti 1934 to 12 January 2010 –Setting up of various puppet-governments 1994 to 1999 – New occupation of the country by the US army 2004 to 12 January 2010 – the military occupation is subcontracted out to a UN mission |2| 12 January 2010 – Catastrophic and destructive (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Social movements



» Call to the Peoples' Alternative Summit, Enlazando Alternativas 4 - Madrid, 14th - 18th May 2010

In May 2010, the Presidents and Heads of State of the European Union (EU), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) will meet in Madrid under the Spanish Presidency of the EU. The "Old Continent", restructured today as the Europe of capital and war, will seek, at this Summit, to push policies and mechanisms favoring finance capital and the big transnational corporations, the plundering of natural resources and the privatization of public services disguised as promises of development. This Summit (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» World Social Forum, ten years on

by Esther Vivas

Since the World Social Forum was launched in June 2000, at the Alternative Social Summit in Geneva, coinciding with the United Nations Assembly on Social Development, ten years have passed. In this decade, the world has changed and the context in which the World Social Forum (WSF) emerged is different to that of today. The WSF was born with the desire to be a meeting point of social movements opposed to neoliberal globalization and express an alternative to the guidelines of the World (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» Japan. Tokyo Social Forum

by Yoko Akimoto

How many participants found that the venue was a historical site where the first declaration of Independence of Korea contributing to March 1 Independence Movement was announced in 1919? Possibly, some, but exactly, the Korean YMCA in JAPAN situated in central Tokyo, also turned out to be a meaningful and significant place to alter-globalization movements in Japan. Participants came in groups of twos or threes from early morning on, finally amounting to approximately 300. The fourteen (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Pakistan

» Peasants, Workers Conference - harbinger of rising labor power in Pakistan

by Abdul Khaliq

Over 30,000 will gather in Faisalabad to uplift workers' cause. The workers of power looms and tenants of military farms, in a much-needed gesture of solidarity, are going to show their labor power in the city of Faisalabad (third largest city of Pakistan with 7 million population) on 29 January 2010. Labor Qaumi (national) Movement (LQM) and Punjab Tenets Committee (AMP) are jointly organizing Workers-Peasants international moot in a situation when Pakistani workers are facing worst (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

THEMATIC ISSUES

» International Debt Observatory (OID)



The International Debt Observatory is born under the impulse of the Committee for the abolition of the Third World Debt (CADTM) and of the Left-wing Economists (EDI, Argentina) on January 28th, 2005 at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The International Debt Observatory is a tool of exchange of knowledge, analyses and research on the problematic of the debt. Its aim is to provide precise analyses in most domains relating to problematic of the debt as well as a unique statistical database to the individuals and the organizations that study the mechanism of the debt and/or act for an alternative to the domination of the most powerful countries of the North. (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» The Debt in figures



A necessary tool to understand the current global crisis, the data collected here by Damien Millet and Eric Toussaint (CADTM) should enable us to make sense of one of the basic reasons for the international situation, as seen from the viewpoint of the global South. From the 1960s to today's global crisis, the international network of the CADTM has constantly kept a critical eye on the world economy and the mechanisms of domination that affect it. Analysing various statistics is essential to identify what is really at stake and to propose suitable alternatives. (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

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