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## **New Today -- 17 December 2014**

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### **Perspective**

#### **[US unions back historic assault on workers' pensions](#)**

Coming on the heels of the Detroit bankruptcy, the pension "reform" passed as part of last week's bipartisan budget resolution will open the floodgates to the gutting of retirement benefits for millions of workers.

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### **News & Analysis**

#### **[British troops returning to Iraq](#)**

Iraq is once again at the center of the imperialist scramble for domination of the Middle East and Eurasia.

#### **[Terrorist attack in Pakistan kills more than 130 children](#)**

#### **[Russian ruble collapses amidst mounting social and political tensions](#)**

#### **[US Supreme Court Justice Scalia says Constitution allows torture](#)**

#### **[Unanswered questions about the Sydney siege](#)**

#### **[Military-style manhunt in Pennsylvania after fatal shooting by Iraq War vet](#)**

#### **[US Department of Justice forces journalist Risen to testify in leak case](#)**

[Mass surveillance ruled legal in UK](#)

[New details emerge on the execution of Clayton Lockett](#)

[German court stops prosecution of SS soldier involved in French war crime](#)

[Xenophobic campaign in Germany leads to burning of refugee homes](#)

[France's Socialist Party pushes free-market deregulation with Macron Law](#)

[Haitian street protests grow as US intervenes in political crisis](#)

[Australia: Senate inquiry whitewashes killing at Papua New Guinea refugee camp](#)

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## Obituary

[Sri Lankan Trotskyist P. V. Nandasena dies at age 71](#)

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## History

[I Want To Live: The memoir of Izrail Agol](#)

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## Arts Review

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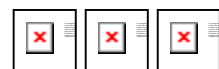
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