

Speech of the Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism (PADS)

International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties

On the occasion of the 108th anniversary of the Great Socialist October Revolution

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Comrades,

Brothers and sisters in struggle,
Delegates of communist and workers' parties from all corners of the world,

In this moment filled with history, as we celebrate the 108th anniversary of the Great Socialist October Revolution, the Algerian Party for Democracy and Socialism extends to you its warmest, most revolutionary and internationalist greetings.

We express our fraternal gratitude to the Communist Party of Greece, the KKE, for its exemplary role in organizing this meeting, which carries within it the collective voice, the fighting memory, and the strategic clarity of the international communist movement.

We are not here to commemorate a simple anniversary.

We are here to reaffirm that the October Revolution remains the greatest revolutionary rupture in human history—an event that opened a new path for humanity: the path of scientific socialism.

The October Revolution reminds us that workers, united under the leadership of a revolutionary party and armed with Marxist-Leninist theory, can not only resist exploitation but also seize power, overthrow the bourgeois state, and build a social order free from capitalist exploitation.

Under the leadership of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party, the Russian popular masses inaugurated the era of real socialism, illuminating through their victory the workers', anti-imperialist, and anti-colonial struggles of the twentieth century, including the heroic struggle of the Algerian people for independence.

Comrades,

Today's global situation reveals a brutal escalation in the confrontation between labor and capital.

Everywhere, governments serving capital impose policies that deepen inequalities, destroy social gains, and inflict suffering on the working class, small farmers, youth, and the popular classes.

Under the pretext of modernization, structural reforms or competitiveness, bourgeois forces impose new forms of austerity. They dispossess workers, dismantle hard-won rights, and stifle any prospect of social progress.

This global offensive requires collective awareness and determined mobilization. The working class, small farmers, youth, and the popular classes must understand that the

international bourgeoisie is waging total war—economic, ideological, and political—against the world of labor.

Faced with this offensive, the lessons of October are not only relevant—they are indispensable.

From Ukraine to the Middle East, from the Sahel to the South China Sea, explosive geopolitical tensions delineate a new phase of imperialist confrontation.

Capitalist powers compete for markets, resources, strategic routes, technologies, and spheres of influence.

These wars are not accidents nor diplomatic miscalculations: they are the direct manifestation of capitalism in its imperialist phase, as Lenin masterfully analyzed. In this context, the conclusions drawn by the Bolsheviks retain absolute strategic relevance:

- A war between capitalist powers cannot be progressive.
- No imperialist camp deserves the support of the working class.
- The working class must follow its own independent line.
- Transforming an imperialist war into a revolutionary struggle is a political necessity.

The Bolsheviks did not only provide analysis—they provided an example of action. They transformed an imperialist war into a victorious proletarian revolution. Today, as inter-imperialist contradictions sharpen, the messages of October illuminate our duty to build a strategy of rupture, organize resistance, and open the way toward the revolutionary transformation of the world.

Today, as in the past, the bourgeoisie attempts to present capitalism as insurmountable and imperialist war as inevitable.

October answers: No!

History can shift when the working class organizes, becomes conscious of its strength, and forges its vanguard party.

The experience of October shows that:

- only the working class can put a lasting end to war;
- only the seizure of power by the workers can resolve the contradictions of capitalism;
- only socialist planning can meet humanity's fundamental needs;
- only the international unity of communist parties can constitute a real counterweight to imperialist coalitions.

The October Revolution (1917) is not limited to a historical event: it is a strategic and symbolic reference for the world's working class. The timely lessons it conveys are not mere commemorative memories; they illuminate our tactical and strategic choices today. These lessons remind us of:

- the importance of centralized political leadership, embodied by the vanguard party capable of guiding the proletariat in times of crisis;
- the necessity of proletarian organization and revolutionary discipline, indispensable for transforming social struggle into political victory;
- the ability to turn crisis situations into opportunities for the proletariat, particularly in the face of imperialist offensives and the wars ravaging the world.

In our contemporary struggle for socialism, these teachings remain essential. The October Revolution is not a simple episode of the past: it is a living guide for present action. It shows that building socialism is a dialectical process—requiring us to draw lessons from history while adapting our methods to current conditions.

Finally, the context of imperialist war, analyzed by Lenin as the highest stage of capitalism, confirms the continued relevance of these lessons. Imperialist war is not an accident: it intensifies the contradictions between capital and labor but also creates objective conditions for proletarian revolution. The struggle for socialism thus unfolds in an international context of conflict, requiring specific strategies: revolutionary defense, international proletarian alliances, and the determined mobilization of the working class.

In this way, the timely lessons of October form a bridge between theory and practice, between historical heritage and contemporary action. They remind us that proletarian revolution is a living process rooted in history yet oriented toward concrete action and the victory of socialism against imperialism.

The history of the communist movement teaches us one truth:
no people is free as long as others are oppressed.

In the Arab world, in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, peoples still live under the yoke of neo-colonial domination:

debt dependence, technological dependence, military bases, resource plunder, and the imposition of destructive economic models.

We also affirm, with clarity and resolve, our total solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian cause is a universal cause—a symbol of global anti-imperialist resistance. The liberation of Palestine is an integral part of the broader struggle for an humanity freed from imperialism and exploitation.

The Algerian people won political independence in 1962 after a deeply anti-imperialist revolution.

But this independence remains unfinished.

The foundations of capitalism were not abolished;
the bourgeois power maintained dependence on the world market and imperialist institutions.

Even today:

- external dependency stifles the economy;
- foreign monopolies control many strategic sectors;
- social inequalities worsen;
- the reactionary ruling classes sabotage any prospect of emancipation.

For Algerian communists, the path is clear:

to resume the course of the democratic and popular revolution in the perspective of socialism.
This implies:

- workers' power, democratically organized in their class organs;
- collective, socialist ownership of the means of production;
- democratic planning of the economy;
- full sovereignty of the people over their resources, orientations, and destiny.

Comrades,

In the face of the moral and historical collapse of capitalism, in the face of imperialist barbarism, in the face of the ecological, economic, and military crises that follow one another, our responsibility is immense.

We must:

- firmly reject all imperialist camps;
- defend the revolutionary heritage of the USSR and real socialism;
- strengthen ties, coordination, and joint action among communist parties;
- struggle against opportunist, revisionist, and reformist distortions;
- prepare the objective and subjective conditions for the socialist revolutions of the 21st century.

Proletarian internationalism is not a slogan.

It is a strategy, a compass, a vital necessity.

The lessons of October are not relics of the past.

They live in every workers' strike, in every popular uprising, in every movement resisting imperialist war, in every daily struggle for dignity.

They remind us that only the conscious, organized working class, armed with Marxism-Leninism, can save humanity from the barbarism to which imperialism condemns it.

On this 108th anniversary of October, we proclaim with confidence and determination:

Long live the immortal spirit of the October Revolution!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

Long live the unity of communist and workers' parties!

Long live the anti-imperialist and socialist struggle!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live the world revolution of the workers!

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