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Benjamín Weyler or Valeriano Netanyahu

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This "good-hearted man" endorsed and supported the start of the most recent Israeli aggression against Iran, which is still ongoing, under the false pretext that Tehran had manufactured an atomic weapon, something the United States already used to invade Iraq. In the photo, Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu, at the White House in 2019. Susan Walsh (AP)

A combination of the first and last names of two of the most notorious criminals of recent times, without forgetting the "merits" of Adolf Hitler and the conspicuous desire to appear on that list of the current US president, Donald Trump, whom a confessed admirer of his, the good Republican and journalist Tucker Carlson, inappropriately and insultingly described as a "good-hearted man."

This "good-hearted man" endorsed and supported the start of the most recent Israeli aggression against Iran, which is still ongoing, under the false pretext that Tehran had manufactured atomic weapons. This was already used by the United States to invade Iraq, and now continued with the bombing and destruction of three nuclear power plants, violating all known and approved international law and leading the world to the danger of a possible war that would destroy humanity.

His foreign minister, Marco Rubio, practically kissed his master's feet, cynically claiming that the world is now safer, while Donald Trump tried to make people believe that Iran would now agree to be manipulated by the West, even though Persian leaders have kept their offensive against Israel, begun their attacks on US bases in the region, and are preparing to close the economic spigot of the Strait of Hormuz.

## **WEAK AND RECKLESS**

But of all the well-deserved arguments against Trump's dangerous boasting, the one offered by Connecticut Democratic Senator Chris Murphy stands out, calling the decision to attack three Iranian nuclear facilities illegal.

"Donald Trump, a weak and dangerously reckless president, has put the United States on the path to a war in the

Middle East that the country does not want, the law does not allow, and our security does not require," the legislator said.

In this regard, he accused the president of knowing "nothing" about history. "History tells us that US arrogance about the effectiveness of military action in the Middle East is almost universally misguided," he noted.

"Trump has been incited to these attacks by the eternal promoters of war in the Middle East: those who know how to start conflicts there, but never know how to end them, and those who benefit—politically and financially—from endless wars," the senator emphasized.

Murphy also asserted that Trump is lying about the alleged threat Iran poses to Washington. "I have been informed by intelligence: there's no evidence that Iran represents an imminent threat to the United States. That makes this attack illegal," he asserted, adding in another message that "Iran was not close to building a nuclear weapon" and "the negotiations that Israel scuppered with its attacks had a chance of success."

Finally, he called on the US Congress to "vote as soon as possible a law that explicitly denies President Trump the authorization to drag the US into a conflict in the Middle East that "could cost the lives of countless human beings."

## **GAZA AND CUBA**

Tel Aviv's aggression against Iran has not stopped for a moment the extermination of Palestinians in Gaza, something that is already extending to the West Bank.

To the 55,000 Ghazni murdered by Zionist barbarity, we must add double the number of bodies still under the rubble, those who perish from wounds that are now impossible to heal, and the hunger that torments those who remain alive, two-thirds of whom are children and women, the criminal entity's main targets.

The majority press, serving imperialism, not only remains silent, but even applauds those who repress those who demonstrate against the massacre of Palestinians, something supported by the majority of the inhabitants of the aggressor nation, ignorant of the multiple international agreements that promote the Jewish and Palestinian states in occupied Palestine.

That same imperialist press, however, took advantage of the excesses of Spanish policy against Cuba to promote, and achieve, US intervention, which skewed the Cuban war of independence and managed to seize not only Cuba, but also the Philippine Islands and the island of Puerto Rico, still a colony, under the pompous and false title of Associated State.

Benjamin Netanyahu's cruelty against the inhabitants of Gaza and the West Bank may be somewhat underestimated compared to what the "Peacemaker" Valeriano Weyler did, who decreed the Reconcentration Act beginning on February 16, 1896, to militarily annihilate the Cuban independence uprising of 1895.

Tens of thousands of Cubans were taken to concentration camps to isolate the insurgents from their natural environment, preventing them from receiving aid. The measure created a complex situation due to the inability to supply food to these populations, whose severely unsanitary conditions led to famines and epidemics, affecting both Spanish soldiers and civilians. Historians of the time described the reconcentration policy as genocidal.

The measure ended in November of the following year with the replacement of Weyler by General Ramón Blanco y Erenas, who arrived with the granting of autonomy to attempt to repair the damage caused, which had cost the lives of between 170,000 and half a million Cubans due to hunger and disease, out of a population of 1.6 million.

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