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Department of Double Standards

Corporations get wrist slaps, the rest of us get handcuffs

No justice for
Boeing victims

By Russell Mokhiber

They call it the Department of Justice.

But a more accurate name would be the Department of Double Standards of Justice.

Major corporations – legal persons – get wrist slapped.

Actual people – living, breathing human beings – get handcuffed.

Let's take two recent cases that are illustrative – Boeing and members of the African People's Socialist Party.

Boeing committed what a federal judge called “the deadliest corporate crime in U.S. history” – leading to the deaths of 346 innocents in two crashes of Boeing's 737 MAX airplane. And Boeing gets a deferred prosecution agreement. The name of the agreement tells you what you need to know – Boeing is charged with a crime, but the prosecution is deferred for three years. And if Boeing can show that it put its house

in order and abided by the terms of the agreement, then the charges are dropped.

Earlier this year, the Department of Justice made the determination that Boeing violated the terms of the deferred prosecution agreement.

And what did the Department do?

It offered Boeing a plea deal to a lesser included offense, a minimal fine – effectively deferred prosecution 2.0.

No prosecution of the company or of the higher level executives for the reckless crime that led to the deaths of the 346 people on those two planes.

That's the wrist slap.

Now lets look at the case of the African People's Socialist Party.

The African People's Socialist Party was one of the few groups in the United States that blamed the United States for provoking the Russian invasion in Ukraine.

The U.S. position is that the Russian invasion was unprovoked.

According to Leonard Goodman, a lawyer representing one

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Hundreds of Jewish activists were arrested in Congress after calling for Arms Embargo on Israel, July 23, 2024
Photo: Jewish Voice for Peace

In Congress, 52 standing ovations for Netanyahu

Tlaib: War criminal
guilty of genocide

By Linda Pentz Gunter

Rashida Tlaib knows what it's like to sit in a crowded room unseen, all but invisible, her identity and culture erased.

On July 24th she changed all that. As the lone Palestinian-American member of Congress, Representative Tlaib of Michigan was also the only

elected official who chose to make a visible protest against the disgraceful spectacle she was witnessing that day: Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking inside the U.S. Capitol to a roaring, applauding audience of Republicans and many of her fellow Democrats.

These are the times we live in now, when an ebullient crowd of elected officials can stand to cheer and applaud 52 times, according to *Haaretz*, during an hour-long speech delivered

by a war criminal and purveyor of genocide.

That's almost one standing ovation per minute.

If any day in U.S. history should be remembered as “a date which will live in infamy” it is July 24, 2024. Addressing both houses of Congress is considered one of the highest honors the U.S. government can bestow on an international leader. They gave it to a mass murderer, and for a record fourth time.

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Exposing the Gaza death undercount

By Ralph Nader

One way that the annihilator – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – flipped off the meek urgings of President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to “minimize civilian casualties” in Gaza was to say – Don't lecture me – look at what you did to civilians in Hiroshima (140,000 dead), Nagasaki

40,000? It's more like 300,000 – Treachery on both sides

(70,000 dead) and Dresden (25,000 dead) to crush your enemies. That's 235,000 dead in two nations with a population at the time of 150 million.

In Gaza, a tiny enclave of 2.3 million long besieged and impoverished people, nearly half of them children, the Israeli regime, a military nuclear su-

perpower, backed unconditionally by the United States government and its demanding lobbies, has far exceeded that three city devastation.

The following probative evidence and professional assessments point to a death toll of over 300,000 Palestinians in Gaza with that number at least

doubling by end of the year.

Why then is the reviled Hamas' official death count now at about 41,000, accepted by the mass media and most governments, regardless of their view for or against the genocide in Gaza?

Hamas is vested in an undercount to temper accusations by their own people that it has not protected them. (Hamas badly underestimated the total sav-

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