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HISTORIC ELECTION BOYCOTT IN BRAZIL!

Numbers of non-voters and null or empty ballots across Brazil were at record highs for the 2020 municipal elections. Workers and small landowners' widespread distrust of the Brazilian government and politicians led to a spontaneous boycott of the election. In addition, mass revolutionary movements led a vigorous campaign to consciously boycott the reactionary elections. The open rejection of the electoral farce - not even counting the huge contingent of voters that participate with indifference and apathy - reaffirms that the political conscience of the popular masses, even disorganized, is ready and receptive to revolutionary tactics and strategy.

Graffiti, pamphlets, and rallies propagated the need to not vote and break with the illusions that the current political system is democratic, to defend a New Democratic Revolution that establishes a legitimate Democratic Republic. Slogans appeared across Brazil: *Don't vote! To rebel is fair!* and *Election is a scam!* These were signed by the League of Poor Peasants [LCP], Alvorada do Povo [AP], the Popular Revolutionary Student Movement [MEPR], the Women's Popular Movement [MFP], among others.

Maranhão, Rio de Janeiro, Rondônia, Minas Gerais, Goiás, São Paulo, Pará, Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Santa Catarina, Paraíba, Pernambuco, and more saw actions for the election boycott campaign. In Rio de Janeiro, the bustling center of Brazil, dozens of popular activists distributed 5,000 pamphlets urging the population to boycott the electoral farce and justifying why it - the election - cannot solve any of the problems of the masses. The pamphlet, signed by the MFP, ended with the slogan: *Long live the New Democracy Revolution!* Similar mass actions took place in Salvador, on the day of the first round, and in other capitals.

In another example, the Red Unit - Revolutionary Youth League UV-LJR and the Popular Revolutionary Student Movement MEPR of Salvador, Bahia held a demonstration against the elections. A banner held at the act read: *Election is a farce! Brazil needs a great Revolution!* and 520 pamphlets were distributed explaining the importance of boycotting the electoral farce and the anti-democratic character of the current

political system. When handing out pamphlets after the demonstration, a security guard in the subway station stopped the organizers and asked them to explain their literature. After the young organizers and the guard read the pamphlet together, he said he would cancel his vote and post on social media encouraging his acquaintances to do the same. This is just one of countless examples of how the election boycott resonates with people and gains momentum.



DON'T VOTE, FIGHT FOR REVOLUTION!

The following is a repost from German revolutionary news source Dem Volke Dienen.

More than 56 million are boycotting the election farce. 30% of voters reject the false democracy and call for a new way forward.

The Brazilian comrades called for a boycott and the response was astonishing. Just a few highlights of the boycott campaigns:

Campinas election sabotage

In the early hours of October 7th, two electronic ballot boxes were sabotaged in Campinas. During the operation, the cables of the machines were cut, and both had to be replaced. The police were called in the morning and isolated the place, but could not identify the possible originators of the action.

Army attacked in Brasnorte, MT Indigenous peoples attacked army men with arrows in a village in Bras-

THE MAIN POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THIS: WHEN 42 MILLION PEOPLE BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, IT IS A DEMONSTRATION THAT THESE PEOPLE IN GENERAL WANT A NEW REGIME AND HAVE ALREADY REALIZED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IT THROUGH FALSE DEMOCRACY; THEY ARE WAITING FOR A NEW PATH THAT GUARANTEES THEIR RIGHTS AND DEEPEST DESIRES.

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norte, 580 kilometers from Cuiabá on October 7. The goal of the indigenous peoples was to prevent the electronic ballot boxes from entering the place as part of their rejection of false democracy.

Attack on the electoral forum of São José dos Pinhais, PR

At least four Molotov cocktails were thrown at the electoral forum of São José dos Pinhais in the metropolitan area of Curitiba in the early morning hours of October 4. Security cameras recorded the action and the video circulated on social networks. Inside the forum were the 689 ballot boxes that were to be used in the first ballot of the farce. Although the action was investigated by the military police, federal police, state security departments, etc., it was not possible to identify the participants in the action.

Election propaganda in a small district of Rondônia

In the district of Guaporé, municipality of Chupinguaia, in Rondônia, communist flags were hoisted and the wall of the municipal school Valter José Zanella, the slogan Elections no! was painted. The hammer and sickle were also painted on the wall. Leaflets were tied on a stake and, according to the press quoted, their content called on the people not to vote.

Over ten ballot boxes destroyed in Sorocaba, SP

On October 28, a group of people broke into the premises of the Humberto Campos School in SP and destroyed the ballot boxes. The ten ballot boxes were made unusable.



Pamphlets on the need to boycott the elections were handed out to the population, who strongly supported the activists. Photo: Salvador / BA

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