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The Islamic Republic of Iran is the perpetrator of one of the biggest political genocides of our time

Did you know that along with Chile under Pinochet, Indonesia under Suharto and Germany under Hitler, the Islamic Republic of Iran too has committed genocide and a holocaust? Many people may not be aware of the scale of the crimes and the massacres committed by Iran's Islamic state because the entire Western mass media and governments kept silent about the slaughter of political prisoners in the 1980s. The political opposition to the Islamic Republic at that time had not as yet started an effective campaign internationally to inform the public about this catastrophe. But the crime was so massive and shocking that despite the passage of almost three decades the wound on the body of Iranian society is still open. This crime is comparable to the crimes of Pinochet in Chile or the genocide by the apartheid system in South Africa, for it goes beyond the confines of politics and legality and turns into an overall social tragedy, so that society cannot rest before the wound has healed.

In the summer of 1988, in August and September, following the end of the Iran-Iraq war, by the direct order of Khomeini, a "death commission" was formed and thousands of political prisoners, who were sentenced years earlier and were serving various prison terms, were executed. The names of some 5000 of these have been collected by opposition forces, but the real numbers far exceed this figure. Every year, on the anniversary of these executions, memorial ceremonies are held in Iran and other countries. This year also ceremonies are being held to remember the anniversary.

But the crime was by no means limited to the summer of 1988. The crimes of the Islamic Republic against its political opponents, against women, workers, and people throughout the country who did not want this government, started from day one when this government came to power; they started even months earlier in abuse, harassment and humiliation of unveiled women by organised Islamic hoodlums. The executions too started from the beginning in Tehran and other cities. But one of the biggest political massacres, on a scale of tens of thousands, got under way from

June 1981. Among others, pregnant women and children as young as 14 to 15 were savagely tortured and summarily executed. They arrested people in droves on the streets or in their homes and executed them within a few days or, at times, on the same day. After the 1980s the crimes of the government continued in different ways. In the 1990s the Islamic regime began assassinating the leaders of the opposition and political opponents in Larnaca, Berlin, Paris and other cities around the world. It then turned to serial killing of writers and opposition figures inside the country. In recent years throwing acid into women's faces, following incitements by Islamic preachers at Friday sermons and organised government agents, became a practice, and flogging the youth and protesting workers proliferated. Add to this list the stoning of hundreds of women, gouging eyes out or cutting off the hand, as well as pushing homosexuals off heights and scores of other crimes based on the Islamic Sharia law of retribution.

How would you feel to hear that the guards of the Islamic Republic demanded the cost of the bullets shot at the body of prisoners from the parents or the spouses of the executed? Or that some female prisoners were raped prior to execution? Or to hear that women prisoners were forced to marry a guard the night before execution, with the "husband" going to the girl's family to congratulate them for this marriage? It happened that five or six children from the same family were executed. How would you feel to hear that the corpses were piled into vans and buried in mass graves, so that up until this day many families do not know where their loved ones are buried? How would you react to hearing that a sister would be tortured in front of a brother or a friend in front of a friend to draw a confession or to break the prisoner's will power? Tens of thousands of detainees who had escaped execution were subjected to a range of tortures, sentenced to long prison terms, went through mock executions, were kept for months in makeshift wooden graves to have their spirit of resistance crushed, and, in the end, thousands of them were executed in the summer of 1988. Many of you have not heard of this Islamic holocaust because the Western media and governments were totally silent about this crime against humanity. If their lips were not sealed, if public opinion was informed, the Islamic Republic would not have been able to commit such a horrific massacre and the scale of the catastrophe would have been much reduced.

Those who were executed were the opposition of the Islamic government of

all political hues: they were the left and the communists, Islamic critics of the government, people of Baha'i faith and royalists, protesting people from all corners of the country. Some, however, were none of these. They were arrested, tortured and put to death because they had non-Islamic looks or dress or were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Islamic Republic committed these crimes to impose its rule. This government was not the choice of the people, for, had it been their real representative, it would not have had to resort to such suppression and killing. Iranian society refused to tolerate such an ossified and anachronistic system. Protests blazed everywhere. Strikes proliferated. Numerous newspapers, which were suppressed by the previous regime, were distributed and read with great eagerness. Political organisations and working class institutions were springing up in the relatively open atmosphere that the people's revolution had created, and people joined them. Everybody, workers, students, women and people in remote parts of the country who had been oppressed and humiliated for decades were all in motion and stood up to the Islamic state. The Islamic state wanted to put them in their place, to intimidate, humiliate, and crush the people who had made a revolution in the hope of freedom and a better life. To stay in power, the Islamic Republic wanted to drench society in such a climate of oppression that all hope for change should be stifled.

This deep wound is still bleeding. It is not healed. The criminals, torturers, those in government, the parliament, and within the judiciary system, who gave the order and who carried the order out are still in power and still execute and commit crimes. Khamenei was among the highest officials within the government structure at the time. Rafsanjani, as the Substitute Commander in Chief had said in August 1988: "...we now have the opportunity (in prisons) to annihilate them and be rid of them for good;" Rouhani, the incumbent president of the Islamic Republic had said in the Islamic parliament in 1980: "Hang the conspirators during the Friday prayer ceremony, with the people watching, to produce the best effect;" Pourmohammadi, Rouhani's current justice minister, appointed by Khomeini in 1988 as member of the Death Commission, said of the killings only a few days ago: "We are proud that we followed God's order," and, Sadegh Larijani, head of the judiciary, said recently: "The court sentences have been carried out in full accordance with Sharia principles and laws and they are flawless. The sentence of a combatant (with God) is obvious."

Hundreds of other officials in government who have been accessories to these crimes are still in positions of power in the parliament and the cabinet and within the judiciary system and the armed forces and the Guardian Council and the Assembly of the Experts, continuing to commit crimes. Within the three years of Rouhani's presidency alone more than 2000 people have been executed. Unless justice is done, the details of these deeds are made public and the perpetrators are tried in courts, unless people know where their loved ones are buried, unless the full list of the officials and those answerable for this heinous crime is publicised and the whole truth of that period is known this wound shall not heal.

Finally, did you know that the people, the women, students, workers and different sectors of the population engaged in resistance and protests from the very first when this regime came to power, and, at present, a broad based movement of litigation is under way in Iran? The mothers of those who lost their lives, like the mothers of the missing people in Argentina, have, for some years, been organised and in open and public statements demanded that the truth should come out, and asked for the trial in court of all the heads of state and all the officials involved in these crimes? Did you know that in 2012-2013 a people's tribunal in the presence of internationally renowned lawyers and judges, attended by scores of witnesses from the families of those executed and former political prisoners, was convened in two stages in London and The Hague, and officially condemned the Islamic Republic for crimes against humanity? Did you know that through these pressures and the people's mounting protests deep cracks have appeared within the Islamic Republic over the killings? Most of you will not know because the Western media barely covered this tribunal or hardly give any coverage to the prevalent climate of protest in Iran.

The world is talking about the crimes of ISIS today. The Islamic Republic of Iran has been the counterpart and the forerunner for ISIS. All the crimes committed by ISIS against women and other sectors of the population have already been committed by the Islamic regime of Iran. The Islamic Republic and ISIS, even though belonging to two rival poles, go on shedding blood and creating legitimacy for each other.

We consider it our duty to inform you and the world public opinion of what this government has done to the people and ask for your solidarity and

support for the people of Iran and the growing struggle that is going on. We ask you to put pressure on your government to cut political and diplomatic relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Just like the apartheid regime in South Africa, the Islamic regime of Iran should be condemned and isolated by world public opinion, governments and international bodies. The ongoing struggle of the women, youth, workers and students, and the families of the executed political prisoners, in Iran are the components of the struggle for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic. Pushing this government out of the way of Iranian society is the essential condition for the healing of the wounds caused by the genocides perpetrated by this government. We call on you to support this struggle. The Iranian people need the solidarity of the progressive people of the world, and the world needs to be rid of all the murderous Islamic governments and gangs.

Worker-communist Party of Iran¹⁵

September 2016

IRANIAN WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE

Did you know that a monumental battle is being waged between the Islamic state and the Iranian women who are fighting for equality—a battle that, far from being limited to the women, involves the larger part of Iranian society and against which the Islamic Republic is in despair?

Did you know that the veil (hijab) is compulsory and thousands of women have been expelled from work, arrested, and flogged for not observing the Islamic veil and related regulations, but that the level of disobedience is so high that only last year three million women received warnings and up to nine thousand were detained in relation to hijab?

Did you know that the Islamic Republic by invoking Islamic law has created sexual apartheid, segregating women and men in schools, universities, buses, etc., but that they mix more than ever before, going against the arbitrary restrictions?

Did you know that marrying the girl child is allowed at thirteen, with parental consent and the ruling of the Islamic court, at nine, and marrying one's adopted daughter is declared legal, but that marriageable age increases by the day and people come increasingly closer to Western standards?

Did you know that a daughter cannot marry without the consent of the father, and cannot divorce without the consent of the husband, but that meanwhile partnership without marriage, called "white marriage" is catching on rapidly, and according to government statistics ninety one and a half percent of young men and women have sexual relationships that according to the government are strictly forbidden?

Did you know that entering sports arenas to watch a football match is forbidden for women but that women form protest gatherings outside the stadiums, causing havoc dividing the Islamic law makers?

Did you know that women are not allowed to sing, they cannot become judges, and a woman's testimony (allowed only in relation to felony or minor crimes) counts for half that of a man; that she inherits half the share of male offspring,

Is harshly discriminated against in employment and wages, but that these disgusting inequalities are contested in every form and at every step?

Did you know that women stood up against religious discrimination from the very inception of the Islamic Republic and many thousands demonstrated on 8 March 1979, a few weeks after the Islamic Republic had come into existence, against Khomeini's decree for compulsory veil, and challenging the Islamic reaction continues incessantly by progressive men and women up until now?

Did you know that no less than twenty six nationwide governmental institutions were allocated the task of making women succumb to hijab and its related regulations and up to two to three million women were warned, imprisoned and fined annually, but that defying Islamic laws and regulations spreads by the day?

Did you know that not that long ago organized governments gangs, provoked by Friday prayer preachers, threw acid into the faces of "badly veiled" women, in order to intimidate, but they were met with immediate and resolute reactions and huge demonstrations of protesting women and men and were forced to withdraw?

Did you know that a large number of women and men have been stoned to death for extramarital relationships, but that extensive opposition in Iran as well as internationally forced the Islamic Republic into a de facto suspension of this practice and it no longer dares to continue with this punishment?

Did you know that women are on the front line of the struggle against the Islamic Republic? That Neda Aghasoltan, the twenty seven year old girl who was shot dead by government agents in the protest demonstrations of millions of Iranians in the summer of 2009, was turned into a symbol of the courage of Iranian women in the struggle against Islamic reaction?

Did you know that despite gender segregation in educational

environments and barring girls from entering certain fields and other restrictions the number of female university students exceeds that of male students and Iranian universities have turned into the battle field against gender segregation, discrimination, and lack of rights of girl students?

Did you know that Ayatollahs and governmental officials of all colors and hues repeatedly express their anxiety about the embracement of Western culture and values by women and the youth, but that they're powerless in preventing people's preference for modern and progressive values?

Did you know that despite governmental restrictions various ceremonies are held every year to celebrate International Women's Day, and progressive men and women hold meetings and marches demanding complete equality between men and women and the abolition of misogynous laws?

Did you know that Iranian society is steeped in an anti-religious and religious-free movement against the Islamic state and misogynous and religious injustices?

Did you know that the position of women in the Iranian public opinion in no way corresponds to the laws of the Islamic Republic and in people's minds women are entitled to a different position, freedom, dignity, and respect?

And, did you know that the vast majority of the Iranian people yearn to get rid of the Islamic Republic, and show in every possible way how much they detest this abominable misogynous and inhumane system?

The struggle against the Islamic Republic and its overthrow is an important link in the liberation of women in the entire Middle East and an inspiration for women the world over.

Support the struggle of the righteous women and men in Iran and in other Islam-afflicted countries! Show your solidarity with their courageous struggle and condemn the Islamic Republic for sexual apartheid and systematic oppression of women!

Worker-communist Party of Iran,
February 2016

May Day 2017:

Against Trumpism, against Islamism, for Liberation from Capitalism!

First of May is the day for the unity of the workers of the world—the day for all men and women, who have no interest in keeping the present state of affairs, and who join the worldwide ranks of the workers to liberate all humanity.

In the United States a number of unions have declared May 1st 2017 the day for a general strike against Trump and, in particular, his racist and anti-immigrant-worker policies. It is expected that the May 1st strike in the United States will turn into a widespread, historical event. This is an opportunity for the advance of the working class and the “ninety nine per cents”, not only against Trump, but against both dominant parties of the ruling class in the U.S.

In Iran May Day arrives at a time when all sections of the working class, whether factory workers, teachers, nurses, pensioners, etc., have left behind a magnificent year of widespread strikes and demonstrations for their basic demand for “livelihood and dignity.” Last year the joint action of the organisations of teachers and workers against charging worker and teacher activists of “threatening national security” turned into a thrilling action, capturing the whole society’s attention. This year’s May Day, the International Workers’ Day, is undoubtedly an opportunity for the expansion of the struggle for the immediate demands and muscle flexing of the working class as the force capable of setting Iranian society free from the Islamic Republic and capitalism.

But Iran and the U.S. are just more or less typical examples of the present day world of the bourgeoisie in crisis. In a Europe where Trump-like nationalist and racist parties are raising their heads, a Russia under Putin (Trump’s source of inspiration), a China as the paradise of international capital, an India that experienced the biggest strike in world history, Latin America, the Middle East and Islam-afflicted countries that are directly engaged in Islamic reaction, everywhere in the world, in addition to specific

demands, this First of May we should raise the banner of disposing of a capitalism that is becoming increasingly more savage and reactionary.

The Worker-communist Party, alongside the workers of the world and hand in hand with workers and teachers and pensioners and all sectors of the Iranian working class, works for an ever more magnificent First of May. This is a day for holding meetings, demonstrations, strikes, gatherings, festivities and other forms of social visibility to declare our economic and political demands and to consolidate the unity between the workers and all the decent people in the struggle against the Islamic Republic and capitalism. Particularly now, when as a result of the world situation and internal contradictions, the crisis of the Islamic Republic has intensified, it is essential that the working class should rise, in its full length, as a political force for emancipation. Our party considers First of May an opportunity to move forward in this direction and calls on the Iranian people to join the ranks of the workers.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

17April 2017

We condemn the murderous attack on Charlie Hebdo by Islamic terrorists

The murderous attack today by Islamic terrorists on the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo has aroused people's anger and disgust around the world. Charlie Hebdo is a left, progressive satirical weekly which criticises and ridicules religion and religious beliefs, prejudices and taboos. In 2011 the magazine's office was firebombed by Islamists for publishing a caricature of Muhammed, and its editor and writers have repeatedly received death threats. In today's attack 12 people, including the magazine's editor and three well-known French cartoonists, were killed. This is a direct attack on freedom of expression, on freedom to criticise religion and on civilisation and humanity.

This atrocity has once again alerted the people of the world to the enormous crimes which Islamic states and groups in Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries plagued by Islam are committing daily against their opponents and critics of Islam. The fight against Islamic states and groups rests on the shoulders of left, atheist and freedom-loving forces. The governments in the West, which rely on Islamic states and forces in the Middle East to further their aims and policies, and which have been instrumental in the rise of these forces, stand practically opposed to the camp of the revolutionary left, the secularists, atheists and progressive humanity, which is fighting Islamic states and forces of all types. Charlie Hebdo belongs to this latter camp.

Civilised and progressive humanity must everywhere come out against political Islam, the western governments' policy of appeasement of Islamic states and forces, in defence of the unconditional freedom to criticise religion - specifically criticism of Islam - and in defence of secularism and separation of religion from the state. Already, people in France, Germany and Britain are holding protest gatherings against Islamists. This can be – and our party will try with all its power to make it - the start of a new global line-up against Islamists.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims of the attack on Charlie Hebdo. It vigorously condemns this crime and calls on all left, secular and atheist forces and all freedom-loving people around the world to come out against political Islam and in defence of freedom of expression, in particular the freedom to criticise religion.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

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Communique of the Worker-communist Party of Iran

Regarding the Horrifying Situation of Refugees in Europe

Images and numbers; both are painful and horrifying. One catastrophe follows another. Every single day we witness the death of tens of people in the sea, in desert, in bombardments, and in trucks. This is the situation of millions of people who try to escape from the war in Syria, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, and other Islam-ridden countries. It seems as if there is no end to this misery. The victims of this situation are the ordinary people that has taken whatever have been left to them and their children and families; they have run into deserts, mountains, and the sea in the hope of finding a place to live, a roof to sleep and find peace of mind for a moment. The “lucky” ones who have survived this hell and have found a way into another country are faced with barbwire, coastguards who shoot them, and brutal security forces. These people are victims of a condition they have had no role in forming them; they have not taken a side in this confrontation and have no other choice to end this misery other than running away. This horrifying situation shakes any person who has a least of humanitarian feeling. What is the cause of this situation? Who is to blame? What is to be done? What is the way out?

This miserable situation first and foremost is the product of the war that is waged by Islamic states and Islamic terrorist bands that has destroyed the structure of societies in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan; it is the product of the intervention of the Islamic Republic and Russia in these countries; it is the product of military attack and intervention of the US and its allies. The reactionary regimes of Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Jordan who have armed Islamic terrorist bandits fully and unleashed them at the service of their regional interests are responsible for this situation. Ending this miserable situation requires cutting off the hands of reactionary regimes and forces from the lives of the people in the region.

These steps, however, are only a part of a humanitarian solution to this situation. We should draw attention to the inhuman and atrocious

behaviour of some of the European states against refugees. These states fire onto the boats that carry refugees; they hinder their way; make barbwire walls and with their full force they prevent them from saving their lives. Violating all recognized international human rights, these states deepen this tragedy.

The Worker-communist Party strongly condemns this inhuman behaviour of anti-refugee states. Providing a humane, secure, and peaceful shelter for these refugees is an immediate task. Only building pressure through organized action of civilized humanity on these states, the UN and related international organizations can push them to recognize universal human and refugee rights.

We condemn any measures to prevent refugees who have arrived in Europe from entering or leaving the countries in the continent.

All refugees should obtain citizenship rights and the right to work in these countries.

We Meanwhile hail the libertarian and humanitarian people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and other countries who, despite the racist and xenophobic propaganda of right-wing parties and media, open their arms to help the refugees. These people have shown that humanity is alive independent of dirty and shameful racist and nationalist propaganda and politics. This humanitarian behaviour that does not surrender to this misery is the hope for changing the life of humanity.

Worker-communist Party of Iran
September 2, 2015

Open Up the Gates of Europe
Full Citizenship Rights for all Refugees
The Governments of U.S., Europe, Russia:
You Are Responsible for the Plight of These Refugees
Support the Struggle of Iraqi, Iranian & Turkish People
Against the Islamic States!
Immediate Shelter and Food for all Refugees

Islamic Terrorism in Paris!

The World should Rid of Islamic Terrorism Immediately!

Less than a year after the terrorist attack on *Charlie Hebdo*, on November 13, Islamic terrorists yelling “Allah Akbar” massacred people in a coffee shop, a concert hall, and a stadium. Up to this moment, 153 people have been killed and more than 200 injured, some of which are in serious conditions. ISIL has claimed the responsibility for this crime.

The barbaric massacre of Paris is the continuation of hundreds of massacres and terrorists attacks done by Islamic forces, which have been on the rise from the moment that the Islamic Republic seized political power in Iran and is being continued by Sunni and Shia bandits all round the world. This is not the first crime of Islamic forces and it will not be the last.

As long as the regimes such as Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic are in power, as long as Russia and the West with the aim of expanding their area of influence and actualizing their inhuman goals support such regimes and need such forces and keep arming them, as long as the states of the world flirt with political Islam and welcome their leaders such as the heads of the Islamic Republic and Saudi Arabia with red carpets, forces such as ISIL, Al Qaeda, Hezbollah and other Islamic bands will keep on beheading people, enslaving women, shooting school children, and drowning the world in blood!

The Worker-communist Party of Iran sincerely console with the families and friends of the victims and the people of Paris and strongly condemns this atrocious attack. The world can and should get rid of Islamic terrorism. In order to cut the roots of this bloody movement, people of the world should stand by the people of Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq and the millions who have been the victims of Islamic barbarism and who contempt this savagery.

Worker-communist Party of Iran
November 13, 2015

Iranian people's vote is to put an end to the nightmare of the Islamic regime

Worker-communist Party of Iran's statement on Iran's sham elections

The election to Iran's Islamic Assembly and the Assembly of Experts is drawing near. It is clear that what is called 'elections' under Iran's Islamic regime has nothing to do with people's free vote and choice. Under the shadow of Islamic repression, a list of the most loyal elements of the regime and the supreme leader, who have been vetted through numerous filters, is put to the people to choose from. Even under such conditions, and despite all the cheating and vote rigging, those who are pulled out of the ballot box are the outcome of the process of internal power struggle, the calculations over saving the system, and, in the end, the decision of Khamenei himself. In fact, election in the Islamic Republic is a mechanism for dividing aspects of the power between the regime's various factions, and, more importantly, a show for gaining legitimacy for the Islamic dictatorship of capital in Iran. These features make elections in the Islamic Republic a scene of, at times, fierce battles among the ruling factions over power, and rivalry for gaining the votes of a section of the people. However, the people of Iran, who are seeking to rid themselves of the Islamic regime, boycott elections in far greater numbers than what the Islamic Republic's statistics would show; and whenever they have participated in elections, they have tried to aggravate the internal contradictions of the regime and to turn the elections into a field of struggle against it.

Indications are that in this election both the internal contradictions and the infightings of the Islamic Republic and the confrontation between the people and the regime can emerge much more sharply than in previous elections. The Islamic Republic is at a critical juncture. Its efforts to draw closer to the West and the contradictions that this process brings about, the problem of Khamenei's advancing age and the issue of his replacement, the defeat of Islamic and state culture in the face of the modern and progressive culture of the people, and the chronic and structural economic crisis, rooted in the rule of the Islamic Republic, on the one hand, and the

daily rise in the struggle of the working class and public discontent in reaction to these conditions, have tightened the noose on all factions of the Islamic Republic. Under these circumstances, the elections and the deepening of the regime's internal divisions, and the whole political climate that is thus created, should be viewed by the people as an opportunity to step up the struggle for their demands, and to organise and unite against the entirety of the regime.

We can and must turn these sham elections into a scene of exposure of the regime and an indictment against it and all its factions. We can and must voice our real choices with more clarity and transparency at every opportunity, at workplaces, at education centres, at protest assemblies and on the streets: i.e., no to executions, no to gender apartheid, release of political prisoners, immediate increase in wages, adequate unemployment benefit and pensions, political, cultural and civil liberties, freedom of dress and abolition of Hijab; in one word, an end to thirty seven years of nightmare of the Islamic Republic. It is not just about voicing our demands. More importantly, it is about organising around a movement against this sham election and building networks to step up the fight against the Islamic Republic for the realisation of the demands of the people. We must come out with all our force and mobilise the "No to the Islamic Republic" movement.

Elections under the Islamic regime in Iran are no more than a mechanism to reassign positions and seats amongst the different bands of the regime. However, for us, the people, elections have always been an opportunity to step up the fight and for challenging the entirety of the regime. In this election too we will loudly vote for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic.

Worker Communist Party of Iran

28 January 2016

In Support of the People of Turkey

The Turkish society is under a ruthless attack. It has now been four months since the Erdogan government has initiated a brutal and suppressive war against people of Turkey and is trying to get rid of his opposition using the July coup as an excuse.

The dimensions of assault and arrests on people and labour organizations and opposition and media are extensive and unprecedented. A full-scale dictatorship has taken hold of power in Turkey. A large number of labour activists and unionists have been arrested. About 200 newspapers, TV and radio stations, and social media have been shut down on charges of “cooperating” with Gulenists or with PKK. Around 40 thousand people, thousands of unions and labour activists included, and more than 150 newspaper reporters have been arrested.

Thousands of political activists, joint leaders of People’s Democratic Party, Selahettin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag along with 10 parliament representatives included, have been arrested. Even elected mayors of a few cities in Kurdistan have been arrested. Around 200 publishing institutions and media outlets have been closed down. Over 100 university and hospitals have been closed down. More than 10,000 teachers, university academics, and social service employees have been expelled from work. Only on mid October 10,000 teachers and academicians were expelled with an official decree. These figures are on the rise every moment. The Erdogan government does not even hide its desire to bring back the capital punishment.

On October Erdogan government extended the “state of emergency”, which had started with the July failed coup, and paved the way for continuation of absolute totalitarianism and widespread assault on people and opposition. Erdogan government and his AKP party have proved to be one of the main axes of political reaction in the region. This is a government that has in its records an active support and widespread collaboration with murderous ISIS cannibals. This government has been trying for years to impose an Islamic rule on Turkey and take back democratic and secular rights and institutions. This government must be overthrown by the struggle and revolution of the people of Turkey. There is no other way left ahead.

The world must not stand silent about this apparent violation of most basic human rights of the people of Turkey. Freedom of speech, freedom of political parties, and freedom of protest are among the self-evident and fundamental and international rights of all humans. A state that violates these basic human rights must be internationally rejected and isolated. We must protest extensively. In all around the world we must be the voice of the Turkish workers, people, progressive and left organisations. We must put pressure on all governments around the world and hold them to account so they exert pressure on and isolate the Erdogan government. We must demand that all those arrested during the last few months be released and those expelled from work to be reinstated.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran expresses its solidarity with the people of Turkey. We stand side by side with the workers and progressive forces of Turkey. We strongly condemn the suppressive policies of the Turkish government. We call on all people to resist against and confront with suppressive policies of Erdogan government and the Islamic AKP party.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

09 November 2016

US elections: Trump's sewer, Washington's swamp

The election of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States is above all an indication of the deep resentment of the American people towards the status quo and the US political establishment.

Trump is one of the most right wing, racist, sexist and demagogic people who have ever been elected president of the United States. But it wasn't for those reasons that people voted for him. In his election campaign, Trump introduced himself as someone opposed to the existing system, its political elite and hardened politicians from both parties, the media, political lobbying, the 'Washington's swamp' and 'rigged' elections. He was the only presidential candidate in American history with no background in government or the military. He entered the campaign as an 'outsider', opposed to the established system, parties and politicians. The vote for Trump was a no-vote for the existing system, the result of people's widespread discontent with the ruling political parties and elite and the system of governance in the United States. This was the vote of a people who are unhappy with their situation, but who find no good option, and so go off track.

The election of Trump took many political observers and analysts, the media and even the Republican Party by surprise. But the Trump phenomenon and his success were not a bolt out of the blue. Trump, and the regression and fascism he represents, were the product of the political and economic crisis of the bourgeoisie in the USA and the West as a whole. Under such conditions, traditional and centre bourgeois parties lose influence, and the stage is set for the rise of ultra right parties and figures, on the one hand, and left parties and forces on the other. We see this in Europe now with political parties from both ends of the spectrum becoming active. The same forces took to the stage in the recent election in the USA. Bernie Sanders entered the race as the most left wing of the Democratic candidates, someone who challenged the might of Wall Street and the rule of the top 1%. He won huge popularity and support. However, the party officialdom with the help of the party's internal mechanisms was able to stop him from being nominated. Thus a people who were looking for change were forced to choose between Clinton, a hardened politician and representative of the

political establishment, on the one hand, and Trump, a critic of the existing situation from an ultra right perspective. People voted for change in the current system.

But the changes Trump plans to introduce are all reactionary and in the interest of the ruling 1% and his billionaire ilk. And if he is not confronted by a powerful challenge from the dispossessed majority, the workers, women and blacks, in one word, America's 99%, will have very tough times ahead. The impact of the election of Trump worldwide will also be the rise of right wing and racist forces, in particular in Europe.

The election of Trump to president is a reflection of the height of rottenness of contemporary capitalism. This experience once again demonstrates that in the absence of radical socialist parties and movements, even the urge and enthusiasm for change can end up helping the most reactionary bourgeois forces. The experience also shows that the road to emancipation from the existing ruling system is not through elections. The US elections reaffirmed the fact that the current electoral systems have been so designed fundamentally that they cannot function in the interest of the people. As declared by the Occupy movement, freedom will not come from the ballot box. People's solution is to build a left protest and social movement against the ruling 1% for the goal of welfare, freedom and equality. Just the fact that someone like Bernie Sanders enters the presidential race in the name of socialism and gains massive influence and popularity is an indication that the conditions socially are ready for the building of a radical movement with a socialist critique and vision.

Over the past couple of years, in England, Greece and other European countries, we have been witnessing the rise of a left discourse, movement and social tendency. This movement can and must be developed and given organisational and party form so that it can challenge the political and economic rule of the bourgeoisie. In the absence of such a force and movement, the crisis-ridden bourgeoisie will push the world even further down the abyss. The American elections once again highlighted the fact that without the call of socialism, without the hope of socialism and without the 'threat' of socialism, the world will be nothing more than a sewer.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

9 November 2016

With all our strength to the support of the heroic people of Kobane!

Kobane is on fire. Today Kobane has turned into a symbol of humanity's resistance against Islamists barbarism. In recent weeks, Kobane's women and men have been fighting heroically to defend their lives. Countless news reports have shown IS' brutal crimes against civilians whilst the states in the so-called "Alliance against IS" are just staring ahead. Above all, the Turkish government is neither fighting IS nor allowing people who want to join the fight against IS to cross the border to Kobane. Turkey punishes those who are trying to join Kobane's defenders.

IS represents Islamist barbarism against humanity. It is the outcome of the ongoing capitalist system, which has reached a dead-end and which is trying to maintain its rule in the world through the creation of IS. US leaders have repeatedly acknowledged that IS is the creation of Western states and US allies, such as Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Qatar. We have seen how these states and others have been feigning condemnation of IS whilst directly or indirectly supporting IS.

IS would not have existed and had the success it has had today if it were not for the United States and its allies. IS would have been overthrown by the struggles and resistance of the people. The people of Kobane and the people in the region have had to pay a heavy price for their fight against IS. This is a good example, that shows that IS and similar movements do not have a place among humankind. Despite the barbaric and bloodthirsty crusades of IS, people of the world can fight back and overthrow them.

IS' overthrow is not just the overthrow of an Islamic group but a defeat for the whole despicable Islamic movement. IS' overthrow also means a loss for US policies and all those who have created IS, Al-Qaeda and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The victory of Kobane would be a step towards this direction.

In recent weeks, thousands of people around the world have marched on the streets to show their solidarity with the people of Kobane and to show

their disgust for IS and all the states that support them. In several cities in Turkey, the police have acted violently towards the protestors. In Iran, thousands of people in various cities such as Tehran, Sanandaj, Mahabad and many more have rallied to show their solidarity with Kobane and demanded the end of IS' rule.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran urges people across the world to support the people of Kobane and all of the victims of IS' brutality. The party also calls on people in different countries and cities to protest and to put pressure on those in power who have created and supported the Islamic State.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

8 October 2014

When We Hold the Political Power

As soon as the Islamic Republic is toppled:

1. We will declare the end of any religious state forever. We will cut the hands of religion off from the lives of people, from the education system, and from the jurisdiction. We will abrogate official religion and we will declare belief or disbelief a private matter; we will end any kind of religious or state intervention in personal affairs and private lives. The coming state will be a secular, free, and equal one.
2. All direct and indirect state-funded financial aids to the mosques, tombs, ayatollahs, and parasitic religious authorities will be abolished; all public wealth arrogated by these authorities and institutions will be confiscated and will be put in the service of people.
3. All Islamic misogynist laws, including the compulsory veiling, will be abolished and the equality between women and men will be declared immediately.
4. The Islamic constitution, the labour law and the Islamic penal code (Qesas) and all reactionary laws of the Islamic regime will be abolished immediately.
5. Capital punishment will be abolished immediately. Stoning, lashing, torture, and any kind of humiliating Islamic penal laws attacking the physical and psychological integrity of persons will be abolished forever.
6. All political prisoners and prisoners of conscience and many thousands of innocents imprisoned will be released immediately; detaining and imprisoning people due to political reasons will be prohibited.
7. The unconditional freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, of protest, of organization, of press, and of strike will be enforced immediately. People will express their opinions without any fear; they will publish their books and newspapers, and can become a member of, or can organize any party or organization that they will.

8. All the residents of the country, regardless of their nationality, race, or ethnicity will acquire equal citizen rights. Oppression and discrimination based on the place of birth, ethnicity, or nationality will be banned and the necessary steps toward abolishing discrimination will be taken immediately.
9. All oppressive apparatuses including the army, the police (official and undercover), revolutionary guards, the paramilitary Baseej, etc. and all other institutions that are part of the criminal Islamic Republic's oppressive machinery will be abolished immediately. Those in charge will be tried and the ordinary members will be provided with the opportunity of living an honourable life.
10. All the authorities of the Islamic Republic will be tried with the charges of innumerable crimes against humanity, torture, execution, stoning, terror, and for depriving the great majority of people from their basic rights; they will be tried with the charges of treason and corruption in public courts.
11. All nuclear plants will be removed and all weapons of mass destruction will be destroyed. Relations with the West will be improved; progressive, humane science and technics will be welcome; alongside the humanitarian crowds of the world progressive political, social, and cultural values and rightful demands of the people will be defended against reactionary states and movements.
12. To protect natural resources and the environment from destruction and to stop the ecological disaster and in order to build a secure, clean environment the greatest amount of monetary sources and expertise will be put at work.
13. Healthcare, education, and public transportation will be made free for everybody.
14. Exploitation will be banned. Hands of the capitalist corporates, religious authorities, military commanders, the privileged, economic Mafia and other parasites will be cut off from the lives of the people. The means of production, factories and workshops, the soil, companies and banks will be made into public wealth. A process to

end waged slavery and class division will be started; production will be organized in response to the needs of social humanity; the people will determine the work and the wealth that is produced by labour; a society based on equality, public prosperity, and economic justice will be founded.

15. The existing budgets that are at the service of corruption, organized robbery, oppression, terror, the herd of parasites and religious institutes will be spent to produce jobs, welfare facilities, hospitals, daycares, schools, theaters and cinemas, libraries, sportive and artistic clubs and in order to provide social services, especially for the children, the elderly, and the handicapped and in order to assist people with addictions and sex workers in order to provide them with a humane life; the budget will also be put at the service of the prosperity of the people, their accommodation and healthcare needs.
16. People councils will be formed all around the country and the people organized in the councils will take over ruling of the country. For the first time, all the residents of the country will participate in ruling the matters immediately; they will decide freely and will actualize their decision at their will. This is the strongest guarantee for the formation of a society free of privation, discrimination, and inequality. The councils will be the actual and real guarantee of the realization of all forms of freedom. Large masses of the people will acquire real dignity for the first time and with endless energy and enthusiasm will flourish social and cultural relations.

These are the premises of a humane world that millions of workers and dignified, freedom-seeking people of the world commonly have in sight. The Worker-communist Party will declare the aforementioned as the immediate preliminary measures of the future state to be realized through the rule of the people councils; the Party will foreground the foundation of a free, prosperous, and equal society free of any discrimination through actualizing the totality of its program, *A Better World*.

The Worker-communist Party is yours; join your Party!

Worker-communist Party of Iran

May 22, 2014

Communique of the Worker-communist Party of Iran about the Atrocious Crime of Islamic Terrorism in London

Once more Islamic terrorists carried out a horrific crime in London, Britain. On June 3rd three Islamic terrorists charged with a vehicle on defenseless people on a London bridge pavement and then stabbed people with knives. Seven defenseless people lost their lives in this atrocity and about fifty people, some of whom are said to be in critical condition, were wounded. All three terrorists were shot down by the police. Carrying out such a crime is not an indication of the power of the Islamic terrorists; it only displays their abject weakness. Any psychopath or scatterbrain can use a vehicle or a knife to take people's life.

This terror is yet another instance of the atrocities of the Islamic movement. Daesh criminals in Mosul prevent the civil population from escaping the battle fields and use defenseless people as human shields. Every day this inhuman movement engages in crimes in Manchester, Afghanistan, and Bagdad, splashing blood on the daily life of the people. In Afghanistan it has killed more than a hundred people and wounded more than five hundred only within the last three days. One of the murderers is the Islamic-ethnic Afghan government itself that turned the people's protest rally against insecurity into a blood bath.

Life, however, does not stand still and the loser in this confrontation is Islamic terrorism, rather than humaneness and human civilization. This is insured by the daily struggle of us, the people of the whole world, for a better life. In this confrontation the governments are not standing by the side of us, the people. For decades Islamic, oppressive governments in the Middle East and North Africa have been engaged in similar crimes—from the Islamic Republic, the harbinger of Daesh, to the governments of Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, these governments are not much different from Daesh. One of them bolsters Daesh, the other, Taliban. One lets Boko-haram loose on the people, the other the Huthi; one decapitates with a sword, the other hangs from a crane; one sells women in the market place the other refers to Islamic marriage rites to sanction the

rape of small girls and stoning women to death. Western governments themselves are part of the problem for civilized humanity: governments that through ultra reactionary policies prepare the ground for the growth of racism and fascism and political Islam; they come to terms with Islamic trends in the West, bolster Islamic governments in the region or directly create the likes of Taliban and Daesh, or contribute to the Daesh type government of Islamic Republic.

The task of confronting and disposing of the Islamic movement everywhere, including in Iran and Afghanistan is for the people of these countries—the people who want a joyous, affluent, modern, and humane society, free from discrimination, disenfranchisement, and oppression, the people who want equality and want to dispose of the influence of religion on social life, the state, and the judicial system. This confrontation covers the entire world. Iran is a powerful front for this humane battle where the Islamic Republic is pushed back by the day and the hour, providing a model of resistance for the rest of the world. We are set to dispose of Islamic terrorism and religious reaction. This is the verdict of civilized humanity.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

June 4, 2017

Communique of the Worker-communist Party of Iran about the Terrorist Operations in Tehran

On the morning of June 7, two fully organized simultaneous attacks were made on the Islamic parliament and Khomeini's mausoleum in Tehran. Islamic Republic media have so far reported twelve killed and forty two wounded in both these terrorist actions. It has been announced that the four terrorists who attacked the parliament as well as the two men who engaged in shooting in Khomeini's mausoleum are killed. Daesh has taken responsibility for these two operations.

Worker-communist party condemns these terrorist acts. Terrorist actions by any group are harmful to the ever expanding struggle of the Iranian workers and people. The Islamic Republic tries to use this as a blessing to impose an atmosphere of terror and intimidation on Iranian society and expand its terrorist and military activities in the Middle East. The Iranian people are too familiar with the plows and politics of the Islamic government and not to stand up to them.

These activities are part of the bloody tug of war between various branches of Islamic terrorism in the region. The Islamic Republic is an important accessory to mayhem and insecurity in the region. The Islamic Republic is engaged in economic and military support for the criminal Taliban in Afghanistan and the Huthi Islamic group in Yemen as well as support for the criminal Islamic group "Jeish-al-Sha'bi" in Iraq and Beshar Assad in Syria. It is involved in forming the hell that people in these countries live in. For its part, the reactionary Saudi Arabian government at the head of another bloc is forming and supporting terrorist groups of another variety, the extent of which, particularly after the categorical support of the United States, would extend to Iran, and most probably such operations would increase in Iran. Any decent person should strongly oppose these two poles of Islamic terrorism in the region and the criminal policies of the United States and its allies.

The Islamic Republic is trying to pose as the victim of terrorism despite its

being a terrorist government in relation to the people in Iran and Middle East. Thirty eight years of uninterrupted terror against the Iranian people, countless executions, “chain murders,” and imprisonment and torture of righteous men and women, depriving women and the rest of the population from all their rights, imposing poverty, deprivation, unemployment, and insecurity to the majority of the people, and hundreds of terrorist acts directed at the opposition abroad, as well as support for the most reactionary forces and governments and continuous military-terrorist activities in the regional countries are only part of the dark record of the Islamic Republic.

Worker-communist party strongly condemns the recent terrorist operations in Tehran. The party also condemns the reactionary policies of the Islamic Republic in the region. It calls on the workers and the people to extend their struggle for their legitimate rights. The expansion of the people’s struggle is the only proper answer to the Islamic Republic and its reactionary rivals; It is the only course of action that leads to liberation from the hell that the Islamic Republic has created for the people. As long as the Islamic Republic continues to exist poverty, deprivation, corruption, criminality by this government aimed at the people, as well as terrorist activities by the Islamic groups from the other pole will also continue.

Worker-communist Party of Iran

June 7, 2017

On the occasion of May Day

A Letter to Workers' Unions

Within the past two to three decades, we have contacted you in order to ask for your support for the workers in Iran who are deprived of their rights and are persecuted. Your support has been a great source of inspiration for the workers and has directly affected the process of their release. This time, however, I am writing to let you know about the marked progress of the working-class movement in Iran. This does not mean that the pressure on workers has been lessened or that the Islamic Republic has conceded to some of their rights. The situation is as it was before; in addition to arrests and imprisonments, the working-class activists have been subject to flogging too. Yet, it might be interesting for you to know that despite these pressures, the working class movement has also progressed.

-Several years ago one of the authorities of the regime confessed that more than 2,000 strikes took place in Iran in a year. Nowadays this number has grown much higher. Every day there is news about several worker strikes and protests from every corner of the country. Furthermore, the strikes have spread to large industrial centres and the duration of the strikes have risen to 10 to 15 days and sometimes up to two months.

-We also witness workers protesting outside the parliament in Tehran and outside government buildings in other towns. For instance, on March 12, 2017 more than ten thousand retired workers and teachers protested in front of the parliament in Tehran.

-An important achievement of the workers is the nationwide protests. In the past two years teachers have organised several nationwide protest meetings and on some occasions have carried out simultaneous protests in fifty cities. The retired teachers have also started protests and organised simultaneous demonstrations in twenty cities. The striking workers also organise demonstrations at city centres, marching and chanting for their demands. Although there is no right to strike and protest in Iran, the Islamic Republic is unable to prevent them due to their volume and number. Circulating protest petitions is also another form of the workers' mass protest; the petition of the petroleum industry workers signed by 140,000

workers, teachers' petition signed by 140,000 teachers and the petition for the pay rise signed by 40,000 workers are some examples.

-An interesting phenomenon is the widespread use of the social media by the workers for organising their protests. For instance, despite Internet filtering, censorship and limitations imposed by the regime, more than 50,000 teachers have joined ten different groups on the *Telegram* app participating in lively discussions.

-Another interesting development is the participation of the workers' families in the protests. This has grown in the past two years and has turned into a settled tradition that has changed the profile of the workers' movement. For instance, the spouses of the nine imprisoned workers of the iron mine of the city of Bafq pitched a tent in front of the governorship of the city for several days while the mine's 5,000 workers were on strike; this action drew much public and media attention. In the past few weeks workers of Ahvaz Steel Company, Hepko Machinery, Zanjan Vegetable Oil and Parsilon of Khorramabad have demonstrated in city centres together with their families and managed to win some of their demands. Participation of families draws the attention and the solidarity of city inhabitants and makes it difficult for the organs of the regime to suppress the protests.

-Solidarity among the workers of different sectors and the feeling of unity and solidarity between the workers and other segments of the society is another fact of interest. For instance, on January 15, 2017, at least 15 firefighters lost their lives due to lack of security measures and proper tools in a fire at the Plasco Building in Tehran; thousands of people showed their solidarity with their families by attending firefighting stations across the country. This, in fact, was an important political move against the regime.

-Another important case is the strengthening of the solidarity between workers and teachers, in particular following a joint communiqué issued by Esmail Abdi, the chairperson of teachers' guild, and Jaafar Azimzadeh, the chairperson of the Free Workers' Union of Iran. These prominent labour activists issued their joint statement last year from prison and protested at the regime's disparaging of workers' protests as 'national security concerns' in order to attack them. Protests to force the regime to withdraw such tactics is a fight that has now become widespread within the working class

movement. It should also be added that the workers and teachers that are arrested issue statements protesting not only their own imprisonment but also the repression against people's struggles generally. This is a manifestation of the prevalent climate within the working class movement in Iran today.

-The progress of the working class movement is also evident in the slogans. Slogans against bribery and demanding resignation of top officials is widespread. Slogans against the salary of the state authorities, which is at least 24 million Toumans in Iranian currency and the minimum wage, which is less than a million and is one fifth of the official poverty line are also chanted.

- Prominent working class leaders, who are among the most important achievements of the working class movement, play an important role in the struggles by issuing statements and by appearing in the mass media. Of course, they also risk dismissal from their jobs and long term imprisonment.

This progress has been achieved despite worker activists being subject to persecution, arrest, dismissal from jobs and other social deprivations and large scale unemployment. According to official statistics, 7 to 10 million people are unemployed, and millions of university graduates have joined the reserve army of the unemployed. Some production centres have not even paid the one-fifth-of-the-poverty-line minimum wage for up to two years.

These achievements of the workers' movement have given the working class a significant political standing within society and have drawn the attention of other social movements. There are good indications to assume that the workers are at the verge of forming their nation-wide organisations of which they historically have been deprived.

I should also add that the support of the international workers' organisations have provided the workers in Iran with a large scale international political support and solidarity. I once again sincerely thank you for your unconditional support for the workers' struggles and imprisoned working class activists; your support has had an undeniable impact on the advance of the working class movement in Iran.

I send you my regards and my hope for the international success of the working class movement against capital's barbarism.

Asqar Karimi

For the Worker-communist Party of Iran
April 6, 2017

Some of the Sites, Pages, and addresses to contact WPI:

www.wpiran.org

www.rowzane.com

www.facebook.com/wpiran

www.facebook.com/komite.kurdistan.wpi

www.newchannel.tv

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www.hekmat.public-archive.net

WPI call on you to rally around this party and its humane and liberating goal; to cooperate with the party and to join it. The force of the workers and the downtrodden who have organized themselves in their political party is the only force capable of overthrowing tyranny and injustice, to uproot inequalities and exploitation and all other ills of society. It has the power to bring down the odious religious government in power, and to build a new society. Under the present circumstances when the bourgeoisie has imposed regression and decadence on the entire world, enthralled billions of people in poverty and powerlessness and war and superstition, and, when in Iran this vile religious government has deprived the greater majority of the people of any assets they might have had, it is more urgent than ever to join WPI as an alternative to the existing situation. It is time to rise up and put an end to the sway of this regime that is the main obstacle to people's happiness and the construction of a society fit for human beings.

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