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Word of the Month



Peace or Surrender



This round of Israeli/Palestinian warfare has ended. It won't be the last time Palestinians resist Israel's aggression. Asking, as the Western media does, "whose fault is it" is the wrong question. Every war between these two has the same context: Israel's occupation - illegal occupation - of Palestinian land. As long as this occupation continues, there will always be a danger of future devastating violence.

The US position that "Israel has the right of self-defense" rings hollow. This proposition is not a solution to the problem and does not help achieving a lasting peace. The US and Israel want nothing less than a total Palestinian surrender.

We are for peace and friendship between nations and, together with movements for justice and freedom around the world, condemn Israeli atrocities.

International Workers' day

The first of May, International Workers' Day was the 100th anniversary of this glorious day in Iran. This day was also accompanied by a contradictory set of promising and surprising events and trends:

-- The protests of Iranian workers, teachers, retirees and other toilers have spread unprecedentedly, despite heavy repression. These protests culminated in the victory of the workers of the 'Haft Tappeh' Sugarcane Complex in objection of the privatization of the complex;

on the working class. - The corona crisis continues to weigh on Iranians with particular severity



- The presidential election has taken place without an open window for the presence of the forces that want to change the status quo in the direction of justice and democracy.

- Negotiations in regards of Iran's Nuclear Deal has begun and continued without any tangible effect on the sanctions and the suffering caused by these sanctions on people's lives.



The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote in a statement addressed to the workers and toilers of Iran. The statement by reviewing the previous processes and trends invited workers to celebrate the International Workers' Day:

The regime has deprived you of the right to organize and legal strikes. It has abolished workers' protective laws and prevented you from forming independent unions. It is your right to form trade union and participate in political activities and going on strike. Protest against the deprivation of trade union rights, the imprisonment of trade union and political leaders, and spare no effort to secure their freedom.



Do not take part in mandated elections that strengthen your class enemies and oppressors and strengthen the foundations of tyranny and persuade people to refrain from doing so. So far, no government has formed a parliament that has not taken away some of your rights and changed the laws against you. Condemn the fake elections and call for the unconditional rights for allowed movements of trade unions and parties, release of political prisoners, the abolition of censorship, the holding of free elections and the trial and punishment of perpetrators of political crimes and thieves and looters of the country's wealth.

Condemn and demand the lifting of economic sanctions that incite recession and unemployment and give the government an

excuse to cover up its inefficiency, corruption and anti-social policies.

Protecting the rights and interests of workers and toilers is one of the main components of the program and priorities of the Left Party of Iran. That is why our party attaches special importance to the struggles of the workers and for the defense and promotion of their rights. We have always supported your struggles and demands and will continue to do so. All the demands that the workers are fighting for are reflected in our party program and they are the main targets of the struggle of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian).

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Do not Vote!

June 18, 2021 is the day of the 13th presidential election of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The upper hand of the government has tried in every way to organize an engineered "election": from Khamenei himself interfering, whether in preventing individuals from running or encouraging the 'Guardian Council' to purge candidates, to the extensive purge of candidates by the Guardian Council in unexpected dimensions. The security services have not stopped threatening political activists and journalists by forbidding them from addressing the authoritarian trends mentioned above:





The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) has chosen the policy of active sanctions against the elections. When the Guardian Council without any legal authority imposed restrictive legislation and when Khamenei explicitly defended it, the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote:



Until now, according to the laws and regulations of the Islamic Republic, the rule was that the Islamic Consultative Assembly would pass a law and the Guardian Council would approve or reject it and return it to the Assembly. Now, however, this council has taken on the role of both legislator and law enforcer without any regards for the parliament! This, too, is nothing but clinging to absolute authority. This means that the "election" scandal is a more blatant order than ever.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) calls on all political organizations and democratic activists to make the vote no to this "election" more resonant by calling on the people to boycott the elections by all citizens. Today, more than ever, the meaning of "NO" is to stand up to the oppression of the Islamic Republic and to confront a government that openly and shamelessly humiliates a nation. Turning away from the ballot boxes should be

turned into a platform for the continuation of the protests of January 2018 and November 2020 and the restoration of the national pride of our nation.

In addition, and explicitly in opposing the policy of the Islamic Republic to confront the citizens against "choosing between bad and worse, and in the necessity of popularizing" Do not vote! ", we wrote:



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) views this "election" not through the narrow window of interaction above the Islamic Republic, but from the broad perspective of the Iranian people's strategic struggle against this system. We emphasize the enduring importance of a common struggle to "Do not vote!" slogan is necessary to rediscover such a reality in the might and realize in the fact that the more united we act, the more the popular force will exert its power against tyranny. In these politically sensitive days, we declare once again that our hands are stretched to shake the hand of any activist and party struggling for freedom, democracy, secularism and social justice. As we have repeatedly stated, we consider the cooperation and unification of the secular and democratic republican forces as a step towards the transition to democracy and the establishment of a secular and democratic republic in Iran.

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Two States Governments, Difficult but Plausible solution!

The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) during the recent 11-days war between Israel and Palestine issued a statement in which we read:



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) condemns the escalation of the crisis between the Israeli government and the Palestinians and the repressive measures and subsequent military operations, as well as Hamas' shelling of Israeli cities. Once again, we reiterate that there is no military solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The Israeli government must stop occupying and violating the rights of the Palestinian people, and the international community must not allow the repressing and killing Palestinians to continue. There is no doubt that neither the extremist Jews will be able to carry out their intention to oust the Palestinians from their

The Israeli government's coercive policy of continuing to occupy the Palestinian territories and disregarding all UN resolutions on the evacuation of these territories and the possibility of achieving peace between Palestine and Israel is the main source of continuing tensions between the two nations and turning this conflict into an unresolved problem in the region. Meanwhile, the right-wing government of Israel, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, has stalled virtually any de-escalation and international efforts by shutting down peace talks and

homeland and turn Jerusalem into the so called "historic capital of the Jewish people", nor the wrong slogan of "Destroy Israel" can materialize in any way.

further escalating hostilities. The increasing role of Jewish extremists in Israel's political administration in recent decades has further alienated the government from a just solution to this historically difficult issue.



The people of Israel and Palestine need an urgent ceasefire in the present moment and an end to the war forever. The prerequisite for



ending all kinds of tensions and wars in the region is for the Israeli government to return to the negotiating table and to accept the coexistence of two states and two nations. Our party supports the UN resolutions on the cessation of settlements in the occupied territories, the return of Israel to the 1967 borders and any international efforts in these directions.

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Message to the Communist Party of Canada



On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Party's founding

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of all members of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) please accept our sincere greetings on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Canada.

Inspired by the victory of the October Revolution in Russia, the Communist Party of Canada was founded on May 1921 as an illegal organization in a rural warehouse near Guelph, Ontario. The party has since fought hard and selflessly to achieve its goals.

Your party's ongoing struggle to achieve the goals of free education for all, the expansion of universal health care, the protection and

expansion of the public pension system with sufficient benefits, an end to all forms of gender discrimination and violence against women, and opposition to all forms of racism and discrimination, and many other noble goals is admirable.

In the current situation where the world is facing many problems and unpredictable events, we believe that the joint presence and activity of the left and progressive forces of the world is more important. The fact that these forces belong to various leftist factions, including the Assembly of Communist and Workers' Parties, the International Socialists, the European Left Party or the Green Left parties should not be a reason for their disconnection and lack of cooperation for common challenges such as combating human rights abuses, fighting for peace and nuclear disarmament, environmental protection, women's rights and many other areas that are our common goals.

We look forward to participating and collaborating effectively with you to achieve the above mentioned goals.

Dear comrades,

Once again, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Canada, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every member of your party and wish you every success in achieving the goals of your Party.

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