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Word of the Month

America's withdrawal from Afghanistan marks an epochal strategic shift in US policy. The Chinese challenge to Western global dominance has become the overwhelming concern of American politicians, reshaping their strategic focus and relegating other issues, even major ones such as Afghanistan, to lower priority.



In the Middle East, the question is, how low will this challenge push the US' former top priorities? It goes without saying that Israel and the reactionary Arab governments are not happy with this change.

Specifically, how far are the Americans ready to relegate the interests of Israel and those of her allied Arab governments?

There are many factors involved in shaping this change. For the foreseeable future, we need to look for the best indicators of how deep and wide this change may become.

One of these indicators is how the JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) negotiations proceed. How far will the Americans bend to the Islamic Republic's demands?

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The withdrawal of US and its allies from Afghanistan was underway and incomplete when the country quickly came under the control of the Taliban. Taliban forces soon conquered almost all of Afghanistan, leaving no room for optimism about the possibility of a democratic national agreement or even an all-inclusive government.

The events and daily developments of the situation in Afghanistan have been the subject of numerous readings and outcomes of the organs of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian).

In the days leading up to the Taliban and a week before the conquest of Kabul, the party's political-executive board wrote: *The power struggle in Afghanistan, if left abandoned and if the conflict between the involved countries over the type of government in Kabul could not resolved through an international agreement, will undoubtedly put the country in a much more difficult position. Currently, the specter of Taliban reactionary rulings along with the exercise of ethnic superiority in multi-ethnic Afghanistan, has made everyone concerned. Under these circumstances, leaving the country and seeking refuge in neighboring countries has grown to a bitter reality for many people. The value of the national*



currency is falling rapidly and the nightmare of more misery threatens the livelihood of the people. The fall of Afghanistan in the midst of a civil war is not only a terrible tragedy for the country, but also a serious threat to peace and stability in the region.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) is deeply troubled about what is happening in Afghanistan and is deeply concerned about the bleak future that threatens the people of this country. The return of Talibanism to Afghanistan could spread insecurity, terror and war in the region and the world.

We reiterate that Afghanistan will not see security and peace unless it establishes a coalition government based on civil rights. Such a government will not be realized without the cooperation and agreement of the governments of the region on the principle of recognizing Afghanistan's sovereignty. This treaty requires the immediate intervention of the United Nations in Afghanistan for the supervision of the agreement.

Our country has a direct responsibility for the fate of Afghanistan due to its proximity to this country and having historical and cultural relations and common interests between the two nations. While we would like that the Afghan people live in their own free and safe homeland, but we also believe that our country's borders should be open to Afghan refugees. We expect our compatriots to help their neighboring nation in these difficult times and not to hesitate to help the Afghan refugees. Afghan men and women are our brothers and sisters. In these difficult situations, let us open our arms to them. We express our solidarity with the people of Afghanistan, including the left and the freedom-fighter Afghan entities. We hope that they will be able to work together in the current critical situation to save Afghanistan from the impending catastrophe.

With the conquest of Kabul by the Taliban and the collapse of the central government of Afghanistan, the political-executive board of the party declared that the recognition of the new government in Afghanistan should be conditional on guaranteeing the basic rights of the people. The statement reads:



We deeply regret the situation in our neighboring country, Afghanistan. We believe the key powers in the region and the world share responsibility in shaping this catastrophe for the people of Afghanistan. We express our concern over the return of Talibanism and the deepening crisis in Afghanistan. This is a great disaster for the people of Afghanistan, as well as for the peace and stability in the region. We believe that Afghanistan should not be left alone. Doing so means supporting a fundamentalist and ethnocentric government in this country, nothing more, nothing less. This means turning a blind eye to the fate of the suffering people of Afghanistan. Currently, the most important international responsibility is to prevent the Taliban from stabilizing its authority.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) believes that the rise of Talibanism in Afghanistan will threaten the fundamental rights of the Afghan people, especially the women and the future of the country's youth. The Islamic Republic's cooperation with the Taliban is to the detriment of the development and progress of the Afghan people and it is against the national interests of the Iranian people. We condemn cooperation with



Taliban and we warn the leaders of the Islamic Republic not to sacrifice the interests of the country to their reactionary and audacious agendas. The United Nations and the rest of the free world must force the Taliban to a national agreement and the observation of the civil rights of the Afghan people.

We reiterate the need for our country's borders to remain open to Afghan refugees and we wish that our compatriots understand the plight of the Afghan people and welcome Afghan refugees. We are convinced that the return of the Taliban to power in Kabul is nothing but entering the country into deeper crises and we hope that the country's liberal and progressive forces will be able to play their part in managing the new crisis in this country properly.

The next announcement of the party's political-executive board which was dedicated to the return of Afghan refugees to Iran, reiterated the need to welcoming them.

The party's political-executive board is currently working on a detailed review of what happened in Afghanistan after its occupation by the United States and its allies and what could happen under Taliban's rule. The party's international office has also reached out to the left parties in the region to invite them to take a common stand against Talibanism and its return to power and to express sympathy with the Afghan people and to show solidarity with the Afghan left movement.

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Corona's massacre in Iran



The news indicates the occurrence of the fifth wave of the corona epidemic in Iran. The corona delta virus infects thousands of people and it kills hundreds of our compatriots on a daily basis. According to the latest statistics of the World Health Organization, the number of infected in Iran is four million and fifty eight thousands and the number of deceased is more than 92 thousand. Many cities in the country are now in the red zone with hospitals reporting shortages of beds, oxygen, serum and other vital medications. The heads of several medical universities have expressed their concerns about this situation. Under the current circumstances, the medical staff are in danger of losing their physical and mental strength to continue their work.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic, Khamenei, in January 2021 and again this month banned the entry of so called 'Western vaccines' into Iran. In doing so, he destroyed the efforts of domestic and international organizations to import the vaccine to Iran. It was only after the revelation and the escalation of the effects of this policy that Khamenei implicitly reconsidered his death sentence:

In this regard, the statement of the Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) reads:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) blames the Islamic Republic, led by Ali Khamenei, for the deaths of thousands of Iranians and the deterioration of the dire



situation in the country. Appreciating the sacrifice and the sense of responsibility of the country's healthcare staff, we emphasize the need to expedite the preparation of public vaccination by providing vaccines from all sources approved by the World Health Organization. In the current situation, the public demand is the general vaccination; A demand that the Islamic Republic has so far irresponsibly ignored. In doing so, the government is playing with the life and death drama of the Iranian people.

Mass gatherings is one of the factors that spread the disease and increasing mortality. It is important for the people of our country to limit their participation in gatherings, travel and unnecessary visits as much as possible. The government does not value the lives of the people. We, the people, need to comply with the prevention protocols to protect our lives and the lives of our compatriots. At the same time, the government must be pressured in various ways to vaccinate people.

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The beginning of the trial of a long-standing crime

The trial of Hamid Nouri, known as Abbasi, has begun in Stockholm, Sweden. Hamid Nouri, the assistant judge of Evin and Gohar-Dasht Prisons, was arrested on November 9, 2019 at Stockholm Airport. He is accused of participating in the massacre of political prisoners in the summer of 1988, during which thousands of political prisoners were massacred.



The investigation process has been going on for one year and nine months. So far, he has attended 17 hearings on his case. During this time, the families of the victims, former political prisoners, and civil and political activists have made valuable efforts to gather evidence which has led to the formation of the trial. This case has 110 plaintiffs and 50 witnesses and it is scheduled to end in April 2022 after 89 hearings:

In this regard, the announcement of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) reads:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) supports the fair trial of Hamid Nouri, one of the perpetrators of the killings in the prisons of the Islamic Republic, in a Swedish court and calls on party members and sympathizers to cooperate with the Swedish judiciary system. It is important that the opposition forces of the Islamic Republic, who believe in a fair trial, assist in a fair and coordinated efforts during this trial. We draw the Swedish government's attention to the conspiracies and the efforts of the Islamic Republic to disturb the process of the trial. Such efforts has been done in the past in Germany, France and Austria. We expect the Swedish judiciary, which is known for its independence in theory and action, to achieve a fair trial until the sentencing of Hamid Nouri and to expose the role of other authorities of the Islamic Republic, including Ibrahim Raisi. It is imperative that the dark history of the 1988 massacre is revealed in its entirety.

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Left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) calls for joint statement of regional parties against the Taliban and the situation in Afghanistan



Sympathy for the People of Afghanistan and Alongside the Left Forces of this Country

Afghanistan is facing a shocking catastrophe. In that country, the US military-backed government has fallen and the fundamentalist Taliban has come to power. The US-NATO's self-centered invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, which claimed to have saved the people of this country from the yoke of the Taliban regime, ended shamefully with the transfer of power to totalitarian reactionaries. The fate of the Afghan people was trifled with, and the country fell in a much worse situation.

This incident, however, is not only against democracy and sustainable development in Afghanistan, but also against the peace, security, progress, and development of all the people of this region of the world. The establishment of the Taliban in state power will make

Afghanistan more and more a base for the growth of terrorism and fundamentalism. Terrorism, which will lead to all kinds of tensions and hostilities, which are source of antagonism and wars, and these are also grounds for trading the weapon of death for the benefit of its producers.

We, the signatories of this joint statement, express our deep regret over the dire situation in Afghanistan and our concern about the consequences. In these difficult times, we strongly support Afghanistan's progressive, democratic, and just forces, who are waging a fierce struggle against fundamentalism and all forms of hegemony. We believe that the Afghan people will put these dark days behind.

Long live the progressive, freedom-seeking, and just struggle of the Afghan people

May the solidarity of the left forces of the nations with each other be stronger

Signatures

