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Word of the Month

Iran has finally been approved as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The leaders of the Islamic Republic consider this a triumph of their policies. But while Iran's admittance may be relatively helpful to them, it is too soon to consider this an Islamic Republic success. Sino American competition is likely to be the main driving force for Iran's admittance.

China is well on its way to surpassing the US and becoming the most powerful country in the world, even as the Americans do everything in their power to hinder such ambitions.



In just the past few weeks, the US has established the Quad (US, India, Japan and Australia) and announced the formation of the AUKUS security alliance (Australia, UK and US). Taken together,

these developments can be seen as a quasi-Asian version of NATO.

China, too, is strengthening her position. In addition to her long-standing alliance with Russia (and the Soviet Union previously), China is consolidating the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). This is basically an economic organization, and includes her Asian competitor, India. While this alliance has no defensive or military role, as far as China is concerned, it operates as the next best thing.

For Iran, this is a political alliance but the Islamic Republic cannot rely on this Chinese move. China's purchases of Iranian oil dropped drastically immediately following Iran's admission to the Shanghai Conference. That drop may well be due to the recent American "approach" on this issue. In any case, China has given Iran a signal: toe our line or else...



There is hope in Afghanistan

The civil courage of the men and women who took to the streets to raise the banner of peace, civil rights and freedom in Afghanistan in the face of the Taliban's regressive authoritarianism and Pakistan's outright intervention was to be expected to have limited resonance. On the other hand, the lack of support from inside and in the absence of any practical backing from outside for the resistance forces of 'Panjshir'



make it difficult for these freedom-fighters to survive against the Taliban which has the full-fledged organization and support of Pakistan. However, these actions have rightly been called the hope of Afghanistan.

The spirit of resistance remains in Afghanistan and manifests itself in various forms. Uprisings in this country indicate the existence of the people who do not want to give in to despair and surrender to the current balance of power. With the announcement of the composition of the Taliban government, civil protests in several Afghan cities and the popular resistance in Panjshir demanding the formation of an inclusive government have shown their legitimacy more than ever.

The statement of the Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) in support of the hubs of hope in Afghanistan reads:

The solution to the problem of Afghanistan, if this suffering country does not want to experience another round of civil war, is only understanding and agreement. Understanding within and by all those who constitute the livelihood of the country and an agreement by the regional powers who right or wrong are linked to the issue of the country's political power structure. The sense of responsibility towards the people of Afghanistan must manifest itself in peace, security, partnership and freedom in this country. These will not be achieved unless the cessation of hostilities for a just peace.



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) salutes the Panjshir Resistance Front in these difficult times and praises the great will of the people of this region of Afghanistan and all those who have rushed to its support. While acknowledging the civic courage of men and women who have taken to the streets to raise the banner of peace, civil rights and freedom against regressive authoritarianism and the explicit intervention of Pakistan, we consider it our human and political duty to echo their voices anywhere in the world.

Insolvent cabinet

During the "Presidential Elections" of the Islamic Republic of Iran in July of this year, the government propaganda depicted Ebrahim Raisi as a figure who is supposed to take the second step of the revolution in establishing the Islamic system, implement the grand plans of the Supreme Leader (Khamenei) and to pave the way for the attainment of Islamic civilization. The same propaganda was repeated about his cabinet.

Finally, the Raisi's cabinet was announced. Both because of its similarities to Ahmadinejad's government and because of the presence of a significant number of members of Ahmadinejad's cabinet, some have called this cabinet 'Ahmadinejad's third government'. This analogy is reminiscent of the very difficult times that Iranian society went through under Ahmadinejad's presidency.



The only difference is that Ahmadinejad came to power at a time when the situation in the



country was in no way comparable to today. The economic crisis had not yet turned into a devastating super crisis and the destructive sanctions had not been imposed on our country. On the contrary, with rising oil prices huge amount of revenues were available and hundreds of billions of dollars were wasted and the rest were either stolen by thieves or vanished through embezzlements. Now, however, the country is economically



bankrupt; the treasury department is out of funds; politically, there is complete blockade; The Islamic Republic is isolated in terms of foreign and regional relations. The regime is in the midst of its most difficult times. The Raisi's cabinet, who himself emerged from the ballot box with the Guardian Council's cesarean section, has been arranged by Khamenei's inner circles.

After the introduction of the cabinet, the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) conducted a comprehensive analysis of the current situation and described the following urgent crises that the Raisi's government is currently facing: the economic crisis, the JCPOA's stalemate, the regional politics, the corona massacre, the environmental degradation, the inefficiency of the ruling system, and the crisis of legitimacy. The analysis concludes:

The presence of a cabinet headed by one of the main executors and decision-makers of the massacre of thousands of political prisoners in 1989, a man who has been part of the criminal

judiciary system for the past forty-three years, a man who has issued death sentences is mocking our suffering people and it is a criminal act. At the same time, the Raisi's cabinet, with all the efforts by Khamenei and his entourage to consolidate it, is a complete reflection of the helplessness of the entire regime and, above all, of Khamenei's own failure. This cabinet, like its architect, Ali Khamenei, believes that the country can be run with bogus slogans. The repetition of words such as "jihadi", "decisive" or "revolutionary" to mobilize the weakened base of the government in the public mind is the reminiscent of the slogans of the early dark years of the Islamic Republic and all the pain and suffering that Iranian society have suffered over the past 43 years. An era that began with systematic discrimination in all areas, from gender to ideology and religion, from dividing people to insiders and outsiders to discrimination against nationalistic and ethnic minorities, and prevails to this day. The Khamenei's main goals are to form an all-exclusive cabinet, to make the system more efficient, to solve the problems with the outside world, to resolve sanctions in order to face the social upheavals and to stage a succession by taking over the executive branch of the government. This goal has now been achieved but Raisi's cabinet will not be efficient enough to fulfill Khamenei's aspirations, nor will he have any plans to get out of the current crisis



The path taken by the government of the Islamic Republic under the leadership of Ali Khamenei with the appointment of Raisi is a



step towards further destruction of the country. This fact is made clearer by the combination of the cabinet and the confusion that governs its formation. The Raisi's cabinet is the continuation of the destructive policies of the regime in a situation where the gap between the society and the government has reached its peak and a large part of the people is looking for fundamental changes to pass behind the Islamic Republic. This cabinet may be the preferred cabinet of Khamenei and his allies in preparing for the second step of the revolution and consolidating the future of the system by according to his wishes, but it will lead the country to more and deeper crises.

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The long arm of Suppression

On September 9, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps bombarded the headquarters of Iranian Kurdish parties in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In recent weeks, Revolutionary Guards commanders have repeatedly threatened Kurdish forces and now, in carrying out those threats, they have shelled three bases of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran with launching heavy artillery attacks. These bombings have destroyed many houses and they have created panic among the residents of the area but fortunately, no casualties have been reported.



The political-executive boards of the United Republicans of Iran, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) and the National Solidarity of Iranian announced in a joint statement:

We strongly condemn the bombing of Kurdish political parties and organizations in Iraq. We consider it the duty of the Iraqi government, and especially the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government, to prevent the Islamic Republic from assaulting Iraq and to protect the lives of those who have taken refuge in Iraq, specifically in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, and to prevent the Islamic Republic's military and security forces from raiding's in Iraq. On the other hand, it is the United Nations duty to protest the Islamic Republic's invasion of another country and the killing of those who have sought refuge in another country. We call on all freedom-fighter and democratic forces to defend the rights of our Kurdish compatriots and to counter the threats of the Islamic Republic and the insecurity of the opposition abroad, and to consider the need for international authorities and public opinion in Iran and around the world to prevent further bombings and threats by the Islamic Republic.



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Protest, one day before the start

September 23rd in Iran is the beginning of the school year. This year too, millions of children, teenagers and adolescents sat on the bench to learn from their teachers the



lessons necessary to enter social life; So that the children of tens of millions of Iranians learn the life lessons from those known for their job honor and hardship; Learning from the teachers who plant the seeds of knowledge in the hearts and minds of their students without reflecting anything of their own suffering and hardships in the classroom.

At the beginning of this school year, when the corona situation still prevails in the country, millions of students will not be able to attend classes. Thus, the school year began in most schools in absence of students and by relying on a virtual network and television. However, many students do not have the necessary facilities for virtual education. Last year, there were many reports of young students committing suicide due to the lack of services for virtual learning. A significant portion of students are also deprived of education in their mother tongue. These restrictions are part of other problems such as the lack of sufficient number of classrooms, the poor condition of schools, the failure to address teachers' demands for adequate pay and benefits, and the failure to improve the conditions of working in the educational system.



One day before the start of the school year, tens of thousands of teachers gathered in front of education ministry offices in many cities across the country. The central issue of the protests is the non-implementation of the teacher ranking plan, which has been in place for 9 years but has not been

implemented yet. Teachers also protested the discriminatory situation that deprives children from poor sections of society of basic education.

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

By announcing its support for the protest movement and the anti-discrimination demands of teachers, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) sends greetings to all teachers and professors in the country, from the most remote villages to the country's higher education centers, and appreciates their precious efforts. These cultural strata, which have the light of awareness and education in their hands, deserve a tranquil life free from the suffering of livelihood and free from any discrimination, humiliation and reactionary impositions. If the key to the future gate of the country is in the hands of students, then the livelihood of their teachers must be secured today

