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Word of the Month

War is not the answer

Over the past few months, we have been witnessing historic developments which have led (so far) to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This catastrophic act will massively damage Russia as well as Ukraine and the entire world, and is condemned by the world community.

We note the strategic intrigues and underlying aggressive position of the West, but this Russian reaction is counterproductive, to say the least. Russia has proven its insistent claims of purely peaceful intentions to be outright lies.

This is a last ditch attempt by a former world power to regain the world stature they wish for themselves. But today, there are just two world powers: the USA and China.

Russia, like Britain, is a 'has been' top world power, and will experience the same fate Britain encountered after WWII. This atrocity will only speed up this process, leaving all Russia's wishful dreams gone with the wind.

■ No to war

The Ukraine crisis has entered a new phase with the Russian military invasion of the country. Russia which had previously recognized the independence of the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, announced that

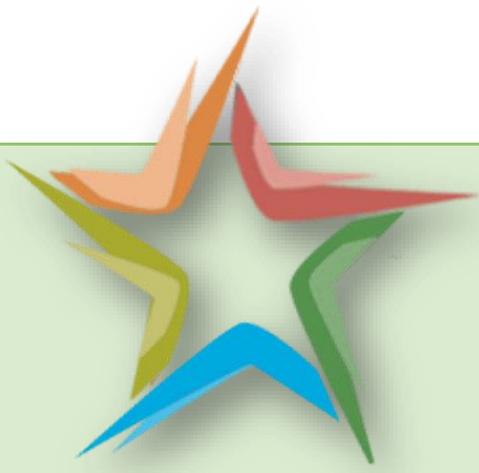
it would send troops to eastern Ukraine as "peacekeepers" but on the morning of Thursday, February 24, 2022, Putin ordered a



military strike on Ukraine. Following the order of the military attack, the Russian army entered Ukraine from Theres fronts and bombarded the Ukrainian military infrastructure.

The statement from the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) emphasizes the need for Russia's withdraw from Ukraine and resolve the crisis through diplomacy:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) believes the way out of the dangerous and tense situation that has arisen is Russia's withdrawal from Ukraine, the immediate reduction of tensions, threats and giving more opportunities for diplomacy within the framework of international laws and respect for the sovereignty of countries and efforts to find peaceful ways to resolve



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disputes and avoiding conflicts. We condemn Russia's military action as a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty. On the other hand, we believe NATO's expansion and the militarization of Eastern Europe have increased the risk of war and conflict in Europe and those activities must be stopped.



An English teacher makes Molotov Cocktails in the park with the children:

We also consider the continuation of the talks under the Minsk Agreements 1 and 2, the mutual commitment of the signatories of those agreements to their

implementation as a possible solution to end



the crisis in Ukraine.

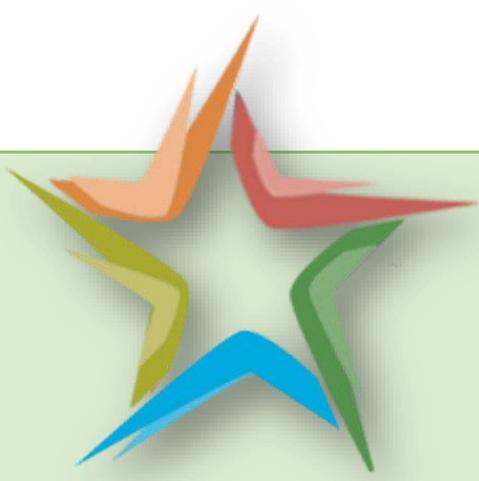
It must be noted that days earlier, the board called for a halt to NATO's expansion and the policy of "threat

balance" and wrote:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fedaian) condemns NATO's expansion to the detriment of peace and public security in Europe and the world. We believe that military

alliances should be replaced by projects of peace and coexistence. Nowadays, the world needs democratic tools to resolve disputes. Ending tensions, putting an end to the strategy of "threat balance" and continuing the talks and de-escalating the relations are the only ways out of

the current situation. NATO's advance towards Russia's borders must be stopped. In our view, the Minsk-2 agreement between Ukraine, Germany, France and Russia on Ukraine's internal problems are a viable solution to ending war and violence and to curb extremist forces and continuation of tensions in eastern Ukraine. War has not and will not have any result other than inciting destruction and mass murdering for the people of our planet. We support the Declaration of the 50 Nobel Peace Prize Winners to reduce



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the army budgets by 2% for the next 5 years and to allocate that budget to resolve the greatest humanitarian issues, including climate crises.

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■ Invitation to unite left on the 51st anniversary of Fadii movement



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) is the product of the reunification of sections of the Fadaian movement that emerged 51 years ago on February 8, 1971. The Fadaian, with the standards of freedom, democracy and social justice, waged an armed struggle against

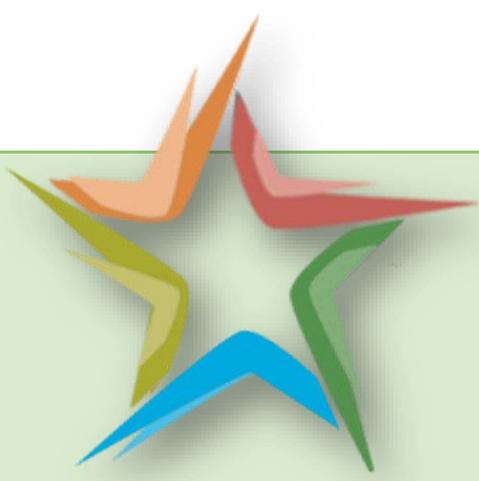
tyranny. The life of the fadaii has been accompanied by many ups and downs, but the main indicator of this life is adherence to the said ideals. The commemoration of the anniversary of the Fadaian movement is a commemoration of those ideals and an opportunity for calling for a left-wing alliance.

The announcement of the political-executive board of the party on the 51st anniversary of the Fadaian movement reads:

The Left Party of Iran (People's fadaian) pays tribute and respect to the efforts of Fadaian over the past 51 years who have raised the banner of struggle for freedom, democracy, social justice and socialism by standing up to the Pahlavi dictatorial regime and the tyrannical government

of the Islamic Republic. Recognizing the resentment that has arisen between the various branches of this historical movement, we consider it the duty of all leftists to defend the sanctity of all the branches of this ancient tree.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) on the 51st anniversary of the founding of the Fadaian movement, calls on all members of this historical struggle as well as all the leftists of Iran to establish dialogue and finding common grounds for practical cooperation with each other. The foundations for these are ready and has a wide spectrum. We call on the left to strive for unity and cooperation around the broad aspirations of freedom, democracy and social justice ideals. Trying to stay shoulder to shoulder in such a direction and under the banner of the Iranian left is the best and most



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urgent thing that can and should be done to commemorate the February 8, 1971, which was the beginning of another effort to empower the left movement. Let's hold each other's hands. Let's not let this historic opportunity to vanish.

■ **Continuation of Protests**

Teachers and educators, employed and retired, staged another three-day long protest in the first days of February in continuation of their long-running struggle. The protest, which in spite of all the threats of the repressive government agencies to prevent it, was by far more widespread, numerous, and more organized than in previous months. The most important demands of teachers and educators are salary increases, fair gradings, equalization of wages,

the release of imprisoned teachers and free education for all. The spread of teachers' protests shows that the government cannot stop it by suppressing and refusing to accept the demands of the working class who demand higher wages above the poverty line and the right to organize.



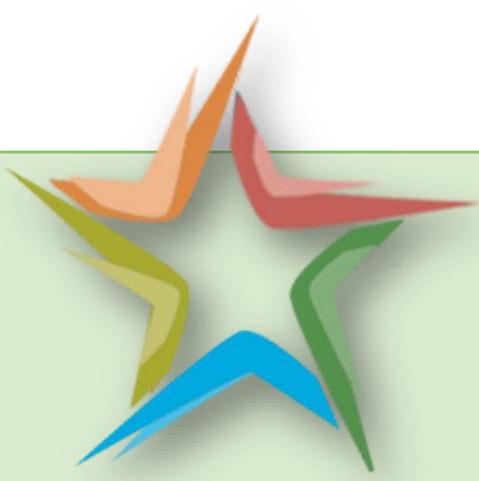
Retirees are supporting Teachers and educators protests

The Executive Political Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote in support of the

teachers' protests and their demands:

The Executive Political Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) once again expresses its solidarity with their struggles and the continuation of their protests until achieving their goals by supporting the demands for the rights of the country's cultural figures. We call on workers and other toilers, the students and their families and our party members and supporters, wherever they are and in whatever way they can, to support and accompany teachers in their protests and their democratic and just struggles to achieve their rights. Let's not to allow the government to





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suppress this historic and decisive civil movement. We condemn the arrest and imprisonment of the leaders and members of the 'Coordinating Council of Cultural Organizations' by the government and call on all freedom fighters to organize a joint struggle with the families of political prisoners to force the regime to release imprisoned teachers and other political and civil prisoners.

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■ **Message to the 44th Congress of the Swedish Left Party**



On the occasion of holding the 44th Congress of the Swedish

Left Party, the International Relations Office of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote a congratulatory message to the Swedish Left Party. Excerpts from the message:

Dear comrades!

Our party enthusiastically follows the current and past trends in your party and appreciates your efforts in supporting the rights of the working people and the low-income strata of society.

Unfortunately, there are many centers of crisis in the global arena. However, the critical situation in relation to Ukraine has caused a great concern to all of us. NATO is expanding, while Russia sees the membership of its neighbors in the military alliance as a threat. As a left-wing force, we strive for peace and we struggle for avoiding any military conflicts.

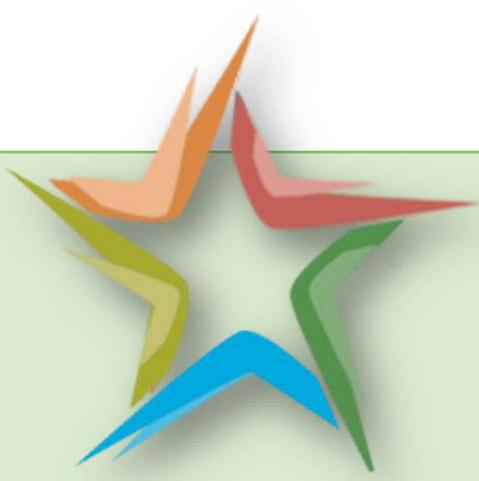
We consider aggression and military intervention, as well as intimidating acts from all sides, a threat to world peace. As such, we respect the position of your party which opposes Sweden's membership in military alliances.

While the global Covid-19 pandemic crisis has revealed the need for another system as an alternative to neoliberalism but the latter is continuing to attack the achievements of democratic and just movements. The left, at the national and global levels, needs to be more coordinated to defend the rights of the working people and achieving world peace.

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