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Word of the Month

The Munich Security Conference, on 17th -19th Feb, took place just days before the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Contrary to its title, the conference did not further peace or security. Instead, it turned out to be a competition between Western countries over who could pledge the most tanks for Ukraine to continue fighting the Russians.

The proposed Chinese peace plan was the only serious -- and practical -- response to the urgent calls for a ceasefire and diplomacy.

The main actual beneficiaries of this conference (and of the war mongering all across the globe) are the arms manufacturers.

The continuation of this war leaves the entire world at a perilous precipice. We look forward to the day this war ends.



Important events in the month of February in the context of the Woman, Life, Freedom movement from the point of view of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)

■ February 1 - drone attack on one of the military industries workshops in Isfahan. This attack took place in the last days of January. American and even Israeli sources attributed this attack to Israel but this country Israel has not officially accepted responsibility for the attack. Such an operation is a violation

of international law and for whatever purpose it has been carried out, it is not for the good of peace. It leads to more tension in the region and the world. More in the announcement of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) below:

<https://bepish.org/nod/e/8966>



■ February 4 - Demanding the release of Farhad Maisami, who has been on hunger strike for several months in protest against the arrests and brutality against detainees. He is the author and translator of the book "The Nonviolence Handbook by Michael N. Nagler". Fortunately, while preparing this bulletin, we learned that he has



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been released. More in the announcement of the Left Party of Iran about his situation in prison:

<https://bepish.org/node/8990>



February 8 - Mir Hossein Mousavi's statement and the reaction of 5 democratic and republican parties: The reformist leader of the Green Movement in 2009, known as the "Where is my vote"

movement, by publishing a statement related to the current situation in Iran and in support of the Woman, Life, Freedom movement.

In his statement, Mr. Mousavi clearly considered the way out of the current crisis as the way to pass the Islamic Republic. Mir Hossein Mousavi considered Khamenei's leadership as the main cause of the current situation and called for a referendum to change the constitution.

More on the 5 stream statement below:

<https://bepish.org/node/9029>

February 11 - The anniversary of the 1979 Revolution: 44 years after the Revolution, Iran is witnessing a new revolution. It is necessary to discuss the reasons that caused the revolution and the establishment of the Islamic Republic so that we achieve the goals of the current revolutionary movement. The oppressed of the February 1979 revolution, on the one hand, and the democratic and leftist forces, on the other hand, who have been the main targets of the Islamic Republic's repressions for the past 44 years, want their rightful share in the coming revolution.

More in the announcement of the Left Party of Iran on this occasion:

<https://bepish.org/node/9030>





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February 16 - The participation of 20 organizations and NGOs: in a significant and encouraging step, 20 trade unions, unions, and non-governmental organizations, including the teachers' trade union, issued a statement while supporting the struggles of the Iranian people, expressed their views and demands towards in the context of the revolutionary movement of woman, life, freedom movement. Below are excerpts from this statement and the position of Iran's Left Party in relation to it. More:

<https://bepish.org/nod/e/9052>

February 23 While we are witnessing the release of a number of political prisoners, including those arrested during the recent protests, the Islamic Republic has executed two Kurdish and Arab compatriots who have been in prison for



several years.

The regime also sentenced a German Iranian citizen who was kidnapped in Dubai nearly three years to death. More in the announcement:

<https://bepish.org/nod/e/9076>

Other events:

The press conference at Georgetown Washington University with the participation of 8 opposition figures of the Islamic Republic can be considered an external display of a section of the opposition. Mrs. Shirring Beady, Maish Alinejad, Golshifteh Farahani, and Nazanin Fanadi, Mr. Reza Pahlavi, Hamed Ismailiyoun, Abdullah Mehtadi, and Ali Karimi participated in this conference. This group is a combination of political activists, lawyers, women's and human rights activists, and artistic and sports celebrities. Their message to public opinion is a call for unity to overthrow the Islamic Republic. This conference met with various reactions, from welcoming to criticizing





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and keeping a distance from it.

The Munich security conference was held exactly one week after the above conference, and instead of inviting the representatives of the Islamic Republic, 3 people from the opposition were invited: Reza Pahlavi, Maish Alinejad, and Nazanin Fanadi. The remarkable point was the demonstration of Iranians next to the conference in Munich. In this demonstration, the supporters of Reza Pahlavi insulted and attacked other members of the opposition in the worst way and wanted to take over the protests in a hysterical manner. Similar to this incident, which was seen several days before in

gatherings of Iranians in some cities of the United States and Europe, it was repeated on February 20 in Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union. This time, the demonstrators were surprised to hear the message of George W. Bush and John Bolton. This was a big shock for those protesters who

had participated in these gatherings only in support of the popular and revolutionary movement of woman, life, freedom. An obvious division can be seen in the Iranian diaspora: The democratic-republican and the authoritarian and totalitarian monarchy trends.



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