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WHAT CAN CHANGE IN IRAN?

Earlier this month Iran agreed to allow the IAEA to re-establish certain transparency measures at select nuclear sites. Moreover, this comes on top of the Saudi/Iranian deal to re-establish diplomatic relations. Together, these two welcome events can be expected to decrease tensions in the Middle East.

Both events show a certain bending of foreign policy by Iran. Considering the Islamic Republic's obstinate resistance to change, these moves are likely to be a reaction, at least in part, to the sharp internal pressures and contradictions arising from Iran's 'Woman, Life, Freedom' movement over the past 6 months. In addition to internal tensions, the Islamic Republic is under intense pressures from the US and Israeli as well as from blunders of their own making. These factors indicate the power of internal movements and the type of pressure instrumental for change in Iran under the mullahs. ++++

■ Another step forward

Five Republican parties and organizations, including the Union of Republicans of

Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), The National Front of Iran abroad, and The Solidarity of the Republicans of Iran,



for some time, had close cooperation adopted common political positions regarding the events of the country, in an announcement signed the "secretarial of Synchronization for the Secular Democratic Republic in Iran " announced that they had improved their relations and entered the coalition process. This coalition, under the name "synchronization for the secular democratic republic in Iran " (abbreviated as "Hamgami"), will advance the joint activities of the listed forces above.

"The critical situation of the country, the need to strengthen the



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revolutionary movement of "Women, Life, Freedom" and the need to transition from the Islamic Republic to the establishment of a secular democratic republic have been declared as the basis for the coordination. According to the aforementioned statement, " In regards to democracy and republicanism and the principles of coordination charter) will be announced to the public during a press conference at the beginning of the Iranian solar new year".

The Coordinating Secretariat subsequently announced that the coalition's press conference to officially announce its formation will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the

Central Library of the University of London.

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The conference can be followed live at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/vHnIDEXLM8?si=EnSIkaIECMiOmarE>

A crime against the future

In the past months, Iranian society witnessed widespread crimes against students, especially female students. This crime reached an

unprecedented intensity in the first half of March: a kind of chemical attack with poisonous gas on the students, which caused them to be poisoned very acutely. As a result of this crime, an 11-year-old resident girl of Qom, named Fatemeh Rezaei, lost her life, and more than a thousand students in girls' schools in Qom, Borujard, Isfahan, Parand, Ardabil, Kermanshah, Tehran, Karaj, ... and hundreds of University Students were infected with chemical poisoning. Some medical





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reports indicate that the injuries inflicted on the targeted students are not temporary and can leave lasting negative effects on their health. According to the Chairman of the Parliament Education Commission, based on the tests, it was determined that N2 gas was present in the attacks on schools.

Looking at the extent and continuity of these poisonings, there is no doubt that they were intentional and organized by a nationwide criminal movement with an influential center. Serial poisoning caused families to gather in schools and protest but protesting families were beaten and brutally attacked.

The announcement of the Political-



Executive Committee of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote about this:

The Left Party of Iran has strongly condemned the chemical attacks by Islamic terrorists on school girls. So far, those attacks have killed one person and poisoned hundreds of people and the procrastination of the security and government institutions is strongly condemned. We demand to arrest and bring the perpetrators to justice. We believe that one of the effective ways to end these actions is the

protests of the student's families and the general public's support of them.

The declaration of the parties and organizations of the Union of Republicans of Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), the organizations of the National Front of Iran abroad and the solidarity of the



Republicans of Iran also writes:

We, the signatory organizations of this statement, condemn these criminal acts and believe that such barbarities not only do not help to preserve the system but also make it more humiliating in the



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eyes of the people and bring its collapse closer.

We demand to form a committee of toxicologists abroad and transfer the poisoned blood samples abroad as soon as possible to identify the poisons and their origin as soon as possible. We demand to send a special medical committee by the United Nations and UNICEF to Iran to investigate the poisonings and try to identify their causes, agents and commanders.

We advise our countrymen to establish school defense committees, especially for girls' schools, by parents, students, school teachers, and the youth as soon as possible to guard the schools and thus deal with the mentioned crimes.

The Coordinating Council of Educators' Union Organizations has announced a meeting for Tuesday morning for union demands and protests against poisoning. We declare our support for this call and gathering.

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Continuation of subsistence demands



The livelihood difficulties of teachers and other working and retired educators in Iran have been one of the most acute and prominent problems in our society's daily life. In recent years, educators have been able to organize



themselves in the "coordinating council of educators' trade unions". Due to the formation of this organization we have seen frequent gatherings and protests of cultural workers to improve their living conditions in recent years.

The aforementioned council has invited working and retired teachers to hold nationwide rallies on Saturday, March 6, against high prices, inflation, poverty and the unanswered demands of educators and the existing insecurity in schools through chemical attacks and "serial poisonings". The call of the Coordinating Council of Trade Union Organizations of



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Iranian Cultivators for a nationwide rally has been made in the circumstances that in the past few weeks there has been a wide-ranging wave of livelihood protests with the demand for an increase in salaries and allowances as well as protest against a 20% increase in the salaries of government employees, while official statistics indicate inflation of 47%.

The Political-Executive Committee of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) writes about this:

The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) announces its strong support for the protest for the rights of cultural workers on March 6 and asks other wage and salary earners,

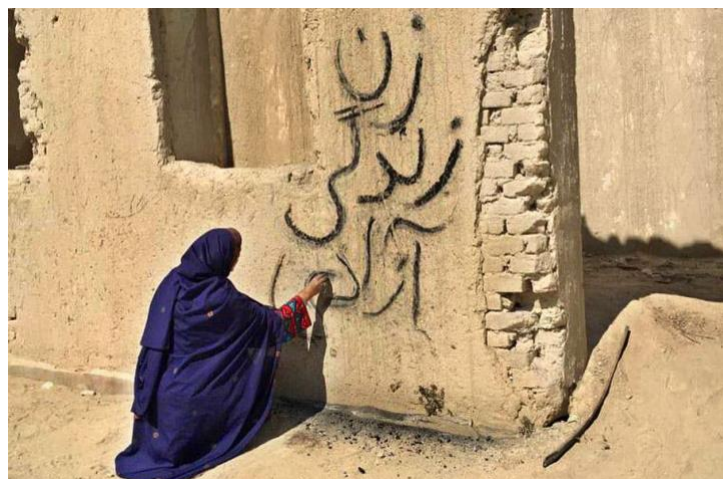
working and retired, and especially the parents of students, in any way they can to support teachers.

■ March 8 in the light of "Women, Life, Freedom"

This year, the message of International Women's Day for the people of Iran, especially women and, abroad was different from the past years. The political sphere of our country has witnessed the formation and spread of a movement which, although it started

with the tragic death of Mahsa Amini in the regime's detention center but in its continuation, has evolved into a movement called "Women, Life, Freedom", This movement has left its mark in the history of the struggle of the people of our country on the path of liberation from the shackles of reaction and standing against anti-women laws.

The presence of women in the protest regardless of age and different strata and groups of society carried a message that echoed not only





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in the streets and alleys of our country's cities but also in the whole world and brought unprecedented solidarity and support. In fact, the name that the movement chose for itself, "Woman, Life, Freedom", took on the task of explaining the whys and wherefores of this movement in an excellent way and carried it forward.

Within the framework of this movement and its continuation, the opposition to everything that the Islamic Republic of Iran brought to the country, and especially to the women, in the past 44 years is framed. From NO to the mandatory hijab, the

beginning of which goes back to the first months of the formation of this government the struggle has continued.

The Women's Working Group of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) writes on the occasion of March 8: The Women's Working Group of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadajan) declares its warmest greetings on the occasion of this holy day and expresses deep disgust for the crimes that are committed in the streets, in the universities and schools, as well as in the prisons of the regime against the women and men of the country. and despite all the difficulties on the way to the fruition of this movement and the liberation of the country's women

from the clauses of the reactionary and anti-women laws.

Welcome to de-escalation

In March, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the mediation of the Chinese government, agreed on the return of diplomatic relations to normal. It is expected that if the mutual commitments are fulfilled, the space for de-escalation in the relations between Iran and the countries of the region except Israel will be smoothed. In particular, Ali Shamkhani - the secretary of the Supreme National Security Council and the representative of Ali Khamenei, who was responsible for the final negotiations with the authorities of Saudi Arabia - shortly after the



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announcement of the agreement with Saudi Arabia, went on a similar mission to the UAE, where he said the need for friendship instead of conflict.

The agreement between the Islamic Republic and Saudi Arabia, which took place after two years of negotiations in Iraq and the mediation of the governments of Iraq, Oman, Russia, Qatar, and finally China, once again revealed the destructive pattern governing the behavior of the Islamic Republic in foreign policy. In this model, within the framework of the

militant foreign policy paradigm, a self-made and artificial crisis is created, then by imposing exorbitant measures on the country and the welfare of the people of Iran.

"The coordination for the Secular Democratic Republic in Iran" issued a declaration, reviewing the relations between the two countries, describing the events that led to the conflict and analyzing the motivations of the two countries to normalize their relation, writes:

We, a group of secular-democratic republicans who formed a coalition, consider the normalization of diplomatic relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia as a step towards reducing the deterioration of the crisis in foreign policy and avoiding the confrontation in the region. On the same note, we emphasize that achieving a foreign policy fully in line with national interests, all-around de-escalation, and sustainable good neighborliness in the region requires the transition from the Islamic Republic. As long as the Islamic Republic is at work, tensions will continue to spread. Therefore, promoting the revolutionary movement of women, life and



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freedom and establishing a new democratic political system that pursues the realization of national interests in a non-ideological approach and balanced relations with neighbors, regional and global powers, is the basic and final solution, but until reaching that destination De-escalation and easing of the crisis in international relations will reduce the dangers facing the people and the country.

We, as organizations that have always opposed military actions and sanctions harmful to the people and infrastructure of the country in the past years, once again warn the main decision-makers of the Islamic Republic to end expansionism in the region and not to make the country

and the people victims of their delusional ambitions. The miscalculation in ignoring the promotion of Israel's sabotage operations to a direct military confrontation has heavy and perhaps irreparable costs for the country. It is imperative since today the most extreme government in the history of Israel is at work and is motivated to resort to creating a foreign crisis in response to its internal problems.

The spring of hope

March 21 is the first day of spring, which is celebrated as the beginning of the year, including in Iran. A great celebration that lasts for thirteen days. This day as the beginning of the year, due to its absence of religious



and national affiliations, and its exact adaptation to nature, gives it an all-human essence.

This year, our people are going to welcome the new year in difficult but hopeful conditions. Poverty is rampant in the country with 47% inflation which has made the lives of the majority of people miserable. The skyrocketing prices of goods do not allow people to feed their families and celebrate Nowruz with others. On the other hand, the revolutionary movement "Woman, Life, Freedom" has revived the hope of



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the end of the black shadow on our country under the 44-year rule of the Islamic Republic. It has shaken the foundations of the government.

The Political-Executive Committee of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), reviewing the last year and the threshold of the spring of hope, writes:

At the beginning of the new year, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) salutes the free people of Iran, the political prisoners, the families of those who died on the path of freedom and justice, the women and men who fight against discrimination and injustice and for equality. Workers, toilers, teachers and retirees who continue to protest and strike to achieve

their rightful demands, writers and intellectuals and artists, lawyers and doctors who hold up the flag of freedom, to leftist and democratic fighters who sacrifice their lives for freedom and social justice. We send our greetings and hope that the new year will be a year to achieve our goals. Our party wishes all free people to join their ranks to end the reign of the ruling regime in our country and to achieve freedom and democracy. We do spread the seeds of hope in the heart of the soil of the motherland will sprout and the fragrance of freedom will spread more widely in the atmosphere of our country. In the hope of such a day, may Spring be victorious

and Nowruz be blessed!

Protest against the Islamic Republic on April 12



April 12 this year is the 44th anniversary of the referendum on the establishment of the Islamic Republic. In this referendum, at the suggestion of Ruhollah Khomeini, the majority of participants voted for the Islamic Republic by 98 percent of votes. Now 44 years have passed since the revolution for which the people of Iran sacrificed their lives. The fruit of that anti-



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monarchy revolution was in the name of the people but to the liking of the leaders of the new government. From that day till now, the shadows who emerged from the depths of darkness have ruled the country.

The political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) has written during a call:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) calls on all Iranian people inside and outside the country to challenge the corrupt government of the Islamic Republic in any way they can on this ominous day. We invite all the political parties against the monarchy, hand in hand, on the day of April 12, when the authoritarian government of the Islamic Republic

officially came to power, to make our voice of protest resound together.



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