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Word of the Month

The criterion of the view of the world and the Islamic Republic regarding the status of Iranian women!

In the last month of 2023, a year after the revolutionary movement of 'woman, life, freedom' in Iran, Narges Mohammadi won the Nobel Peace Prize. Nonetheless, she remains in prison, so her prize is given to her twins (residing in Paris).

At the same time, the European Parliament awarded the SAKHAROF prize to Mahsa-Zhina Amini.

The significance of these awards is understood first of all in that the world was expressing its solidarity with respect to the struggle of women, the young and the various ethnic minorities.

What was the reaction of the Islamic Republic to these awards? Narges Mohammadi was kept in prison, Mahsa Amini's family were barred from travelling to Europe to receive her award. In fact, her attorney travelled to Strassburg to receive the award on the family's behalf, and was detained when returning to Iran.

The divergence of views (between the Islamic Republic and the rest of the world is obvious. Iranian women's struggle carries on (and is applauded all over the world - no matter the ultimate intentions). Iranian men and women will carry on this struggle despite the Islamic Republic's oppression.



■ **In Support of the Request of the United Nations General Assembly: the Need for an Immediate Ceasefire and an End to Israel's Criminal Killing in Gaza!**

Israel's far-right government's bloody war against Gaza's civilians continues, despite the UN General Assembly's approval by more than three-quarters. After more than two months of war, the killings escalate every day. More than 18,000 people have been massacred by Israeli air and ground attacks so far, most of them women and children. Tens of thousands of people are injured or disabled. The Israeli military confirmed that 250 airstrikes were conducted in just one night. Following the unconditional support of the United States, Netanyahu's government has not spared any crime against the people of Gaza and rejected the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly for an immediate ceasefire.

The Left Party of Iran condemns the massacre of



civilians and defenseless people in Gaza by the Israeli government. We express our distaste for the continued killings in Gaza and emphasize our solidarity with the people of Gaza. We demand the effective intervention of the United Nations to stop the war and prevent the forced expulsion of the people of Gaza from their land, the immediate establishment of a ceasefire, the immediate cessation of all destructive military operations of the Israeli army, the release of prisoners and hostages and the start of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians based on the resolutions of the United Nations. We express our deep concern about the criminal continuation of this war and the madness of annexing the Palestinian territories to Israel. Today, it is clear to everyone that to avoid war and bloodshed and live in peace, there is no

other way than agreeing on a just solution and ending the long conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and accepting the solution of the formation of two states.

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■ In Support of Ahvaz Steel Factory Workers Demands! Stand In solidarity with the Strikers!

The Left Party of Iran extends its unequivocal support to the steel workers' strike along with the weekly ongoing protests. We firmly stand in solidarity with all those



advocating for meaningful change. Given the suppression of independent

organizations and the government's onslaught on labor laws, leaving workers disenfranchised, we believe that organized and widespread strikes and protests, involving the establishment of an independent labor union, offer the most effective means for workers to safeguard their livelihoods, well-being, and rights. We endorse the establishment of a general assembly by the steelworkers to pave the way for an independent trade union organization that can serve as a source of inspiration for other workers.

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Human rights and peace are inseparable!

December 10 of this year comes in a situation where the world is involved in wars. Wars that have taken away basic human rights, including the right to live in peaceful conditions. More than a year has passed since Russia attacked Ukraine, which has already caused countless human casualties on both sides and displaced and made homeless around six million Ukrainians, and the prospect of peace is still not in sight.



On the other hand, following the terrorist attacks of Hamas on Israel and the blind revenge of the Netanyahu government, the public atmosphere of the Middle East region and the world has been severely affected. The public opinion of the world is very worried about the war in the region, which is nothing but atrocious killing and destruction. In such a

situation the authoritarian government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI), by abusing the global crisis, has started to further suppress and execute several activists of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. In addition, due to the support of the IRI of the so-called axis of resistance, speculations have increased that our country will be dragged into another devastating civil war.

"Hamgami" Coalition for the Secular Democratic Republic in Iran demands

the immediate release of all political prisoners and an end to the torture and execution of protesters and dissidents. We also believe that the human rights activist Narges Mohammadi does not belong in prison and we demand that Ms. Narges Mohammadi be released from prison as soon as possible, so that she can receive her award on December 10, which coincides with the

International Human Rights Day.

HAMGAMI (The Coalition for the Secular Democratic Republic of Iran)

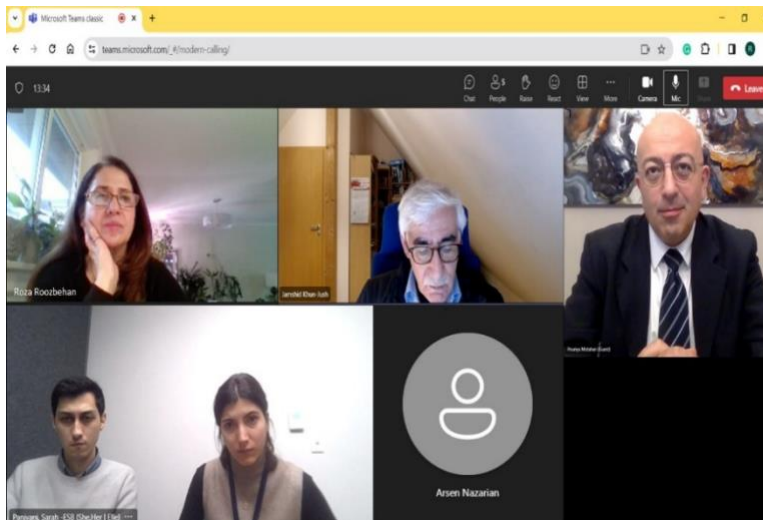
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Meeting of "Hamgami" Representative with the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On December 7, 2023, representatives of the "Hamgami" coalition engaged in an online dialogue with officials from the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The representatives participating in this discussion included Ms. Roza Roozbehan (from the Left Party of Iran) and Mrs. Jamsheed Khonjoosh (Union of Iranian Republicans), Pourya Motahari (National Front of Organizations Outside the Country), and Arsen Nazarian (National Front of Iran-Europe).

This conversation, initiated by the International Relations Working Group of the "Hamgam for the Secular Democratic Republic in Iran" coalition, aimed to introduce the coalition's



foundations and objectives briefly. The discussion addressed the situation of women, their numerous legal and social constraints in the Islamic Republic regime, and highlighted the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, led by women in the past year, its geographical spread, and the suppression by the regime against protesters. The widespread use of violence by the Islamic Republic against opponents and protesters, especially during the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement.

Three issues related to the Canadian government were raised during the meeting:

A: Representatives urged the Canadian government to pay more attention to the issue of Iranian refugees in Turkey who seek migration and asylum in Canada. They requested an increase in their quota from the total refugee quota entering Canada.

B: Canada was described as a kind of paradise for the Iranian government and military officials. These elements, having acquired funds through corruption and theft, have settled in Canada, utilizing all welfare and communication facilities and maintaining their relationships with the Islamic Republic regime.

C: It was emphasized that the Canadian government should more seriously pursue the case of Flight PS752, ensuring justice is served and the perpetrators of this heinous crime face the consequences.

Meeting of "Hamgami" Representatives with the Iranian Desk Officer at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs On December 1st.

This meeting was initiated by the International

Relations Working Group of the "Hamgami for a Secular Democratic Republic in Iran". Participating in the meeting were representatives of Hamgami, including Mr. Mehdi Ebrahimzadeh, Homayoun Mehmanesh, Farhad Fardjad, Parviz Mokhtari, and the spokesperson for the Iranian Desk at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The discussion focused on the country's political situation, introducing Hamgami and its objectives, and presenting certain requests to assist Iranian refugees. The representatives initially highlighted the recent executions, increased pressure, suppression, arrests, and executions after the quelling of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. The intensity of these suppressions was emphasized to be even greater than during the "Mahsa" movement. Increased pressure on labor and trade activists, expulsions or purging of students and professors from universities, and the targeting of artists, writers, and filmmakers were noted. The meeting also addressed the tragic killing of the renowned director Dariush Mehrjui and his wife Vahideh

Mohammadi during the ongoing Gaza conflict.

The Hamgami representatives then elaborated on points from their manifesto, emphasizing that a transition from the Islamic Republic to democracy will not happen automatically. Immediate actions and mechanisms are needed for democratic transformation and the establishment of a secular and democratic parliamentary system. The following points were highlighted and emphasized by the Hamgami delegation:

- Assistance to Iranian refugees in Turkey and other European countries.
- Continuation of communication and dialogue with Hamgami as a coalition of secular democratic republic advocates relevant to Iranian issues.
- Importance of highlighting the role of Iranian women, expecting European progressive forces to be the voice of Iranian women.

In conclusion, the official from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while emphasizing the strength and respectability of Iranian women, discussed actions taken to assist Iranian refugees despite



internal challenges in Germany.

Secretary-General, "Hamgami" for a Secular Democratic Republic in Iran".

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