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**Word of the Month:**

***Return of UN Sanctions on Iran Marks a New Phase of Crisis***

*On September 27, 2025, all previous UN sanctions on Iran were automatically reinstated under Resolution 2231, following the Security Council's rejection on September 19 of a proposal aimed at preventing the snapback. This marks a major diplomatic failure and the beginning of a new and dangerous phase of confrontation.*

*The move concludes the process initiated by Germany, France, and the United Kingdom, intensifying Iran's political isolation and paving the way for broad economic and humanitarian pressure. These sanctions, far from targeting the authorities, will mainly deepen the suffering of ordinary Iranians by restricting access to medicine, food, and essential goods.*

*Through years of destructive and confrontational policies, including limiting IAEA inspections and blocking negotiations, the Islamic Republic has squandered opportunities to avoid this outcome, driving the nation into one of its gravest crises in decades.*

*To prevent further escalation and protect both regional stability and the lives of Iranian citizens, we urgently call for:*

- *The UN to reopen diplomatic channels to contain the crisis;*
- *European governments to pursue de-escalation and dialogue;*
- *The Iranian authorities end policies that endanger the country's future.*

*We urge all peace-oriented forces in Iran to unite against the risk of war and the devastating effects of renewed sanctions*





 **l'Humanité**  
The 90th Fête de l'Humanité was held from September 12 to 14, 2025, with an unprecedented attendance of more than 620,000 participants, and all tickets sold out by the second day. This massive turnout once again affirmed the festival's status as France's largest popular cultural and political gathering. The remarkable presence of youth and their passionate discussions on social issues, the environment, media freedom, the Iranian women's movement, and solidarity with Palestine reflected the vitality of French society. Palestinian flags were seen throughout the

venue, and the speeches by the Palestinian representative, along with a live connection to Rima Hassan, Member of the European Parliament, became powerful symbols of broad solidarity with the Palestinian people. During this year's event, various left-wing parties and movements took part with their own tents and booths, presenting their views and programs, a process that is steadily transforming the festival into a "festival of the Left Front." Numerous panels also highlighted the importance of independent media, the need to establish a left-oriented media platform and explored the

connection between the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement and regional wars. The participation of figures such as Fabien Gay, leader of the CGT trade union, and Rafael Correa, former president of Ecuador, further underscored the international significance of this year's Fête de l'Humanité, turning it into a true arena for global solidarity and people's dialogue.



■ **Condemnation of the Murder of Political Prisoner Somayeh Rashidi and the Continuation of Crimes in Prisons!**

Somayeh Rashidi, imprisoned in Qarchak Varamin prison, died on September 25 after months of being denied medical treatment and the deliberate negligence of the authorities in sending her to a hospital. Reports indicate that she had repeatedly informed prison officials about her deteriorating health, but not only was she ignored, she was accused of “faking illness.” The delay in providing medical care was the main cause of her death.

This crime is yet another example of the deliberate policy of depriving sick prisoners of treatment and using silent tools of murder inside prisons. The Islamic Republic, with Ali Khamenei at its head, is directly responsible for the lives of prisoners. The Left Party of Iran stresses the need for joint struggle by the republican and democratic opposition and human rights organizations to save the lives of political prisoners and to confront killings and executions. Any division among political forces fighting for freedom only benefits the

criminal rulers and paves the way for further crimes. We call on political currents that oppose injustice and dictatorship to reconsider their divisions regarding the defence of political prisoners' lives, and to continue their united struggle in a common front against the murderers of the people's children.

**Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran**

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■ **The Left Party of Iran marks the anniversary of the “Women, Life, Freedom”**

Uprising, describing it as a turning point in the struggle against decades

of religious tyranny, systemic discrimination, and repression. Sparked by the death of Zhina (Mahsa) Amini in September 2022, the movement grew into a nationwide revolt led by women, supported by youth, and embraced by families across political, ethnic, and religious lines. It exposed the fragility of the regime's misogynistic policies and forced its first major retreat on compulsory hijab, proving that united action by the people can challenge tyranny. The movement also reshaped political culture by linking women's freedom to society's liberation, promoting democratic values, and inspiring






solidarity movements worldwide.

The statement emphasizes that the uprising was not a temporary protest but a cultural and political rupture that continues to shape Iran's democratic aspirations. According to the Left Party, its achievements include weakening the regime's ideological authority, raising public awareness, and embedding new values of equality and democracy. The Party calls on political groups and democratic institutions inside and outside Iran to sustain and expand the struggle, linking it with workers, teachers, retirees, youth, and other oppressed groups. Only through organization, solidarity, and the unification of scattered protests can the Iranian people end religious tyranny and build a democratic and just society, the statement argues.

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### **Aftershocks of the 12-Day War, Deadlock in Nuclear Talks, Threat of War and More Sanctions!**

 the 12-Day War has deepened Iran's political and economic

instability, exposing internal divisions and the weakening authority of its leadership. Despite the ceasefire, the country remains suspended in crisis, with living conditions deteriorating under inflation, unemployment, and shortages of basic goods. Strikes and protests by workers, teachers, and retirees continue amid rising public frustration, while mismanagement and war-related damages have intensified social and economic pressures. The regime appears unable to resolve the problems that triggered the conflict, fueling fears of further unrest and even collapse.

At the center of Iran's international dilemma is its nuclear program. Years of enrichment policies have cost billions of dollars, worsened sanctions, and isolated the country, while providing little economic benefit. A suspension of enrichment and a return to diplomacy could reduce tensions and pave the way for normalization, but the regime remains unwilling or unable to make such a commitment. This deadlock has left Iran trapped in a costly cycle of "no war, no peace," in which the risks of renewed conflict and heavier sanctions continue to grow.

The threat of war remains serious as negotiations stall and trust between Iran and Western powers erodes. Europe has moved toward reactivating the UN "snapback" mechanism, which would restore earlier sanctions and place Iran under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. While the U.S., Europe, Russia, and China all press for transparency on enrichment, Tehran faces paralysis and sharp internal disputes over whether to compromise. Without a shift in policy, the regime risks deeper isolation, further economic decline, and possible confrontation with its adversaries.

These pressures have also reshaped the Iranian opposition landscape. The war exposed divisions among exiled and domestic groups, ranging from those who opposed both foreign aggression and the Islamic Republic's policies, to monarchists openly supporting Israel, to others who remained silent or aligned with the "Axis of Resistance." While opposition to the regime is widespread, the lack of a unified and trusted alternative leaves the country vulnerable to instability, blind uprisings, or foreign intervention. The growing consensus among reformist, leftist, and democratic forces is

that Iran's future depends on organized domestic movements and a coordinated opposition capable of ending authoritarian rule and establishing a secular, democratic republic.

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### **The Islamic Republic in a Foreign Policy Deadlock and Domestic Crisis!**

The Left Party of Iran argues that the Islamic Republic's foreign policy, shaped by ideology rather than national interests, has led to isolation, sanctions, and military conflict. From the early slogan of "Neither East nor West" to its entrenched hostility toward the U.S. and Israel, the regime's policies have ignored global realities and Iran's social and economic transformations. Tactical maneuvers have been driven by crises rather than strategy, creating a system where some factions profit from confrontation while others push for change. This has left the country stuck in a costly cycle of "neither war nor peace," with the Iranian people bearing the burden.

The statement emphasizes the growing



role of the U.S. and Israel in shaping Iran's regional . While Washington prioritizes containing China, it continues to rely on sanctions, limited military presence, and Israel to check Iran's ambitions. Israel, in turn, seeks regional dominance by exploiting Iran's weaknesses, though its actions in Gaza and beyond have created tensions even with some allies. Still, the U.S. and its partners remain united in preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear power, leaving the Islamic Republic trapped in a worsening geopolitical dilemma. The regime's reliance on China and Russia has further exposed the imbalance in its foreign relations. While Tehran aligns itself with these powers, neither is willing to sacrifice its broader national interests for Iran's sake. The activation of the snapback mechanism by European countries threatens to reimpose UN sanctions under Chapter VII,

heightening Iran's isolation and the risk of war. This one-sided dependence, combined with hostility toward the West, has deepened Iran's foreign policy deadlock, while sanctions and corruption push the economy toward collapse.

The Left Party of Iran believes the regime lacks both the will to retreat and the ability to advance, leaving it paralyzed amid domestic crises and growing social protests. At the same time, the risk of direct conflict with Israel is rising due to Iran's military buildup, contradictory nuclear diplomacy, and inflammatory rhetoric. The Party calls for strong public pressure and coordinated action among leftist, republican, and democratic forces to resist the regime's destructive policies and avoid further war and sanctions. It envisions a secular, democratic republic with a foreign policy based on international law, peaceful

coexistence, and national development as the only sustainable path forward.

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**Environment of Iran:**

**Land Subsidence, Iran's Greatest Geological Crisis**

The land subsidence in Isfahan is no longer a hidden crisis. The ground of the city has cracked open, and every fissure stands as evidence of three decades of poor management. Isfahan's subsidence is not a temporary threat; it is a sign of a hydrogeological and structural collapse. This disaster simultaneously endangers the country's historical heritage, urban infrastructure, and territorial security.

Today, the cracks in Isfahan's earth are more than fractures in soil; they are history's handwriting condemning the mismanagement of natural resources. Every meter of subsidence is not merely the loss of farmland; it is a direct threat to world heritage, national assets, and public trust.

If this trend is not reversed, Isfahan will only be the first victim. Other plains of Iran, from Kerman and Khuzestan to Tehran and Sistan, are following the same path. Isfahan is telling



us that the earth, unlike the authorities, does not compromise. Once aquifers collapse, no transfer project and no engineering plan can ever restore them.

Today, the essential question is this: *does the country's management*

*system have the capacity to hear the voice of the earth, or will short-sighted decisions continue to sacrifice the future of an entire land?*

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