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Word of the Month, Immediate Ceasefire and Urgent Negotiations

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The war initiated by the United States and Israel against Iran has now entered its fifth week, inflicting grave human, environmental, and infrastructural damage. In recent days, multiple Iranian universities have been subjected to severe attacks and bombardments. The pattern of targeted assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists in previous years has now escalated into the systematic destruction of academic institutions. In response, the Islamic Republic has carried out retaliatory strikes against U.S. bases in neighbouring countries and against Israel, resulting in further loss of life. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has already produced significant and measurable disruptions to the regional and global economy.

The danger of further escalation and geographic expansion of this conflict, along with its devastating consequences for civilian populations, the environment, economic stability, and the broader fabric of life, has reached an alarming and potentially catastrophic level. Preventing a descent into a wider, more destructive global conflict must now be regarded as an urgent priority for the international community.

Given that this phase of the conflict, irrespective of its longer historical context, was initiated on February 28 by the United States and Israel against Iran, the following positions are advanced:

An immediate cessation of hostilities must be undertaken without delay by the United States and Israel.

The Islamic Republic of Iran must, without preconditions, formally declare its readiness to enter into the negotiations.

Any negotiations between the parties must be directed toward addressing the underlying issues that have contributed to or been invoked as justification for the conflict, including:

- The evident violations of international law arising from the military actions of the United States and Israel against Iran;*
- The longstanding rhetoric of the Islamic Republic calling for the destruction of Israel.*

While it is evident that both sides will pursue distinct strategic objectives in any negotiation process, the paramount priority must be the establishment of a durable and comprehensive peace between the parties and across the region.

The imperative of ending the war and initiating negotiations must not be made contingent upon the overthrow of the Islamic Republic or the imposition of any externally preferred political alternative, as certain actors have suggested. The responsibility for entering into negotiations should rest with the current internationally recognized government of Iran, namely the Islamic Republic. Any process of political transformation or change in governance remains the sovereign prerogative of the Iranian people and opposition forces, and constitutes their central challenge in the pursuit of freedom and democratic governance.

A credible pathway toward ending the war must be grounded in a framework capable of producing a stable and lasting peace in the region. Such an outcome may emerge either within the framework of the current political order or in a future post-Islamic Republic context.

 **Letter to Ursula Gertrud von der Leyen
President of the European Commission**

March, 05 2926

Dear Madam President and the Members of the European Union,

We are writing to convey our profound concern regarding the recent military strikes carried out by the United States and Israel against Iran. The subsequent retaliation by the Islamic Republic, targeting Israel and United States bases in several regional countries, has significantly escalated tensions. Civilian areas and infrastructure across the region have been damaged, and the conflict has effectively expanded beyond its initial scope.

Given the European Union's declared commitment to multilateralism, diplomacy, and the rule of law, we urge you to treat this situation with the utmost urgency and to take meaningful steps aimed at de-escalation and the preservation of international peace and security.

Assertions that these attacks were an unavoidable and evidence-based response to an imminent nuclear threat have not been conclusively verified. Recent U.S. intelligence assessments, along with statements from the International Atomic Energy Agency, indicate that there is no definitive proof of an active Iranian program to develop nuclear weapons. While Israel has characterized its actions as "pre-emptive," and Donald Trump has framed them as a response to Iran's refusal to accept his negotiation terms, such justifications remain deeply contested under international law.

Beyond strategic and legal considerations, the humanitarian implications demand urgent attention. The people of Iran have, in

recent months, endured severe repression, economic hardship, and violence imposed by their own government. They are now exposed to additional dangers as a result of the foreign military operations ordered by Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu. Civilian lives, essential infrastructure, and the basic security of the people are at grave risk, intensifying the suffering of a society already under immense internal pressure.

It is therefore deeply regrettable that, rather than prioritizing efforts to halt hostilities, several European governments have focused on condemning Iran's retaliatory actions, a stance that has been widely perceived as tacit support for the initial military strikes by the United States and Israel.

Equally troubling is the fact that the states conducting these attacks are themselves nuclear-armed and have resisted concrete initiatives aimed at establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, an objective long supported by the majority of countries in the region and repeatedly raised within the United Nations framework.

In this critical moment, we call upon the European Union to adopt an independent and principled position: to oppose actions that contravene international law and the principles of the UN Charter, to promote active diplomatic solutions, and to press for an immediate ceasefire. Protecting the lives and rights of the Iranian people and preventing further regional destabilization must be central to Europe's response.

Respectfully,

Roza Roozbehan

International Affairs - Left Party of Iran

 **Letter to the Members of the
AFET Committee**

Dear Members of the AFET Committee,

We would like to express our appreciation for the European Parliament's continued attention to the situation in Iran and for your efforts to engage with representatives of the Iranian opposition. Recent reports, including coverage by Euronews, indicate that the Committee on Foreign Affairs is considering inviting a range of Iranian opposition figures and organizations to exchange views on the current developments in Iran.

We welcome this initiative and commend the Committee's intention to ensure that diverse democratic voices are heard in discussions concerning Iran's future. At a time when the Iranian people continue to face severe repression and restrictions on fundamental freedoms, such dialogue with democratic opposition forces is both timely and important.

In this context, the Left Party of Iran would greatly appreciate the opportunity for its perspective to also be represented in this important exchange. As a political organization committed to democracy, social justice, secular governance, and human rights in Iran, we believe that our participation could contribute constructively to a pluralistic and inclusive dialogue on Iran's democratic future.

We sincerely hope that the Committee will consider allowing the voice of the Left Party of Iran to be heard alongside other opposition representatives.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of contributing to this important discussion.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Ebrahimzadeh
International Affairs - Left Party of Iran

 **Letter to His Excellency the Right Honourable Mark Carney**



His Excellency the Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada

March 1, 2006

Your Excellency,

Our party respectfully presents several concerns regarding your support for the recent military attacks by the United States and Israel against Iran.

You stated that Canada supports efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and threatening international peace and security. While it is acknowledged that, over the past two decades, the Islamic Republic has failed to provide full transparency to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the claim that these strikes are a necessary response to an imminent nuclear threat is not supported by conclusive evidence. Recent United States intelligence assessments and statements from the IAEA indicate that no definitive proof substantiates assertions that Iran is on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. Moreover, the United States' 2018

withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) weakened a multilateral framework designed to address such concerns through verification and diplomacy.

It is also significant that the states conducting these strikes are themselves nuclear-armed and have opposed concrete measures toward establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, an objective supported by most countries in the region. Although Canada has expressed support in principle for such a zone, it has opposed convening a regional conference to advance it. Canada has likewise declined to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and voted against a resolution, backed by 153 states, calling on Israel to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

In light of these considerations, the Left Party of Iran respectfully urges the Government of Canada to condemn this military action and to employ all appropriate diplomatic means to seek its immediate cessation.

Respectfully,

Roza

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International Affairs – Left Party of Iran

 **Open Letter on Concerns for Iran to: The United States Supreme Court, the United States Congress and the European Union**



We express deep concern over the U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran, which have caused widespread destruction, civilian suffering, and damage to vital national infrastructure, despite ongoing diplomatic efforts that had shown early progress.

While we recognize that the Islamic Republic's repressive domestic policies and confrontational foreign approach contributed to the current crisis, we stress that military escalation has pushed the region into a dangerous and uncontrolled situation. Retaliatory attacks are spreading, civilians are at risk, and the violation of international law in attacking Iran sets a dangerous precedent that undermines global norms.

We further warn that the stated objective of regime change risks evolving into a far more dangerous scenario: the fragmentation of Iran and the collapse of its territorial integrity. Efforts to encourage internal divisions or armed groups within the country could lead to civil war and prolonged regional instability. Drawing lessons from Iraq and Libya, we emphasize that external intervention does not bring democracy or



stability. We therefore call for an immediate ceasefire, restraint by all parties, respect for sovereignty, and a return to diplomacy, urging the international community to act swiftly to prevent further escalation and human suffering.

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Continuation of Repression at Home and War and Crisis Abroad!

The selection of Mojtaba Khamenei as Supreme Leader reflects the continued dominance of the Islamic Republic's repressive security apparatus, particularly the IRGC, in determining leadership outcomes. It portrays his elevation as lacking transparency, legitimacy, and clerical standing, chosen instead by internal power networks and coercion within the Assembly of Experts. The move is interpreted as a signal of regime continuity rather than reform, reinforcing both domestic repression and aggressive regional policies. It also situates this development within a broader context of deepening crises, war, economic decline, and institutional decay, while drawing parallels to the irregular process that brought Ali Khamenei to power.

At the same time, the statement contends that this consolidation of power is ultimately fragile and unsustainable, especially amid mounting internal and external pressures. It calls for unity among the Iranian people around the slogan "No to war, no to the Islamic Republic," rejecting both foreign military intervention and authoritarian rule. Emphasizing that meaningful change cannot come from external forces, it highlights the role of broad-based social movements in achieving freedom, democracy, and justice. The future of Iran, it concludes, depends on collective action and solidarity within society to overcome

both war and repression and to bring about fundamental political transformation.

Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran

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Appreciation for the Principled Position of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez in Defence of International Law and for an Immediate End to the War

His Excellency Mr. Pedro Sánchez
Prime Minister of Spain

Your Excellency,



The Left Party of Iran wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the responsible and principled position taken by you and the Government of Spain in defence of international law and in opposition to the escalation of war following the military attacks by the United States and Israel on Iran.

At a time when there is a serious risk that military confrontation could spread across the Middle East and beyond, your emphasis on the urgent need to halt the war and establish an immediate ceasefire reflects Spain's constructive role in safeguarding international peace and stability. From the standpoint of international law, these attacks occurred in the absence of any immediate threat to the United States or Israel. They therefore cannot be justified under the principles of legitimate self-defence or preventive

action under international law. In such circumstances, defending the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and opposing their violation is essential to safeguarding the international legal order.

The Left Party of Iran has consistently condemned the widespread violations of human rights in Iran. Even before these attacks, the Islamic Republic had brutally suppressed and killed thousands of its own citizens, including women and children. Nevertheless, such crimes cannot serve as a pretext for legitimizing aggressive foreign military action.

While we welcome your support, and that of other governments, for the struggles of the Iranian people, we believe that confronting the Islamic Republic and ending its authoritarian rule is the responsibility of the people of Iran and the country's democratic forces. Historical experience has shown that foreign military interventions rarely lead to democracy and freedom, and instead often bring instability, destruction of social institutions, and greater suffering for the people.

At this critical moment, a firm defence of international law and a responsible response to unilateral military actions are more important than ever. Your commitment to these principles and your efforts to prevent further humanitarian and political tragedies deserve respect and recognition.

We hope that the responsible international-law-based approach of the Government of Spain will inspire other governments and international institutions to prioritize diplomacy, the rule of law, and peace, thereby helping to prevent the expansion of war and further suffering in the region.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Roza Roozbehan

International Affairs -The Left Party of Iran

Nowruz is a Sign of Hope for the Future. We Will Not Lose Hope Even in the Smoke and Fire of War!



The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran marks Nowruz 1405 amid war, destruction, and deep national grief, as Iran faces both the aftermath of widespread repression and killings by the Islamic Republic and the ongoing military attacks by the United States and Israel. They condemn the regime's continued use of executions, imprisonment, and violence to suppress popular movements, while also denouncing foreign military intervention as illegal, destructive, and harmful to civilians, infrastructure, and the country's future. According to the statement, war has further restricted civic space, weakened grassroots movements, and strengthened hardline forces within the state, contradicting claims that external intervention would support democratic change.



Despite these conditions, the statement underscores resilience and hope, invoking the symbolism of Nowruz as a reminder that no winter is everlasting. It highlights the ongoing struggles of workers, teachers, women, ethnic minorities, political prisoners, and grieving families as the true drivers of change, insisting that freedom and justice will emerge from within society rather than through war or repression. The message concludes with a call to maintain hope for a future defined by freedom, equality, and dignity, and extends Nowruz wishes to all those who continue to resist oppression and work toward a better Iran.

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Environment - Iran



A series of reports by Reuters, *The Guardian*, and AP indicate that the military conflict between Iran and the United States has led to a range of serious environmental and humanitarian challenges.

Attacks on oil refineries and other critical infrastructure have led to the widespread release of hazardous pollutants into the air. In some areas, concentrations of particulate matter have been reported at several times higher than global safety limits (approximately 5 to 15 micrograms per cubic meter). In addition to causing respiratory illnesses, this situation has, in some cases, contributed to the phenomenon known as “black rain.”



At the same time, fires at oil facilities have burned hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil daily, continuously emitting smoke and toxic gases that may lead to acid rain and vegetation destruction.

Regarding climate-related pollution, estimates suggest that more than 5 million tons of carbon dioxide were released into the atmosphere within the first 14 days of the conflict alone. Water pollution risks have also intensified, particularly in the Persian Gulf, where even a spill of several hundred thousand barrels of oil could damage marine ecosystems for years.

Furthermore, in the event of damage to nuclear facilities, there is a risk of radioactive material being released, potentially causing widespread environmental contamination across areas spanning tens to hundreds of kilometres.

Overall, the conflict has evolved into a multidimensional environmental crisis with both immediate and long-term consequences.

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