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*Word of the Month: Trump's fantasy-inspired quagmire*

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*When Mr. Trump started this latest war of aggression against Iran, he expected another short, sharp adventure – Venezuela style. Trump's limitless ego enabled Netanyahu to sweet-talk him into believing a fairy tale: Iran would become the stage on which Trump proves American hegemony is invincible.*

*Luckily for us all, the Iranian regime's resilience proved far more solid than Trump's fantasies. The mirage of limitless American hegemony has been shattered. Even the most enthusiastic US proponents of military might had to reassess how to end the nightmare in the Persian Gulf.*


*Trump seems to have grudgingly recognized that bombs alone may not give him the win he craves. He extended the initial ceasefire several times, repeatedly threatening Iran (and the world) with Armageddon before finally declaring the ceasefire open-ended. At the time of writing, that ceasefire continues but is extremely fragile. Will it hold?*

*Meanwhile, the world economy is contracting, famine stalks ever greater swathes of the globe, and Iranian society becomes increasingly paralyzed as Iran and the US continue to play chicken. Both regimes are sticking to maximalist demands, gambling that they can outlast the other.*

*Iran hopes that the resulting extreme pressure on the world economy, together with rising inflation and internal election pressures in the US, will make Trump blink first.*

*At the same time, Trump has repeatedly stated that the Iranian economy is on the brink and expects the Iranian regime to collapse. What he doesn't seem to recognize is that the regime's extreme brutality enables it to keep in check internal pressures in the short term.*

*Iran's economy has suffered immensely under half a century of the Islamic Republic's misrule. But it is hard to foresee another uprising in Iran in the immediate future. The Iranian regime has unashamedly brutalized its people and will have no compunction in doing so again.*

 **Under the Shadow of War and Ceasefire, Let Us Intensify the Fight Against Executions and for the Release of Political Prisoners!**



Iran's judiciary chief has called for accelerated, "wartime" handling of detainee cases, urging rapid indictments and direct prison interventions. This comes amid reports of online and mass trials and a renewed wave of executions, raising serious human rights concerns. Prisoners, especially political and ideological detainees, face heightened risks due to war conditions, including exposure to military attacks, deteriorating access to food and medical care, and increased threats of execution and ill-treatment. Recent executions of protesters

and political prisoners reinforce fears of systematic repression, evoking memories of past mass atrocities.

Conditions in major prisons such as Evin and Qezelhesar are described as dire, with overcrowding, restricted family contact, and limited transparency. The broader political context, ongoing conflict, leadership instability, and intensified repression have further endangered prisoners. The statement warns against international inaction and calls for urgent global awareness and pressure to halt executions and secure the release of political prisoners. It urges civil society, political groups, and human rights organizations to mobilize, emphasizing that silence could enable a humanitarian disaster.

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**Special Congress of the Left Party of Iran: We are Desirous of Continued Negotiations and Lasting Peace!**

During the Special Congress of the Left Party of Iran, the Congress followed the negotiations between the Islamic Republic's delegation and the US government with great sensitivity.

While welcoming the resumption of talks following the forty-day war against the Iranian people and the country's infrastructure, the Congress was concerned about the outcomes of these negotiations, given the record of the war and the bad records of both sides. Now that the delegations have declared that they have not reached an agreement and have shown signs of pessimism, leaving the continuation of the talks in limbo, the Congress expresses its deep regret at the circumstances that have arisen. The Congress firmly condemns any obstruction by either side or any other

interfering force. The Left Party of Iran insists on the necessity of adhering to the peace negotiations and hopes for maximum flexibility on both sides to build



mutual trust. The necessary conditions for stopping the war are both fundamental changes in the nuclear policies and the adventurist approaches of the Islamic Republic in the region, and the Trump administration's avoidance of excesses, especially the neutralization of the Netanyahu government's continuous sabotage of peacemaking. We believe that the Islamic Republic's behaviour must be such that any excuse for continuing the invasion and aggression, which is clearly unjustified and violates international law, is taken away from the US and Israeli governments.

**Long live peace and democracy**

**Special Congress of the Left Party of Iran**  
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 **Political Resolution of the Special Congress of the Left Party of Iran.**

The Special Congress of the Left Party of Iran describes the past nine months as a critical period shaped by war, foreign aggression, and deep internal crises. It condemns the military actions of the United States and Israel as violations of international law that have devastated infrastructure, harmed civilians, worsened poverty, and destabilized the region. While acknowledging the role of the Islamic Republic's confrontational policies in escalating tensions, the party stresses that continued war will only deepen destruction. It supports maintaining the ceasefire and pursuing negotiations to achieve a lasting peace.

The party rejects foreign-led "regime change" efforts, arguing that military intervention has failed to achieve its stated goals and has instead intensified repression, weakened social movements, damaged the environment, and worsened economic conditions, especially for workers and vulnerable groups. It insists that political change in Iran must come

from the Iranian people themselves, not external powers. Its central position is a dual opposition to both war and the Islamic Republic, advocating for peace, diplomacy, and independent democratic transformation.

Internally, the resolution highlights the Islamic Republic's structural crises, including economic collapse, widespread public dissatisfaction, and violent repression of protests. Although weakened by war, the regime has become more militarized and authoritarian, with increased power concentrated in security institutions. At the same time, the document emphasizes that social unrest remains deeply rooted, and movements such as "Women, Life, Freedom" have reshaped political consciousness by linking demands for economic justice, freedom, and dignity. The potential for renewed protests after the war remains high.

Finally, the party underscores the importance of strengthening independent popular movements, civil institutions, and democratic organizations as the foundation for change. It calls for unity among republican and democratic forces,



rejects monarchist and foreign-dependent opposition strategies, and emphasizes pluralism, social justice, and federalism as principles for Iran's future. The resolution concludes that building a democratic alternative rooted in society, rather than imposed from outside, is essential for achieving freedom and a just political order.

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**In Welcoming the Ceasefire, the Beginning of Negotiations to End the War, and the Necessity of Fighting for the Release of Political Prisoners and a Halt to Executions!**

We consider the temporary ceasefire between Iran and the United States, mediated by Pakistan, a fragile yet important step toward halting a destructive war that has primarily harmed civilians and devastated livelihoods. Although this ceasefire reflects a balance of power rather than a decisive resolution, it creates a vital opportunity for the Iranian

people to raise their voices for freedom and dignity. We emphasize that war not only destroys lives and infrastructure but also strengthens authoritarian and militarized forces, limiting the space for democratic action. For this reason, we stress the necessity of pursuing diplomacy and turning this ceasefire into a lasting and just peace.

At the same time, we underscore that internal repression continues despite the ceasefire, making the immediate release of political prisoners and a halt to executions an urgent priority. We call on the public, political organizations, and international institutions to mobilize in defence of detainees, to support those affected by the war, and to ensure the provision of humanitarian aid. We maintain that neither foreign aggression nor domestic repression can bring legitimacy or justice, and we insist that any durable peace must be accompanied by freedom, respect for human rights, and social justice.

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### ■ **To the Honourable Members of the European Parliament**

The “Coalition for a Secular Democratic Republic in Iran” expresses appreciation for the European Union’s support of the recent ceasefire between Iran and the United States and its call to address broader regional conflicts through a multilateral approach. At the same time, the coalition emphasizes that a key obstacle to stability and democratic transition in Iran is the impact of broad unilateral economic sanctions, which it argues have weakened the middle class, deepened inequality, increased poverty, and reduced the space for civil society. It also highlights the consequences of the United States’ withdrawal from the JCPOA, stating that it undermined diplomatic pathways that could have reduced tensions and improved living conditions.

The coalition calls for a more balanced EU policy that reduces broad sanctions while applying targeted political pressure on Iranian authorities regarding human rights issues such as ending executions, improving living standards, fighting corruption, rebuilding war-affected infrastructure, releasing political prisoners, and ensuring fundamental freedoms, including internet access. It stresses that democratic transition requires a strong and hopeful civil society rather than war, intervention, or economic collapse. The statement also urges continued diplomacy, opposition to escalation by all parties, and greater EU engagement in regional conflicts, including encouraging restraint in Israel and supporting a two-state solution.

### **Environment Iran:**

#### ■ **War Against Iran; The Death Bell for the Middle East Environment**

A prolonged war between Iran, Israel, and the United States is pushing the Middle East toward ecological collapse through “black rains,” destruction of freshwater resources, and the breakdown of the Persian Gulf ecosystem. A report by Maziar Samadi, a researcher at Stockholm University’s Center for Global Political Economy, warns of an unfolding “ecological catastrophe” linked to the war. Beyond human casualties and economic damage, the region’s vital natural infrastructure is rapidly deteriorating.



From “oil rain” in Tehran, caused by airstrikes on fuel tanks, to mounting pollution in the Persian Gulf, attacks on refineries, pipelines, and power plants have released toxic materials into the air and soil, raising the risk of chemical and radiological contamination. The Gulf, already a fragile closed ecosystem, is under severe stress, with much of its coral degraded and oil spills acting like “environmental time bombs.” At the same time, water safety is under acute threat: over 60 million people in Gulf countries

depend on desalination, and destruction of these facilities could render cities like Doha, Dubai, and Manama uninhabitable. In Iran, centralized and vulnerable infrastructure further heightens these risks.

The report identifies “militarized, oil-driven development” as a core structural problem, noting that regional governments have prioritized arms purchases and fragile mega-projects over environmental sustainability. Marginalized groups, ethnic minorities, migrant workers, and the urban poor are the first to suffer from this model, which treats land and water as tools of profit and security rather than the basis of life. War also narrows political space, suppressing environmental activism through arrests and intimidation, while political leaders contribute to silencing ecological concerns.

Finally, the report warns that continued conflict will severely limit prospects for environmental recovery, as resources are diverted to military spending rather than reconstruction. The Middle East faces not

only war and climate stress but a deeper internal ecological breakdown. Today, the struggle for political rights and the fight for environmental survival in the region have effectively become the same.

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