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Word of the Month

Women, Life, Liberty -- Iran's Uprising Continues Unabated

The uprising in Iran goes on, uncontained, with no end in sight. Despite the regime's savage treatment of the protestors, we are witnessing the continuation and deepening of the civil protests. The death of a young woman in custody at the hands of the 'morality police' triggered the protests. Iranian youth from all classes and strata erupted countrywide, from Kurdestan in the west to Baluchestan in the east, with demands 'for a free Iran'. The uprising's duration and outcome are impossible to predict.

The mantra of the protest is 'Women, Life, Liberty'. 'No' to the reactionary restrictions against women! The demand is for 'life' and 'liberty' -- as simple and as pure as that.

There is no declared or recognised organisational or political leadership of this movement, and no one group or organisation can claim leadership. The youth are simply and utterly fed up with the Islamic rule.

Lack of an organised opposition is a trademark of dictatorship. Inevitably, it foretells a tortuous transition at whatever point the regime change occurs.

What can be done by the international community? Outside influence can be a double edged sword, as we witnessed in Syria. Still, we cannot remain on the side lines. The specific demand for human rights remains universal. We must all support the slogan 'Women, life liberty'.

"Woman.Life, Freedom" and nothing else



The "Women, Life, Freedom" movement continued throughout the month of October, and the entire political life of Iran, and accordingly the activity of its political forces and the Iranian Diaspora in this month was shaped by one and only one idea or movement: "Woman, Life, freedom". People's daily protests continued in the streets with the presence and leadership of women and youth in the front lines; the outcomes against the Islamic Republic - whether social and cultural, or geographical - became more widespread;

New sections and classes and strata, as



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well as young people rose up to strike and protest; people of other small and big cities joined the protests; In addition, among many believers of the religion of Islam, both the compulsion to soften the behavior and the regime's intention to suppress were questioned and criticized.

Waves of solidarity with this movement outside Iran also hit many countries, from the Middle East to Latin America.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) by following the events and developments of the last month in connection with the "Woman, Life,

Freedom" movement, by participating in them, analyzing them, projecting their needs and requirements, and by taking action to attract international support for them, participated in this movement.

The party also participated in several events with the Union of Republicans of Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe (Saman 6th), the Social Democratic and Secular Party of Iran (Republican Integration), the organizations of the National Front of Iran abroad, and the solidarity of the Republicans of Iran.

Below is a summary of the actions of various party organs in relation to the mentioned events and developments, according to the date of occurrence.

His Excellency **Mr. Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights**

You are aware of the death of Mahsa (Zhina) Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish girl, after being arrested by the Islamic Republic of Iran's Guidance Patrol (morality police) for "not wearing hijab properly". You are also aware of the widespread protests of the Iranian people against the murder of Mahsa, against the mandatory hijab and the violation of the rights of women and the general citizens of Iran in the last two weeks.

We call on you to ask the authorities of the Islamic Republic to agree to your meeting with a delegation from that commission, with the detainees of the recent





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events in Iran, and arrange this meeting as soon as possible.

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A General and Nationwide Strike can Make the Protest Movement Stronger and Paralyze the Regime!



Now, the Coordinating Council of Iranian Cultural Associations came forward and asked teachers and students to refrain from going to classrooms all over Iran on September 26th and 28th. Council for Organizing Protests of Oil Contract Workers has also warned: "If the arrests, the killing of people and the oppression and harassment of women because of the hijab are

not ended, and the oppression of the people is not ended, we will not remain silent. We will protest together with all the people and shut down the work."

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) considers the call of the Coordinating Council of Iranian Cultural Associations for strike, the warning of the Council for Organizing Protests of Oil Contract Workers and the joining of a number of student organizations to the protests as a step towards a general and nationwide strike. In our party's opinion, a general and nationwide strike will give new strength to the protest movement, will paralyze the regime and make the way to liberation shorter.

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We Support the Call for Demonstrations

around the World on October 1st!

By Participating in the Demonstrations, Let Us Assure the People of Iran that We are With Them!



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), whose policy is to support any democratic movement that is formed in defense of the struggles of the Iranian people, supports the call for demonstrations in various countries and cities around the world. Our party calls on compatriots, political parties and organizations, civil and political activists, supporters and party members to participate in this demonstration to convey the message of the Iranian people's protest to the world as clearly as possible, and to assure the protesters that they are not alone



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and that their compatriots abroad are with them.

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We Condemn the Killing of Protesters in Zahedan!



The political-executive board of the party, as well as the party organizations in different countries, issued similar calls to participate in the demonstrations in different countries; including a call to participate in a nationwide demonstration on October 15, and a call to participate in the demonstration in Berlin on October 22.

While sympathizing with the families of the deceased and the people

of Zahedan, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) strongly condemns the shooting at people and the killing of protesters in Zahedan. In order to maintain its dark ruling, the Islamic Republic confronts every protest movement with violent repression. The regime is actually trying to create an atmosphere of terror in the country to incite violence and justify its brutal repressions. But the people's resistance in more than a hundred cities of the country showed that it is only with solidarity and united protests that the regime's trick of creating an atmosphere of violence and terror can be neutralized and the way to live in freedom and security can be paved.

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Let's respond to the security forces' attack on the university with the

**continuation of the
students' strikes and
rallies!**



The Youth working group of the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian), while condemning this tragedy, considers itself shoulder to shoulder with our University students. In this regard, we are requesting that the international human rights institutions condemn the attack on the country's universities in any way possible and to support the arrested students. In addition, we believe that the continuation of strikes in universities, and the accompaniment of university professors and faculty members with these strikes, and its gradual expansion, along with student rallies, will play an important role in the



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promotion and continuation of the current movement. University is the pulse of the street and the continuation of its strike can be the basis for strikes in other sectors as well.

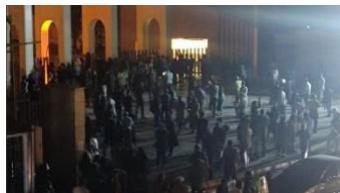
Furthermore, in solidarity with the struggle of the University students and the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement, we request the prestigious universities of the world, student organizations and academic institutions, to condemn the tragedies of recent days, to join in with the people of Iran and in solidarity with the protests of the universities. We ask you to use every single possibility to prevent the oppressive and anti-science government of the Islamic Republic from crashing the struggle and resistance in universities without paying hefty prices.

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forces affiliated with the regime to disobey the orders of the criminal commanders who have interests in maintaining this corrupt system.

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We Condemn the Brutal Attack on the Students of Sharif University of Technology!



While condemning the regime for the brutal attack on Sharif University of Technology and the widespread arrest of students of the country's universities, the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) believes that the regime has resorted to terrorizing the students of Sharif University in order to quell the protests of students in more than eighty universities of the country.

Repressive forces should know that tomorrow they will be brought to trial. We call on the military and police

Khamenei's Fear of the Power of the People's Movement!

After two weeks, Khamenei finally came out of the curtain of terror and by breaking his cowardly and expedient silence, he tried to pretend that he was not afraid, and the regime's officials were not afraid either. But he is clearly both scared and has realized the regime's fear. In his speech, he threatened millions of people who have risen up against the regime. In his speech, he clumsily tried to insinuate to the regime that there is nothing to worry about, although he understands and sees what kind of earthquake the Islamic system is



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facing. His concern was more exposed when most of his speech time was spent beating the movement that has shaken him and the system under his rule. The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) considers Khamenei's words today as a reflection of the ability of the Iranian people's movement in the path of freedom and democracy. By emphasizing the importance of the great achievements of the people, we are sure that the factionalism within the regime is getting more intense and is collapsing. Khamenei's words were cry about the broken system and anger at the rise of the national will in the society.

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Broader international solidarity with the movement of 'Woman, Life, Freedom' in Iran



We salute this national solidarity campaign! Please embrace our slogan: "WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM" to support the ever existing freedom fighters of Kurdistan. Greetings to every fighter against discrimination and every Iranian and non-Iranian supporter anywhere in the world and above all in our HOMELAND!

Nowadays, it is the time to make every country and every city of the world a place for protest and rally. Let's support any protests in this direction. Participating in those protests, we

resonate the slogans of the movement inside Iran. While opposing the Islamic Republic and considering the explicit and common goal of our

people to transition from this system, we should not resort to violence. We must demonstrate our solidarity peacefully. "Woman, Life, Freedom" has a message in its heart for the entire country. It calls: Iran for all its citizens and Iran without the Islamic Republic. May every gathering of us abroad show that Iranians are not alone within the borders and have global support. Let the world know the common goal of those who have lost their lives, injured, or imprisoned by this government: Freedom.



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Lets help isolating the regime ever than before.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) supports each and every gathering in any part of the world that resonates the goals of the popular protest movement in Iran. We extend our hand of solidarity to all freedom fighters and we embrace all organizations and individuals who fight for the national interests, freedom and democracy with open arms. We expect that all members and supporters of our party will actively participate in any gathering or meeting that serves the continuation and promotion of the current movement.

Long live the history-making movement of WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM!

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 **let Us Rush to Help the Heroic People of Sanandaj!**



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) appreciates the resistance and courageous struggle of the people of Sanandaj in the stronghold of the struggle against tyranny and fundamentalism, and invites all freedom-loving people of Iran to protest in their neighborhoods and cities and expand the range of strikes in support of the praiseworthy resistance of the people of Sanandaj, rise up and not let the Islamic Republic mobilize its repression forces to confront the

people of this city. We have no doubt that the spread of people's struggles will continue until the Islamic

Republic is brought down.

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 **We Welcome the Workers' Strike and Joining the People's Protest Movement!**

The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) welcomes the action of the striking workers in Assaluye and Abadan and their joining the national liberation movement of the people and emphasizes that the strike of the workers in



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various fields will strengthen the protest movement and put the regime in a weak position. As long as the regime of the Islamic Republic rules the country and freedom and democracy are not established in the country, workers and wage earners will not be able to defend their rights deservedly. The "Women, Life, Freedom" movement has provided a historic opportunity for the transition from the Islamic Republic. Let us join it and do not miss this historic opportunity.

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 **The Need to Prepare for Immediate Action and Talk to Coordinate the Opposition Forces in Support of**

the People's Protest Movement!

The political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) during the first days of the rise of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, in its emergency and in-person meeting, evaluated the political situation, emphasized the importance of focusing all the party's activities on strengthening the people's protest movement, and It came to the conclusion that the society has entered a new and irreversible stage. In this regard, the party established a division under the name of "Coordination Division of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)" to monitor the political situation, adjust the activities of the party accordingly, and respond appropriately to the movement's issues.

At the same time, our face-to-face meeting,

realizing the importance of the united front against the Islamic Republic, emphasized coordination in the ranks of the opposition and put in its agenda the dialogue to coordinate the forces of the democratic opposition to organize joint actions by considering the commonalities. And where the necessary agreements for unity and cooperation are not yet available, pave the way for alignment and coordination.

In our documents, we have emphasized the principle of dialogue with all the opposition forces that are committed to the principles of democracy, including pluralism, free elections, ballot box judgment, and the formation of the Constituent Assembly to draft the constitution, and we have always adhered to it. Today, while advancing the policy of alliance with republican forces in order to form a republican bloc, as well



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as creating an alliance of leftist forces, we emphasize on strengthening alignments and partnerships with other forces in support of the people's movement. From today, we are working together with our allies in the republican spectrum of Iran in this direction, and we hope that the republican and democratic opposition will understand the sensitivity of the situation, and with greater responsibility, coordinate the necessary efforts to strengthen the efforts of the people in the direction of transitioning from the Islamic Republic and creating a free and fair society.

There should be no doubt that the movement that has spread in the streets today, in its continuation and combined with a nationwide strike, can bring the tyranny of the ruler to its knees. Therefore, part of our

activity will be aimed at encouraging workers, wage earners and other social groups to establish strikes and expand them in solidarity with people's protests and strengthen the position of the current freedom movement.

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 **Evin prison on Fire, the Conspiracy of the Islamic Republic against Political Prisoners! Let Us Rush to the Help of the Prisoners of Evin!**



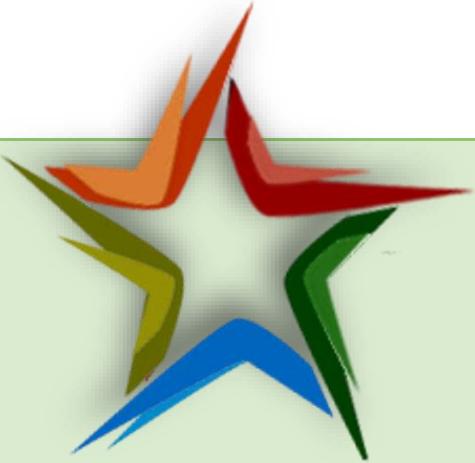
The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) calls on everyone to defend the lives of the prisoners. The Islamic Republic, which should be responsible for protecting the lives of

the prisoners in the prison, has slaughtered them at various times. Tonight's fire can cause another disaster. The prisoners are locked up and the way to escape from the fire is closed to them. There is a risk that the Islamic Republic will once again repeat the scenario of Cinema Rex and this time kill the political elites in prison with their hands tied to death. We hold the Islamic Republic responsible for this fire and warn of its dire consequences.

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 **From the announcement of the youth group of the Party: Let us defend the country's future builders against the brutality of the oppressors.**

We ask all protesting people of Iran to actively support and protect the students against the oppressive mobs. These



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students are the future of Iran and harming them is harming the future of the country.

On the other hand, we will directly ask the international institutions that support children's rights, and especially UNICEF, to do their main duty of supporting and protecting Iranian children more seriously than ever. These institutions should warn the Islamic Republic that the suppression of students is against international conventions, and the Islamic government of Iran should immediately stop suppressing students and release all detainees immediately without any conditions.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party on the necessity of forming strike committees in factories and offices.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) emphasizes the necessity of forming strike committees and organizing strikes in various factories, offices and institutions, and participating in the revolutionary movement and accompanying other forces participating in the revolutionary movement. This movement has emerged for sidestepping from the Islamic Republic of Iran. Be sure that the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement has the capacity to provide your demands, that is, employment, prosperity and freedom.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party in support of the calls to hold the 40th anniversary day of Mahsa's death.



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) supports the call to commemorate the 40th anniversary day of Mahsa Amini's death and invites various social groups to participate in the protests to show that repression and killing cannot end the revolutionary movement. The revolutionary movement of the people is still moving forward to overthrow the destructive government.



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**From Youth Group of
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Woman and the youth are the power and the hope for changing the situation in Iran to go forward for a better future. They are the game changer In Iran. For the last six weeks, an abundance of Iranians specially the brave women and the brave youth from all over Iran, with different ideology, race, gender, age and religion are fighting the dictatorship of the Mullahs with their bare hands. Their only weapon is their courage and hope. Iran facing a severe unemployment, one of the highest

inflation in the world (40%), poverty, discrimination and corruption. In Iran, we have so many educated people and people with expertise in every profession, but because of the dictatorship, corruption, and nepotism by the regime among its relatives, we have witnessed a profound feelings of disquiet with great intense on people but specially on the youth and intellectuals to leave Iran to other countries. It's estimated, that every year about 200,000 of educated Iranians leaving Iran for a better future abroad. Iran, is the "number one" "brain drain" in the world, and that's not an exaggeration. In the last decades, and particularly in the last couple of years, we have been witnessing continuously protests, strikes and dissent from all sections of Iranian society like teachers, retired people, workers, women, university students and environmental

activists... Despite of all these peaceful protests and strikes by Iranian people for their rights and freedom, we have seen no positive attitudes or reaction from the Raisi's incompetent government to address Iranian's problems. All these strikes and protests by Iranians these days are the result of years of ignorance, oppressive, lack of freedom and brushing all the problems under the carpet by the Mulla's regime in Iran. On the 16 September 2022, the killing of "Mahsa Amini" ignited a new uprising in Iran in more than dozens of cities and towns. The reaction of regime to the uprising hasn't been dialogue with people, instead it has been arbitrary arrest, killing, imprisonment, beating in the streets and Secretly. So far, they have killed 300, people that among them are 35 children, 3,000 injured and 12,500 people arrested. In Iran, we need support and the voice of the freedom



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lovers, unions, Liberals Democrats, Workers Syndicate, the general public, and the intellectuals from all over the world for the brave Iranian women, the brave Iranian youth and the entire Iranian people's human rights, freedom and democracy. The Iranian in Iran, need the solidarity of human rights groups and all the freedom groups in the world.

 From Woman
Group of the Left Party of
Iran (People's Fadaian)

The recent protests and movement in Iran that took place after the killing of a 22-year-old Kurdish girl by the morality police are known as the "Bread, Work, Freedom" movement, and although teenagers and youth are the creators of this movement, this revolution also carries women's credit. Its symbolic slogan is "woman, life, freedom". A slogan with the background of Kurdistan's movement for freedom. In this article, I'd like to look at this movement from a female perspective. The Iranian women's movement is coordinated with the global women's

movement against discrimination and injustice. In recent decades, as a result of constant struggles and efforts, women have enjoyed the position of studying science and gaining knowledge and entering the labor market, especially Professional work, and most importantly, they have been able to gain power in the political system. This global movement supports the Iranian women's revolution as well. Let's look at the number of women who are at the top of the world's governing systems and support this movement from the female perspective.

Women who have a large audience and followers in their country and in the world support this movement from a female point of view. I don't want to say that women politicians necessarily sit on the side of humanitarian policies or that female celebrities promote true feminist goals. As in the world of politics, we have Golden





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Meyer, Margaret Thatcher, Hillary Clinton, etc. I want to say how women give enthusiasm to this movement from the angle of feminism and from the position they are sitting in.

At this time, when challenges are made with specific movements to draw public attention and raise awareness about a social issue, the challenge of cutting hair is a feminist way of raising awareness. Getting back to women's education, in Iran also, considering the increase in the ratio of females to males in the university population, it is natural that an educated class of women has formed, which has access to scientific resources in various fields, know how to use technology and as a result, are aware of their rights and demand their rights and equality. The girls who influence their classmates and colleagues that will join them in this struggle eventually. The mothers who send their young sons to the campaign with the slogan "woman, life, freedom".

In the Islamic government, with the double restrictions that the system considers for girls and the control of the society with side orders such as the hijab and the type of clothing and relations with the opposite sex and attendance at the stadiums and participation in sports competitions, as well as... Islamic discriminatory laws such as the right to Inheritance, child custody, divorce rights, etc. are in the hands of men, women naturally appear more in the role of social activists. These are the activists who appear in the leadership stage when protests occur. Although we cannot name a specific leader for these uprisings and demonstrations, we can see the role of many women in these movements. Movements that are connected and little by little will turn into a revolution. To a women's revolution!

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