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## ***Word of the Month***

*Is IRAN facing a SYRIA moment?*

*The uprising in Iran has entered its third month, with no end in sight. At issue is democracy and human rights, not religious dogma . This uprising is for life, for democracy, for human rights, for gender equality and for equality of each individual Iranian, regardless of their ethnic or religious affiliation.*

*And it is a pointedly non-violent struggle. The Islamic Republic is trying every trick in the book to turn it into a deadly confrontation of the type they inflicted on Syria. Will they be successful in transforming this peaceful democratic movement into a sectarian civil war? The Iranian diaspora - and the international community - can play a role in keeping it peaceful and democratic.*

*Four points need to be underlined:*

- 1. This struggle is driven by women who are participating en masse and who have shown they are willing to sacrifice everything to achieve their humane goals.*
- 2. This struggle is a direct result of the despotic regime's own policies, which have resulted in deeply rooted hatred for the regime throughout the country. It is NOT foreign-instigated or led.*

*While forces hostile to Iranian self-determination will try to take advantage of it, this uprising is defiantly non-violent.*

- 3. This struggle encompasses and represents Iranians of all ethnic backgrounds and faith affiliations, all keenly intent upon creating a united country in which all minorities can live in peace and democracy together.*

- 4. The Islamic Republic is trying to turn this into a civil war, especially in the ethnic minority areas of Baluchistan (south-eastern Iran) and Kurdistan (western Iran). In Kurdistan, the Islamic*

*Republic has repeatedly bombarded bordering areas of Iraqi Kurdistan and has acted savagely in*

*Iranian Kurdish towns and cities. The Kurdish response has been continuous, unswervingly and*

*distinctly peaceful demonstrations against repression and for a democratic Iran.*



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■ **Excerpts of the Central Council of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) In regards to the revolutionary movement of "Woman, Life, Freedom"**

For more than two months, the revolutionary movement, despite the killing of hundreds of protesters, including young people, teenagers and children, and the arrest of nearly 17,000 people, has bravely stood up to the repressive apparatus of the Islamic Republic, challenging the armed to the teeth government, and it has transformed the country's political sphere, immersed the support of millions of Iranians inside and abroad, and has aroused unprecedented global solidarity. This movement has shown its stability and resistance against oppression and the helplessness of the oppressors.



"Woman, Life, Freedom" movement is an uprising against discrimination, humiliation and trampling of human dignity, especially the dignity of women. It is fighting for a life style other than the one dictated by the Islamic regime. It is fighting against the mandatory hijab. By imposing compulsory hijab and controlling women, the government has imprisoned the entire society and people's lifestyle. The centrality of women in the movement confirms the statement that "the freedom of a society is meaningless without the freedom of its women."

This movement is not only for the transition from the Islamic Republic and replacing it with a democratic government, but it is also against the inhibiting "values" and "norms". It aims at the changing family, the relationship between society and government, the relationship between social groups and the relationship of Iran with the world. The revolutionary movement has risen for a value and political transformation.

"Woman, Life, Freedom" is a secular movement and it is the first social movement in Iran in which the clergy not only has no role in it, but it is also a movement against the clergy and political Islam. The destructive performance of the clergy, especially in the last 4 decades, is one of the effective factors in setting the stage for the establishment of a secular government instead of the rule of religious figures.



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Universities are one of the main centers of the struggle against the government. In the past years, the student movement faced stagnation due to various reasons, including the dominance of the security forces but the students came to the streets right from the beginning of the uprising and turned the universities across the country, into a stage of

The "Woman, Life, Freedom" is a revolutionary movement against the Islamic Republic. With the formation of the revolutionary movement, the country has entered the revolutionary period. With the continuation and progress of the movement, the political situation of the country will not return to the past.



standing against the tyranny with the slogans of "Woman, Life, Freedom", "Freedom, Freedom" and "Death to the Dictator".

**The revolutionary movement and its situation**

Despite the efficiency crisis, the legitimacy crisis, the economic crisis, the dissatisfaction of the majority of the Iranian people and the continuation of the revolutionary movement, the government is still able

to continue functioning. Despite the rebellions and hesitations among the repression forces, the government's will to suppress has not weakened. The government forces still shoot at protesters, arrests them and fill prisons with protesters. Repression in the ethnic regions such as the provinces of Baluchistan and Kurdistan is more intense than in other regions. However, the reality has shown that the repression was not effective and it led to the flare-up of the movement.

The four factors: economic crisis, political mobilization, international pressure and divisions within the government are the determining factors in the collapse of authoritarian governments. The Islamic Republic is facing economic crisis, political mobilization and international pressure.



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For the continuation and stability of the revolutionary movement, it is necessary to form general and nationwide strikes. It is absolutely necessary that street protests are joined by strikes in large production units and oil companies, teachers, government workers, shops and markets, bus drivers, truck drivers and truck owners, taxi drivers..... We should try to plan the necessity of general and nationwide strikes and create the groundwork for it.

The Islamic Republic uses exposed violence against the movement. It does not even spare children. The

revolutionary movement is profoundly peaceful and the slogan "Woman, Life and Freedom" is based on non-violence foundation.

The protesters empty-handed face the government's brutal repression. Avoiding violence has created moral values for it and the movement has been

effective in attracting international support. In various ways, the government attempts to impose violence as a means of struggle on the movement. It is necessary to neutralize the efforts of the government to impose violence on the movement. However, self-defence against oppression is accepted and people have the right to defend themselves against oppression.



The government has killed more than 400 people and it has arrested nearly 17,000 people. It is necessary to strengthen the efforts that are being made inside and outside the country and in international forums against repression, killing, execution and the

release of detainees and political prisoners.

## **The revolutionary movement does not stand still**

Simultaneous protests in more than 70 large and small cities, demonstrations in a large number of universities in the country, students coming to the streets in a number of cities, strikes by iron smelting workers and a number of production units, joining shops and markets to protests in different cities on the anniversary of the uprising of November 2019 showed that the revolutionary movement is still advancing and has no intention of standing still. The movement is in an offensive position and the government is in a defensive position.

Hoping for the day when the people of Iran will be freed from the hellish oppression of the Islamic Republic and achieve their historical





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desires: Freedom, Social Justice and Democracy.

The Central Council of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fedaian )  
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## **“This movement is not to be stopped**

Two and a half months have passed since the painful killing of Mahsa Amini in the custody of the so called morality police and the beginning of protests under the slogan "Women, Life, Freedom" in Iran. Protests have been held non-stop since then and throughout the month of November. The response of the Islamic Republic has been to deal violently with these protests. Against the "continuation and elevation" of the movement, the Islamic Republic has resorted to "asymmetric and repression" response".

## **Continuity and promotion**

The whole month of November passed not only with the continuation of protests every day, and every day in dozens of cities, but also new occasions and arenas became the subject of protest and new groups stepped into the battle ground. 40 days have passed since the occurrence of a bitter event, which according to the Iranian tradition is an occasion to remember, the anniversaries, the presence of Iranian athletes in international arenas as well as celebrities and other sectors of the society for the continuation and elevation of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. The occurrence of several large labor strikes in the last days of November completed this colorful picture.

The Central Council, Political-Executive Committee and other organs of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) have reacted to these events according to their scope of duty by following up the events and trends at every moment:

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party on the occasion of the students' day and the wide and hopeful participation of students in the revolutionary movement:

Iran's Left Party (People's Fadaian) honors the student's day and honors the widespread presence of the country's future generation in the revolutionary movement of the Iranian people. Your determined presence to achieve freedom has made our society more hopeful for a better future and



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building a free and democratic society. We fully support your courageous fight against tyranny.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party addressed to Iranian athletes who participate in international arenas:

■ From the announcement of the youth working group of the party on the occasion of the participation of the Iranian national football team in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar:

The youth working group of Iran's left party (People's Fadaian), while supporting the Iranian national football team in the World Cup and wishing this team victory and success, invites the players of the national football team and the fans of this team in Qatar to use this historic opportunity for Exposing the crimes of the repressive apparatus

of the Islamic Republic, and globalizing the voice of the Iranian people's revolutionary uprising. The eyes of the Iranian people, in these difficult days of our country, are waiting for the sympathy and support of the players of the national football team. People never forget their heroes and friends. At the same time, the vulgar efforts of the propaganda apparatus of the Islamic Republic to confiscate this national team and the popularity of its players, fortunately, have not escaped the public's attention. We emphasize that these repeated and absurd efforts will not put the popularity of the national team in the hands of the Islamic Republic's repression apparatus, but will increase the hatred of people against lies and deceit of the rulers.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party in support of the call to

protest on November 24, 25 and 26, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the November 2019 uprising resulting in simultaneous emergence of people protests in more than 150 cities against the 3-fold increase in the price of gasoline, which affected the lives of large sectors of the society and its destructive effects on society, especially the working class.

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■ Also, 6 parties and political organizations of the United Republicans of Iran, Iran National Front - Europe (6th Samaneh), The Left Party of Iran (People's Fedaian), Social Democratic and Secular Republicans Party of Iran, Iranian National Front organizations abroad,



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and Union for Secular Republic and Human Rights in Iran (USRHR) In a joint statement declared the solidarity of the Republicans of Iran for the protest call on the occasion of the anniversary of the November 2019 uprising:

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## **Asymmetric suppression**

It is obvious that the Islamic Republic suppresses protests in the most violent way in small towns and in ethnic areas of Iran, especially in Kurdistan and Baluchistan. On the other hand, it avoids similar treatment in big cities and metropolises of Iran. The highest number of dead, by far from other regions, are related to the two mentioned regions. The logic of this tactic is clear: the regime is sure


that by resorting to violence in small towns, it will not lose control in large towns, and thus it can contain the protests. It can also justify the bloody repression in the ethnic areas more easily by resorting to so called dealing with separatism. In addition, the regime's effort has been to impose mutual violence on the peaceful struggle of the people. The government has assessed that the mentioned areas are for this purpose. This attempt has so far was unsuccessful. The leaders of the Kurdish parties, aware of this struggle of the regime, have repeatedly advised the people of Kurdistan not to resort to violence.


This trend has caused frequent bloody and tragic events in the cities of Kurdistan and Baluchistan and some small cities in other parts of Iran.

Some of the excerpts of the party in this regard:

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party on the occasion of the massacre of the people of Khash (in Balochistan) by direct shooting at them, which caused the death of 16 protesters:

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 From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party in sympathy with the people of Zahedan, on the occasion of the anniversary of the 40th day of the killing of 90 protesters:

 On the 40th day of Bloody Friday, the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) expresses its sympathy with the people of Zahedan and the families of the deceased and condemns the killing of protesters in Zahedan. The Islamic



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Republic should know that it will not be able to maintain its destructive authority with these crimes. With the continuation of protests throughout the country and the solidarity of the people of the rural regions with the people of the whole country, the foundation of the government will weaken and the day will come when the criminals will be brought to the court.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party inviting the people to support the people of Mahabad (the Kurdish city in the West Azarbaijan province), which was attacked by the forces of the Islamic Republic for several days:

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From the political-executive

board of the party condemning the missile and drone attack on the headquarters of the Iranian Kurdish parties in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, which resulted in the death of 3 people, including an Iraqi citizen:

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■ The attack on the headquarters of the Iranian Kurdish parties in the Iraqi Kurdistan region was also condemned in a joint



statement by the political-executive board of the Iranian Republican Alliance, the Iranian Left Party (People's Fadaian) and the Solidarity of the Republicans of Iran. From this announcement:

With the attacks and killings by the Islamic Republic forces, it wants to impose violence on the movement, especially in Kurdistan and Baluchistan. However, the government has failed and the Kurdish parties have not fallen into this trap. They remained restraint and have supported the fight against violence in a civil manner. We, the 3 Democratic Republican parties and organizations, while being pleased with the national solidarity between the people of the ethnic areas and across the country, condemn the attack on the positions of the Iranian Kurdish opposition parties and the killing of fellow Kurds and Baloch people and the encroachment on the borders of the neighboring country of Iraq, and we sympathize with the families of those who lost their lives. The Islamic regime will not





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be able to end the massive protests in Iran, including Kurdistan and Baluchistan, with these attacks.

## ■ **Suppression and Revenge**

The most conservative estimates indicate at least 350 dead, including 40 children, and the arrest of 15,000 protesters by the regime's repression apparatuses. The government has issued the death sentence for 6 of the arrested persons, declaring the protests as a "conspiracy of the enemies of Iran and the Islamic revolution" by all authorities, including the highest political and military officials such as Khamenei and Salami, the commander of the IRGC. This was in accordance with the demands of 233 of the "representatives" of the parliament. The Islamic Council of the Judiciary has been one of the forms of intimidation against the peaceful and

progressive "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. It seeks revenge and severe punishment of the protestors.

Some of the positions of the party in this regards:

Letter to the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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■ From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party warning against the establishment of "death courts", issuing death

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■ Also, 6 parties and political organizations of the Republican Union of Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe (Sixth Samaneh), the the organizations of the National Front of Iran abroad, and Solidarity of the Republicans of Iran warned against the formation of "death courts" in a joint statement:

The six democratic republican parties and organizations consider



sentences:

the death sentence for the protesters to be a clear crime and strongly



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condemn it, and ask the world's freedom-seeking institutions, political and civil movements and activists, Iranians inside and abroad and international forums to join the people of Iran against the "death courts" and force the government to dismantle these courts and release the detainees and political prisoners. We want the abolition of the death penalty and the release of all political prisoners.

From the announcement of the political-executive board of the party on the necessity of recording and exposing the regime's crimes against children:

Preparing the list of all the victims with their names, photos, age and place of murder should be an urgent task of the fighters and defenders of the revolutionary movement of "Woman, Life, Freedom". The continuous broadcast of

this list on the networks, where the criminals increase their murderous acts on daily basis, serves to further isolate this child-killing system. It is the duty of every political and civil organization, to protect and care of the life and safety of children. It is our duty to ask for the immediate action in line with the obligations and duties of the government to protect the rights of children.

By participating in this campaign, every Iranian can send the list of government crimes against children to the world wide media and demand their wide coverage. The mobilization of the largest global force in this field is necessary and urgent. Let's act united in exposing the Islamic Republic of Iran in killing children. Lets be the voice of the smile of hope and happiness dried up on the faces of children like Kian Pir Falek by intensifying the

fight for justice and isolation of the Islamic Republic.

From the letter of international relations of the party to the headquarters of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund in the massacre of children:

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■ **From the announcement of the party's woman's group** on the November 25, The International Day of Combating Violence Against Women; The occasion that the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement and the massacre of women by the Islamic Republic gave it a thousand times more objective and tangible content:



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The movement that started with the murder of Mehsa Amini and its continuation was crystallized in the slogan "Woman, Life, Freedom",



and the transition from the regime is at the forefront of the people's wishes. What happens next, will not deter the will of the women of the country. Ending the reactionary laws against women dictated in Sharia laws. It will pause the daily violence against women and girls in the country, whether in the field of honor killings or in the face of laws and traditions and reactionary and criminal behaviors such as discrimination and pressure and all kinds of violence in the workplace, the family, and any kind of their manifestation in its

various forms, such as forced marriage, child marriage, forced hijab, etc.

The Women's Working Group of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fedaian) while expressing sympathy with the families who have lost their loved ones in various ways not only in the recent events, but in the entire 43 years of the Islamic Republic's rule, announces that the struggle for gender equity is our main and

foremost duty to gain the status and dignity of women in the our country. We stand shoulder to shoulder with our freedom-seeking women under any circumstances.



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