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Word of the Month

The rapprochement and its implications

Saudi Arabia and Iran have re-established diplomatic relations after seven years. Is this a new Entente Cordial between two rival dictatorships? It is a welcome, and hopefully first, step toward lowering the level of tensions in the Middle East.

It is too soon to judge the full impact of this rapprochement and its durability. However it has - at least - eased the way for finding a solution on issues like the war in Yemen (tentative moves toward peace?) and Syria's status in the Arab world (likely re-integration into the Arab League ?)

Has the 'order' in the Middle East changed? We've known for some time that US power is on the wane, This development, mediated by the Chinese, is tangible proof. It can be said with some degree of certainty that the US domination of the region has lost some of its colour.

We look forward to a period of (relative) peace.

The Anniversary of the Founding of the Party

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) turned 5 years old. On April 2, 2018, in the founding congress, representatives of 3 organizations from different branches of the "People's Fadaian Movement" gathered after 30

years of division and founded the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian).

The political charter approved by the founding congress became the basis of





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the unity of action and activity of the party as a modern left party that sees democracy and socialism together in the struggle to preserve the environment, women's rights, national ethnic, religious, gender minorities and against all forms of discrimination in the Iranian society. The realization of these goals becomes possible by transitioning from the Islamic Republic, which prevents their achievement. Today, in the midst of the revolutionary movement of "Women, Life, Freedom", coordination with other parts of the democratic, secular and republican opposition of Iran is important. The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) is striving in this path.

■ **Hamgami (Concordance); A**

Coalition of five Secular Democratic Republican Parties and Organizations



Five Republican parties and organizations: "United Republicans of Iran", "Iran National Front - Europe", "The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)", "Iranian National Front Organizations - Abroad" and "Solidarity of Republicans of Iran", who have been working closely together for some time and take common political positions regarding the events of the country, considering the critical situation of the country, the necessity of strengthening the revolutionary movement of "Women, Life, Freedom", the

necessity of transitioning from the Islamic Republic and the establishment of a secular democratic republic, improved their relations and entered the coalition process.

More, here: <https://b.bepish.org/node/9151>

In this regard, five political parties and organizations framed their views on the "Political Situation of the Country", the movement of "Women, Life, Freedom" and the foundations of "Hamgami for a Secular Democratic Republic in Iran" and for the information of the compatriots, parts of it titled "Hamgami Perspectives" was released to the public during a press conference on April 3 at the University of London. More here; <https://bepish.org/node/9229>



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■ **Continuation of Chemical Attacks on Students in Iran**

For more than 4 months, students of schools and universities have been subjected to chemical attacks in all cities of Iran. As a result of these attacks, thousands of students have been poisoned and taken to hospitals, and according to the news received, 5 students have lost their lives, or more precisely, they have been killed by the regime officials.

Millions of students, their families and teachers are under psychological pressure and fear from the atmosphere of terror. Those who are involved in this crime have exactly targeted the young generation and the future of Iran. So far, no documented and independent report has been published to determine the quality and quantity

of these gases used by the regime officials in girls' schools and their consequences. The perpetrators of these disasters have not yet been introduced and identified.

■ **In Welcoming the International Workers' Day**

On the eve of May 1st International Workers' Day, Tens of activists and leaders of independent organizations in Iran including Reza Shahabi, Hassan Saeedi, Davood Razavi (three of the leaders of the Bus Company union), Rasul Badaghi, Ismail

Abdi, Jafar Ebrahimi, Zainab Hamrang, Hossein Ramazanpour, Javad Lal Mohammadi, Hashem Khastar, Soleiman Abdi, Mehdi Fathi (leaders of teachers' organizations), Osman Esmaili (one of the painters' labor activists), simply for the "crime" of peaceful activity to create independent organizations and achieve the recognized rights of workers and teachers are in prison. Despite the acceptance of International Workers' Day in the new labor law, the





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regime of the Islamic Republic prevents the celebration of this day by non-governmental and independent organizations by attacking gatherings, arresting and imprisoning the participants. For some years, the regime has not even given permission to government organizations to gather and hold demonstrations. More here; <https://bepish.org/node/9345>

■ **Conference in the European Parliament**

At the invitation of the European Parliament and with the initiative of different factions of this parliament, especially the Left and Greens, the conference of the diaspora of the secular democratic opposition of Iran was held on April 28 in Brussels. 22 people from various

factions of Iran's democratic opposition, in party or individual form, exchanged opinions with the representatives of the European Parliament in several panels. The representatives of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) and Hamgami coalition participated in this conference. Full report of this conference will be included in the next issue of the bulletin.



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