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Word of the Month



The JOPCA is an international agreement between several countries and must be observed by all. The US return to this agreement is welcomed. This creates an opportunity to reduce tensions in the Middle East.

At the same time other sources of tension remain. The ever expanding Israeli aggression, the Saudi coalition's aggressions against Yemen are but just two examples. The Islamic Republic's strategy to fight for the establishment of the Shiite domination in the area contributes to this dangerous and complex situation.

Negotiations and political compromise (by both sides) is the only realistic solution.

Corona vaccine for everyone



Despite the fact that the corona vaccine has been produced for months, it is still not widely distributed and only a small percentage of the population has been vaccinated, mostly in industrialized countries.

The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) issued a statement, expressing concerns with the approach of these countries in the fight against the Corona virus:

The Left Party of Iran ((People's Fadaian) demands an end to discrimination in the distribution of the corona vaccine and the right for production in all countries under the supervision of the World Health Organization at a reasonable cost to all people in the world. Supporting the call of the French Communist Party, we believe that in order to save humanity from the deadly Corona virus, the Covid 19 vaccine formula should be made available to all pharmaceutical companies around the world. We, along with the German Left Party, call for the right to produce the vaccine and the expansion of its production capacity. Together with physicians and medical staff around the world, we believe that the "profit-oriented" companies and political tendencies of statesmen and hostilities between governments and dividing the world's population into rich and poor must not prevent anyone from accessing the Corona vaccine.

Subsequently, the health group of the Left Party of Iran ((People's Fadaian) by describing the inequalities in the distribution of the vaccine and the current protests in this regard, wrote:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) announces its support for the "Vaccine for All" campaign.

We demand the approved corona vaccine formulas to be available to all countries and pharmaceutical companies.



We support the WHO's call for an end to the nationalist monopoly on the corona vaccine.

It is essential to accelerate the production and distribution of the corona vaccine. To increase production, more facilities should be activated under the supervision of the WHO in different parts of the world.



The wealthy countries and institutions around the world must provide sufficient funding to the WHO to accelerate the production and distribution of corona vaccine.

We advise the people of Iran and the world to vaccinate themselves. The Iranian government should work closely with the WHO as soon as possible to ensure the fair delivery of the approved vaccines to our country and to provide speedy, fair and free vaccinations for all.

Our party calls on all parties, organizations, NGOs and all the people of the world to support the "Vaccine for All" campaign.

No time to spare. Public outreach for the fair production and distribution of the corona vaccine is a priority.

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Call for unity on the fiftieth anniversary of the Fadaie movement

به مناسبت پنجاهمین سالگرد جنبش فدائی



In February of this year, the "Fadaiy Movement" as a firm power in the Iranian political sphere turned 50 years old. Fifty years ago on this day, a fledgling movement called "Siahkal" emerged, whose fame soon penetrated the political sphere of the country and became a turning point in the struggle against the Shah's regime. This outcome continued after the "Siahkal" event, which caused the deaths of 15 devoted guerrillas in the forests and by execution under the name of "People's Fadaiy Guerrillas".

The political-executive board of the LPI (PF), pausing on the fact that this party is the result of a relative domination of the dispersal of the left forces in Iran, but considered the dispersion still a big problem of these forces and announced:

The LPI (PF), without limiting itself to being Fedaiy but is proud to belong historically to this movement. We consider our party loyal to the ideals of the founders of the Fadaiy movement, who sought to form a strong and influential left movement in the political sphere of our country. The party has declared itself as the result of the work of different factions that have worked for several years to



meet part of the needs of the Iranian left by uniting inside a single organization Just as the founders of the Fadaiy movement sacrificed themselves and passed beyond their small fences to establish a nationwide movement with the seal and symbol of a new spirit on the left in Iran. On this fiftieth anniversary of the movement, we declare to all left organizations that we are ready to establish dialogue and cooperation to form a left bloc. This is the summary of our commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the People's Fadaiyan movement.

On this fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the People's Fedaiyan Movement, we pay tribute to all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Pahlavi dictatorship and continued the path in the authoritarian regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The name and memory of all of them are recorded in the history of this land and any talk about the Fadaiy movement can only begin with an



expression of respect for the greatness of the soul and the great will of its founders.

We pay tribute to all the fighters who sacrificed their lives for the cause at any time and in any current of the People's Fedayan Movement, and we honor the memory of all the martyrs of the Left and Democratic Movement of Iran.

The right to practice mother tongue language is a human right

February 21, is the "World Mother Language Day". A symbolic name, which should be attributed to the struggles of the people around the world to defend the dignity and the pride of their mother tongue. World Mother Language Day is a communal and honorable day for all human beings especially for those people whose mother tongue is discriminated against in their home country and who are deprived of formal education in their mother tongue.



The language of tens of millions in our country is not recognized. Therefore, this day is a good opportunity for ethnic activists and supporters of mother tongues in Iran to raise their voices in protest against the chauvinist treatment of non-Persian languages. This is the day to call louder for the right of recognition of the mother tongues of half of the Iranian people.

The National-Ethnic Working Group of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaiyan) issued a statement to this effect:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaiyan), while acknowledging this struggle and strongly supporting it, along with public democratic activities defends the right to education in the mother tongue of non-Persian speakers. As we have repeatedly stated, we recognize education in the mother tongue of non-Persian speaking children as



the first practical step in the realization of the ethnic rights of the discriminated people of the country. We consider the growth and flourishing of the existing languages in the country as a factor in the stability, unity and strengthening of mutual bonds and the flourishing of Iran's multicultural and nationally diverse society. Persian language not being used as a stick but rather the language of cooperation of all people can play an irreplaceable role in eliminating discrimination and oppression against non-Persian mother tongues.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaiyan) while offering its most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day to each and every one of our dear compatriots, appreciates the efforts and struggle of all those trying to eliminate national oppression and discrimination and abolish linguistic oppression. We are with you till victory.

In solidarity with Baluchistan

The massacre of a group of poor "fuel carriers" Baluchi youth occurred on February 22 and 23 at the border point of Saravan city in Baluchistan. According to the "Baluch Activists Campaign", 10 people lost their lives and 5 others were injured during the shootings. Although the names and identities of all 15 have been released, the Revolutionary Guards have kept secret the number of people killed and wounded. IRGC agents set fire to more than six vehicles belonging to "fuel carriers" and shot them by machine guns. "Fuel Carrier" is a dangerous job in the impoverished and deprived province of Sistan and Baluchestan". According to the representatives of Sistan and Baluchestan province, three quarters of its population is below the poverty line and

the unemployment rate in Chabahar and Zahedan has reached 40% and in Qasr Ghand and Nikshahr it has reached about 65%. The province has the lowest share of industrial employment and the number of employees in the agricultural sector has declined over the past decade. The transfer of fuel to Pakistan has become a source of livelihood for some groups of people in the southeast region of our country.



In the announcement of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaiyan) we read:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaiyan) emphasizes industrial investment, the establishment of border markets, setting fuel quotas, and the establishment of cooperatives to improve the lives of the people of Sistan and Baluchestan Province. While expressing our sympathy with the families of the victims, we condemn this crime by the Revolutionary Guards. We call for the perpetrators of the Askan and Saravan killings to be brought to justice. Such crimes should not be allowed to become ordinary occurring and forgotten. We call on all human rights organizations, political and civil forces, and Iranian freedom seeking organizations and individuals to protest. By all means the cry of protest against the killing of the toiling children of the people of Balochistan, whose only sin is trying to earn a living should be raised and resounded. Let's not leave the Baluch people alone.



Negotiation without preconditions beyond Iran's Nuclear Deal

Mr. Biden, the new US president, emphasized on his election promise to return to Iran's Nuclear Deal and made it conditional on Iran's return to its commitments. The Islamic Republic has also made the return to negotiations conditional on the lifting of economic sanctions. However, given the stated positions of the two sides, it is possible for negotiation to start in the near future. Although unconditional negotiations have not yet taken place but after four years of threats, tensions and sanctions, the dispute is now focused on meeting the terms and issues of the negotiations. In the context of such an approach, Europe is trying to get the two sides to take simultaneous and step-by-step reciprocal measures to lift sanctions and revive the Iran's Nuclear Deal, while continuing to discuss the issues at stake. This can also be considered as a way of overcoming reciprocal conditions.

The declaration of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), emphasizing the need of the society and the people to negotiate and lift sanctions, writes:

We have so far emphasized the need for unconditional negotiations, and now, while re-emphasizing unconditional negotiations, we believe that the continuation, completion and consolidation of the Iran's Nuclear Deal depends on going beyond it and reaching a comprehensive agreement on contentious issues, including regional security and the regional policy of the Islamic Republic. Our policy in the context of "maximum sanctions" was to emphasize opposition to Trump's sanctions policy and to defend the unconditional negotiation of the parties for direct negotiations. Now, we should extend the Iran's Nuclear Deal's framework in an

immediate and unconditional negotiation approach to lifting sanctions and preparations to expand negotiations specifically on de-escalation in the region in order to normalize relations with neighbors and ensure peace and mutual trust commensurate.

Our party emphasizes reliance on diplomacy and negotiations with other states and wants to resolve conflicts with the United States and our neighbors at the negotiating table. We oppose the adventurous and provocative policies of the Islamic Republic and the ever demanding policies of the US government and its allies, which have created chaos in the Middle East and has endangered peace and stability in the region. We believe that ending the current crisis, international isolation and tensions with neighbors is possible by changing the Islamic Republic's tension creating policies and trying to build peaceful relations with others. Strengthening of the Iran's Nuclear Deal can be considered as a step towards peace and security in the region and the establishment of friendly relations with neighbors and other countries in the world.

The Necessity of Unconditional Negotiations beyond the Nuclear Deal



The Political and Executive Committee of the Left Party of Iran (Fadian) (LPI-PF) has published a declaration on the Iranian



foreign policy. In this declaration, the party demands unconditional negotiations about the lifting of economic sanctions against Iran as well as going beyond the nuclear agreement in order to set an end to tensions in the Middle East and normalise the relationship between Iran and the country's neighbours.

The declaration of the LPI-PF reminds that the 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and six other members of the international community was a major step towards reducing tensions in the international relations of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The LPI-PF regards the end of the atmosphere of tension as a need of the Iranian people. Therefore, negotiations have to be extended to other issues of regional security. The LPI-PF demands a diplomatic effort to resolve the issues of dissent between Iran and the United States as well as between Iran and its neighbours.

<https://bepish.org/node/5103>

Left Party of Iran (Peoples Fadaian) Condemns the Killing of Balochi Citizens in Iran

The Political and Executive Committee of the Left Party of Iran (Fadian) (LPI-PF) has condemned the killing of Balochi citizens in Iran by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC). According to the declaration of LPI-PF, on 22nd and 23rd of February, 2021, 10 Balochi citizens were killed by the government forces in the South-East Iranian town of Saravan. The IRGC shot protesters who rallied against a sudden ban on cross-border fuel trade between Iran and Pakistan. In the South-East Iranian province of Sistan-

Balochistan, fuel export is one of the few sources of income for thousands of Iranians.

The LPI-PF reminds that three fourths of the Sistan-Balochistan inhabitants live in poverty. The LPI-PF demands initiatives for the economic development in Sistan-Balochistan and the prosecution and punishment of the responsible authorities who gave the order to shoot the protesters in Saravan.

<https://bepish.org/node/5102>

The meeting between representatives of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) and the Iran Group in the European Parliament on environmental policies in Iran

In order to exchange views and discuss environmental policies in Iran, a virtual meeting was held on February 17 between representatives of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) and the EU's Iran group. Our party's delegation team in this meeting consisted of Roza Roozbehan, Hassan Naeb Hashem, Mehdi Ebrahimzadeh and Mr. Khosrow Bandari, an experts in water and agriculture in Iran. The European Parliament's team included Ms. Cornelia Ernst, Chair of the Iran Group in the European Parliament, Ms. Karin Schultpelz, Expert on Iran and the Middle East affairs and Mr. Stephen Schindler, an industry and environmental issue's expert.





Emphasizing the foundations of the party's program for sustainable development based on social justice and its relationship with environmental protection in Iran, the party delegation addressed environmental issues from various angles. Then the questions of the European delegation were answered.

The party delegation also addressed political obstacles rooted in political mismanagement, corruption, the existence of numerous decision-making but not-responsive organizations such as the 'Sazman-e Oqaf' and 'Qods institute', and their involvement in the economy and environmental affairs along with sanctions. Those obstacles threaten the goals of sustainable development and they create ecological catastrophes in Iran. It was noted that stopping the process of ecological disaster should be our first goal and return to the direction of saving our ecosystem is our next goal.



Decrease of the water level and drying up of Urmia Lake

Referring to the historical, social and geopolitical importance of Iran and expressing sympathy with our people affected by ecological problems and concerns about the political situation in the country, Ms. Ernst said: "Negotiating between Iran and the United States and lifting sanctions not only creates an opportunity to saving the environment and the possibility of investing towards

achieving the goals of sustainable development in Iran, but also and more importantly, it provides the opportunity to be effective in combating human rights violations in Iran. Iran is the most important country in the region and it should be in the right place in the interactions and development of the region."



Dust pollution in Ahvaz – Khuzestan

Referring to the arrest and interrogation of environmental activists in Iran and the false accusations and harsh sentences against them, the party delegation called for their <https://bepish.org/node/5103> immediate release and for all necessary initiatives by the European Commission in order to release them. It should be noted that the EU group are aware of this news and have effective measures in place for their release.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Cornelia Ernst while expressing a positive assessment of the meeting and considering it effective, called for the continuation of these talks either in the form of a seminar or a webinar.



Drying of Zayandehrood River in Isfahan