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Word of the Month: Starve War, Feed Peace

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Israel is facing mounting international condemnation over its genocidal policies. There is a growing sense that Western populations are turning against Israeli atrocities and favour a long-term solution beyond the status quo in Gaza. Finally, Britain, Canada, and France are moving to join another 147 UN member states in formally recognizing Palestinian statehood. This move is timed to coincide with the upcoming meeting of the UN General Assembly.

Such recognition will provide Palestine with greater weight on the diplomatic field. But the most crucial action required – IMMEDIATELY – is to starve the Israeli military machine of weapons and ammunition, forcing an end to the bloodshed.

Even in Germany, Israel's second largest arms supplier, public opinion has tilted steeply against Israeli conduct. Most Western politicians have decided to distance themselves (albeit symbolically) from these atrocities.

Meanwhile, the United States continues to provide Israel with full and comprehensive backing.

The ultimate goal of Israel and its US patron is complete Israeli occupation of Gaza, the West Bank and beyond. Step by step, they aim to concoct a "new Middle East" under the control of Israel.

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Water and Electricity Crisis, Spread of Poverty and Unemployment, are the Result of 46 Years of the Islamic Republic Rule!

The Left Party of Iran blames the Islamic Republic's 46-year rule for Iran's worsening water and electricity crisis, deepening poverty, and rising unemployment. They argue that mismanagement, corruption, and destructive policies such

as poorly planned dam construction and failure to invest in sustainable power generation have intensified these crises. While Iran is not the only

Middle Eastern country facing such challenges, the party contends that the regime's neglect of expert solutions and lack of long-term planning have



worsened shortages, driving inflation, unemployment, and environmental destruction. The situation has been aggravated by war-related damage, sanctions, and government repression, leaving large portions of the population living in hardship, with shortages of basic goods and critical infrastructure failures disrupting daily life and the economy.

The party notes that protests over water and electricity cuts have become the most widespread form of public dissent, alongside strikes by workers and demonstrations by pensioners. These shortages cripple factories, reduce employment, delay wages and pensions, and fuel fears of famine due to food

scarcity and price hikes, some reaching 70% since the war began. The Left Party asserts that the regime is both unable and unwilling to resolve these problems, and that only expanding organized, nationwide protests to the scale of a general strike can end the Islamic Republic's destructive rule. They call for unified resistance not only against economic mismanagement but also against warmongering policies, emphasizing that without dismantling the power of corrupt elites controlling water and energy resources, no lasting solutions can be achieved.

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The 12-Day War and Our Policies

The Left Party of Iran states that the 12-day war between Israel and Iran fundamentally altered the country's political landscape, leaving the Islamic Republic weakened but still committed to its destructive policies. Israel's surprise attack, coordinated with the U.S., aimed to cripple Iran's military and nuclear infrastructure and overthrow the regime. While Israel achieved many of its military objectives, it failed to topple the government largely because the Iranian people rejected calls from Netanyahu and allied opposition figures to revolt. The war, marked by U.S. strikes on key nuclear facilities and



Iran's limited missile retaliation, ended with a fragile ceasefire that persists despite the unresolved atomic dispute. The party warns that without changes to Iran's nuclear program and regional policies, the pretext for renewed conflict will remain.

The party emphasizes that the war damaged Iran's civil protest movements, intensified repression, and caused severe humanitarian and infrastructural losses. It also deepened fractures within opposition forces, especially among those who stayed silent or supported foreign aggression. While some political organizations, including the Left Party and other republican and democratic movements, condemned both Israeli-U.S. aggression and the Islamic Republic's warmongering, others, most notably Reza Pahlavi, suffered political setbacks for siding with Israel. The regime, in turn, has used the public's refusal to support foreign intervention as propaganda while simultaneously increasing crackdowns, executions, and arrests, often under the pretext of combating espionage. Meanwhile, ordinary Iranians who had no role in the war face destroyed infrastructure,

economic collapse, and worsening living conditions.

Looking ahead, the Left Party identifies three urgent priorities: first, intensifying the fight against repression, with the release of political prisoners as a central national demand; second, making the suspension or complete cessation of uranium enrichment a universal demand to remove the threat of another war; and third, fostering broad dialogue and alliances among secular, republican, and leftist forces to transition toward a democratic and secular republic. The party calls for expanding coalitions, coordinating with other democratic movements, and building a center for opposition unity. They welcome recent initiatives for fundamental change, including proposals for a Constituent Assembly

referendum, and stress that political mobilization aimed at ending the Islamic Republic and establishing a democratic order is the urgent task of the moment. [Read More:](#)

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 **We are Concerned about the Situation of Political Prisoners, Foreign Hostages in Prison and Afghans Living in Iran**

The Left Party of Iran warns that the aftermath of the 12-day war between Israel, the United States, and the Islamic Republic has created a repressive security atmosphere inside Iran, endangering political and civil activists, prisoners, and foreign hostages. Foreign and dual nationals held on fabricated charges now face harsher accusations, as in the case of two



French trade unionists charged with espionage after three years in Evin Prison. Afghan citizens living in Iran are also facing mass expulsions, with UN figures indicating that 450,000 Afghans were deported in just the past month. The party accuses the regime of using repression against Afghans and prisoners as part of a broader revenge campaign following the loss of senior military officials during the war.

Expressing deep concern, the party calls on the United Nations, the European Parliament's Human Rights Commission, and other international bodies to intervene and ensure that political prisoners, foreign nationals, and Afghan refugees do not become bargaining chips in the regime's disputes with Western powers. They urge urgent efforts to protect the millions of Afghans in Iran particularly women, children, and families, from persecution and rights violations, emphasizing that the Islamic Republic's domestic crackdown threatens both vulnerable communities and the broader human rights situation in the country.

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Environmental and Human Impacts of the 12-Day War: A Silent Catastrophe

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The 12-day war between Iran, Israel, and the United States caused immense human, economic, and environmental destruction in Iran, with over 1,000 deaths, thousands injured, and extensive damage to homes and infrastructure across dozens of provinces. Widespread fear and lack of preparedness exposed the weakness of Iran's civil and passive defence systems. The conflict also triggered severe environmental damage, including forest fires, overgrazing, illegal logging, and air and soil pollution from massive fuel depot explosions in Tehran. In Bushehr, attacks on the South Pars gas refinery released toxic pollutants, while chemical leaks into the Persian Gulf

endangered marine ecosystems. The war generated hundreds of thousands of tons of debris, creating long-term cleanup and waste management challenges.

Hidden consequences loom particularly around attacks on Iran's nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. While the IAEA reported no immediate spike in radiation, concerns persist about contamination of water, soil, and air from bombings powerful enough to potentially rupture underground aquifers. Both the aggressors, Israel and the U.S. and the IAEA face criticism for violating international law or failing to prevent such attacks, while Iran's government has avoided transparent reporting on the damage. The war revealed how environmental destruction intersects with national security and geopolitical tensions, and that recovery will take



decades, vast funding, and international cooperation. Breaking the cycle of war and environmental harm will require public awareness, accountability, and a coordinated restoration effort.

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