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Word of the Month:

The missile attacks on Israel by the Islamic Republic, following the assassination of Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, have heightened the risk of our country becoming further entangled in tension and war. These mutual reactions between Israel and the Iranian regime can take on more destructive and dangerous forms.

In such times, the U.S. government allocates billions of dollars in financial and military aid to Israel to continue the war in the region, and the foreign ministers of the seven Western industrialized countries issue statements, emphasizing the myth of the "right to self-defence," thereby endorsing the crimes of the Israeli government.

There is no doubt that the Islamic Republic's policies of "destroying Israel" and "strategic depth" and its blind hostility towards the U.S. and Israel are factors in increasing instability, dragging our country into regional crises, and damaging our relations with neighbours and several countries around the world.

The only way to end the war and bloodshed is for the supporters of Israel, especially the U.S. and Israel itself, to accept the two-state solution and ensure the independence and security of the Palestinian people, as well as de-escalating relations between the two nations. The United Nations must declare a ceasefire, stop Israel's aggressive war in Gaza and Lebanon, and call for an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands

The Continuation of War and Killing by the Israeli Government—Now in Lebanon!

The right-wing government of Israel is attempting to escalate the conflict it initiated in Gaza to a broader regional war, drawing in the United States and Western **Despite** governments. international public opinion, international law, institutions, and the calls of hundreds of thousands of Israelis, including the families of Hamas

hostages, for a ceasefire and the release of captives, the government presses on. It continues its assault on the vulnerable population of Palestine, demolishing Gaza's infrastructure, terrorizing West Bank residents and is now extending its aggression to Lebanon.



This behaviour undoubtedly constitutes state terrorism. Sadly, these actions are met with silence from the U.S. and European Union governments, while military and financial support for Israel, which enables the continuation of the conflict and its large-scale devastation, remains unbroken.

In response to Hamas' terrorist attack, which killed 1,200 people and led to the capture of 200 hostages, the Israeli government has retaliated by killing more than 41,000 people—many of them women and children—reducing Gaza to ruins.

The Left Party of Iran believes that war will not secure Israel's safety. True security cannot achieved by ignoring the rights of other nations and violating international law. Only through peace with the Palestinian people and regional, respecting the independence and security of the Palestinian population, will Israel itself be secure. Deescalating tensions with Palestine and its Arab neighbours is the only viable path to long-lasting

peace and security for all, including Israel.

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The Islamic **Republic is Primarily** Responsible for the **Death of Coal Mine** Workers!

The tragic accumulation and explosion of methane gas at the Tabas Coal Mine in South Khorasan has once again claimed lives, killing at least 51 of the 69 workers present during the explosion and injuring the rest. Sadly, deaths in Iran's mines are not new, but this disaster marks the first time such a large number of workers have perished at once, making it the deadliest mining accident in Iran's history.

The Left Party of Iran its deepest extends condolences to the families of the victims, to

all who mourn the loss of these 51 workers. We hold Islamic Republic primarily responsible for this tragedy. We demand that those responsible be held accountable in a public trial, full restitution provided for damages, and that the survivors and injured receive proper care and compensation.

A regime that consistently neglects workers' lives and blatantly disregards its laws has enabled these tragic incidents to occur time and again. The behaviour of both the government and employers remains unchanged. Workers must unite by forming unions to demand proper safety adequate measures. health equipment, and their rights to prevent future disasters.

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the working class, and to

Pressure on Families and New Arrests will not Save the Regime!

As the second anniversary of Mahsa (Zhina) Amini's murder approaches, along with the rise of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, the Islamic Republic is intensifying its repression. In addition to ramping up surveillance, the regime has summoned many political and civil activists, and even detained members of families mourning those lost in the movement. In Kurdistan, the pressure on families and activists has become particularly harsh. The regime's security forces have tried to prevent any gatherings by cordoning off cemeteries and access routes, including the Aichi cemetery where Mahsa is buried, using threats and violence to stop commemorations for the movement's martyrs.

According to Nika Shakrami's family, regime agents have blocked roads leading to the Hayat al-Gheib cemetery in Lorestan, where Nika is buried and will keep them closed until one day after the anniversary of her death. Even her family has been barred from visiting her grave.

The Left Party of Iran condemns the arrests of political and civil activists and the pressure families grieving as desperate attempts to regime's prolong the failing grip on power. We urge increased efforts to

French left-wing forces, who formed the New Popular Front (NPF) on June 10th. In such a short time, this coalition has become a beacon of hope for left-wing movements globally.



secure the release of all recently arrested individuals, along with other political and civil prisoners, including Mother Mina. We call on all human rights defenders and freedom advocates in Iran and worldwide to join the fight the release for thousands of political and civil prisoners held by the Islamic Republic.

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We salute the New Popular Front of the French Left, an inspiration for the Left Movement Worldwide!

The Fête de l'Humanité 2024 celebrates the remarkable success of the

The Left Party of Iran has been profoundly inspired bv this unique achievement. that has reignited hope among leftist forces worldwide. This vear. we are participating in the annual gathering with even greater enthusiasm. standing in solidarity with the NPF. The French left's bold initiative to create the NPF a powerful source of encouragement for this year's celebration.

We firmly believe that the French left, strengthened by this unity, can achieve even greater victories if its united front continues to grow and solidify. We are closely monitoring these developments and remain hopeful for the success of this movement.

Long live the New Popular Front of the French Left!
Long live global left-wing solidarity!

Long live the Iranian people's struggle for freedom and social justice!

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The Success of the "Women, Life, Freedom" Movement Depends on the Solidarity and Enduring Unity of the Forces!

The "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, sparked by the murder of

Mahsa (Zhina) Amini at the hands of the Islamic Republic's morality police. rapidly spread across Iran, from Kurdistan to Sistan Baluchistan, and mobilizing a significant portion of the population. Zhina's name became a symbol of the revolution against the oppressive life imposed by the Islamic Republic. Building on the momentum of the uprisings in November 2017 and January 2020, this movement grew into a revolutionary full-scale uprising against the regime and its institutions. Despite brutal repression, including the killing of young people and children—especially in Kurdistan, Baluchistan,



during Zahedan's and "Bloody Fridays"—the movement persisted for months, striking fear into the hearts of the regime's rulers. Its impact extended beyond Iran's borders, earning admiration various societies as a model of a modern resistance movement.

The "Women, Life. Freedom" movement broke the regime's monopoly public on spaces, turning even prisons into sites of courageous defiance. The continuous protests by prisoners against executions and the regime's injustices demonstrate the collapse of the wall of fear the regime had built through violence and intimidation. This movement has also reinvigorated the quest for justice, forging links between the families of victims from the 1980s especially those killed in the 1988 massacre—and

the families of those who died in the 2017 and 2020 uprisings, as well as the revolutionary uprising ignited by Zhina's death.

On the second anniversary of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement, the Left Party of Iran honours the memory of all those who have fallen in the struggle for freedom. democracy, and social We iustice. stand in solidarity with their families, who continue to endure pressure from the regime. Our party salutes the resilience of those imprisoned for their activism. and the unwavering determination of the movement's activists and members of civil and

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labour movements across

the country.



Iran and Pakistan cooperate to Counter Afghanistan's unilateral Water Policies and Prevent Future Region Drought.

Α member of Iran's **National** Security has Commission the announced that country is working toward an understanding with Pakistan to collaborate against Afghanistan's water policies, which pose a threat to the entire region. The agreement aims to curb Afghanistan's unilateral actions that could lead to severe water shortages in neighbouring countries.

However, international relations and law have raised concerns, highlighting flaws in Iran's approach given its current circumstances. They warn

such agreements that could result in one-sided contracts, leaving Iran at a disadvantage, as has been the case in past bilateral negotiations. Some experts that argue regional and multilateral cooperation—rather than bilateral agreements—is the best way to address water and environmental challenges

in the region, particularly for Iran. They caution that without broader regional cooperation and international oversight, the development of these agreements may not effectively resolve the issue.

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