

A Letter to the Marxist-Leninist and Worker Parties and Organisations

Demand the Immediate Release of Arrested Students in Iran!

Dear Comrades,

In recent days, the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran has waged a wide spread and barbaric offence against the freedom-seeker university students, particularly against the students of Tehran University.

This is not the first time that the regime of the Islamic Republic confronts the student mass, the scientific asset of the society, with such a barbarism and cruelty. The capitalist regime of Iran has resorted to naked suppression and despotism in the universities in order to silence the justice and freedom seeking students' voice, a voice that reflects the general crisis of the society. But the revolutionary and combatant students ridicule the terror and arrest by the regime's military and security forces and intensify their just struggles.

On the occasion of 16th of Azar(*), the Students Day, the students of many universities demonstrated by carrying banners and placards and issuing statements demanding equal rights for women, the withdrawal of all military and security forces from the universities, freedom of expression and pen, separation of mosque from the state, the unconditional release of all imprisoned students, and the freedom of all political prisoners and defended the political and occupational rights of workers. Alongside these just and democratic rights, the student movement condemned any imperialist aggression against Iran and opposed any interference into the internal affairs of the country.

Dear Comrades,

Due to its rotten and reactionary nature, the regime of the Islamic Republic is in fear of the student movement becoming wide spread and to link itself with the struggle of the working class and of the other strata of the society. To remain in power, the regime sees no other option except falsely accusing the student activists and creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

In the past 10 days, more than 30 left and progressive student activists were arrested and no information is released about their situation.

The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) is calling on all Marxist-Leninist and worker parties and organisations and all progressive individuals to protest in any preferable form from the policy of suppression and despotism of the regime of the Islamic Republic and to demand the immediate and unconditional release of all students.

Long Live the International Solidarity!

For Immediate and Unconditional Release of all Imprisoned Students!

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(*)On the day of 16th of Azar (9th of December) 1953, students of Tehran University were gunned down when they demonstrated against Richard Nixon arrival in Iran immediately after the CIA coup de'tat. Since then, the 16th of Azar has become the Student Day in Iran.

