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Political Power and the Islamic Republic's Factional Quarrel

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Political power in Iran is in the hands of the bourgeoisie in general and in the hands of the commercial and bureaucratic bourgeoisie specifically. To us, the seising of the political power means the destruction of the bourgeois power in all its aspects. We see a clear antagonism between the representatives of the Iranian bourgeoisie on how to impose political power, on the long-term preservation of the Islamic Republic, and on the interest of different sections of commercial-industrial-bureaucratic-technocratic bourgeoisie. These contradictions are intensified daily by the growing dissatisfaction of the Iranian people

who are interested in the continuation of the 1979 Revolution.

Essentially, the Iranian regime's inter-quarrel is about how to find the best way for the long-term continuation of the political rule of the bourgeoisie in power.

The so-called Reform Movement from above has faced a disgraceful defeat. The Marxist-Leninist principle that reform is a by-product of revolution is confirmed once again. For the preservation of their rule, the authorities in power cave in to reform as long as the masses actively demand their rights, and as long as the pressure from below exists.

The ex-president and a member of the "Council for the Recognition of the Islamic Republic's Expediency", Rafsanjani, warned the two factions at the time when their infighting was intensified last Fall that:

"We must all move with unity and unanimity as in the first year of the Revolution in such a way that suffocates the enemy's noise". He added that: "The country's situation causes concern. The problems cannot be resolved anymore through complimenting each other". "We can no longer sweep the problems under the rug". The enemy is actively on the scene".

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The Message of the Second Congress of the PLI to the Iranian Women

The Combatant women of Iran, You were the first section of the Iranian society who became the victim of barbarism and degradation of the ultra-reactionary and rotten regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The forcing of the Islamic dress on women through use of acid, stabbing, and flogging, all in all were done during the period when Khomeini, the founder of one of the most reactionary regimes in Iran's history, was alive.

The nature of the Islamic freedom that Khomeini promised and the policy whose interpreters in Paris polished for the world's public opinion, were exposed through the oppression of women in Iran.

The Iranian women were deprived of even minimum human rights as soon as the clergies took power and stabilised their positions. The rights to travel, to choose where to live, to divorce, to accompany the opposite gender, to become a judge, to have custody of a child, to participate in sports, etc were taken from the Iranian women.

The paradise that the Islamic Republic promised has

The Imperialist EU Collaborates with Terrorism, Fascism, and Zionism

Recently, 15 members of the EU in Brussels have put a number of political organisations and parties such as the Workers' Party of Kurdistan of Turkey, the Shining Path of Peru, and the People's Mojahedin of Iran on their list of terrorist organisations. Such a calculated political act is systematically taken by the US after September 11 and has been followed by the members of the European Union. Here, we are not talking about the political nature and the short and long-term goals of this or that organisation. Here, we are talking about the murderous regimes that the EU has decided to support. Here, we are talking about the imperialist interests of the European States, which forced them to close their eyes to the state terrorism and to the violation of basic human rights of the citizens by these fascist regimes. The EU shares the responsibility of the bloody suppression of the opponents of these terrorist regimes. Ridiculously, according to the EU, the Zionist and racist regime of Israel that wants to uproot millions of Palestinians is not terrorist, but is a democratic and civilised regime; the regime of the Islamic Republic of

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The condescension and the capitulation of the leaders of the so-called Reform Movement with the dominant Conservative Faction in the regime have moved the masses away from the Reform Faction. Many people have realised, particularly after the election for the Sixth Islamic Parliament, that Khatami's faction is impotent, and that a movement is practically forming in the society that is disgusted with both factions in power. This movement is the subject of an open discussion among a section of the government and among the monarchists who try to gain its leadership. Observing this phenomenon, Mr. Hoseini, a regime's authority for the "Safety and Security", stated that:

"There is a high wave, called the 'Third Generation', on the way, and if we ignore it, it will destroy every thing". Abdi, a member of the "Central Council of Partnership Front", said that:

"If the Second Khordad's Front (Reformist Faction) is defeated, the country will split apart".

In their quarrel, one faction warns the other with the people's uprising. To them, the masses are a bugbear to be used in order to gain concession from the other faction. The pro Khatami faction says that if the dominant faction continues its present policy, the people will revolt against both factions, and that it would be better if the dominant faction agrees to carry out reform. In opposition to this, the dominant Conservative Faction says that the reform movement, the press, and the Parliament must be suppressed in order to stop the Third Generation from sweeping all of them.

As Rafsanjani put it, the era of complimenting each other has passed for the two factions. The political reform has reached a dead end. For them, it is now time to talk about an economic reform at the top of their agenda!

The second term of the presidency of Khatami is nearing an end. Khatami does not see any need in his speeches to pay lip service to the people's demand and at the same time to threaten the dominant faction with the people's revolt. The Khatami's card, whose goals were to calm the people's revolutionary movement, to subside the revolution, and to preserve the Islamic Republic, has been exposed and his class role in the movement has ended.

The "Authority for the Recognition of the Islamic Republic's Expediency" is trying to fabricate a candidate for the presidency who can continue the Khatami's mission. The political reform will not be on the agenda of this candidate. Instead, his main slogan will be economic reform, which means throwing Iran to

the quarrel between two factions, could be an associate of Rafsanjani!

However, this policy cannot be implemented without intensification of the factional fighting. As we had predicted before, the dominant faction of the Islamic Republic needed a crippled Khatami to fight against the so-called Reformist Faction. Mr. Rabiei, an advisor to President Khatami, stated that:

"The strategy of the other faction is to keep a weak Khatami until the year 2003". He added that:

"The more wise section of the Conservatives had concluded that they could tolerate Khatami minus his extremist followers for four more years".

The levers of legal pressure on the Reformists by the Conservatives are the Judicial Branch, the Guardian Council, the Council for the Recognition of the Islamic Republic's Expediency, and the Supreme Leader if necessary. Added to this list are the factors of street pressure, Hezbollah, military and para-military forces of Pasdaran and Basij, the para-military forces in civilian clothes, and reactivated pro Falahian-Imami, which coordinated the chain assassination of the writers, intellectuals, and critics. The dominant faction was capable of carrying out an well rounded attack on the Reformist Faction. The Judicial Branch has persecuted 30 reformist members of the Parliament so far and has issued prison sentence for some of them. The Judicial Branch's attacks on the members of the Parliament are in fact for the purpose of ridiculing, degrading, and avenging those masses who participated under some illusion in the parliamentary elections. With these attacks, the authorities are saying that the people's votes are worth nothing though they were cast under very strict control and undemocratic rules and regulations set by the authorities. They are saying that only the vote and the words of the Supreme Leader count. In fact, the Judicial Branch practically liquidated the Parliament with the Supreme Leader's order on "Adjusting the bill on the press". All bills passed by the reformist dominated Parliament have practically lost their validity.

The bourgeois democracy is hostile to the rule of theocracy. Any bourgeois reform in a theocratic rule will face stiff resistance by supreme leader who is fearful of losing his absolute power.

According to its theoretician Hadjarian, the Reformist Faction had moved to the extreme, and it must be reformed. The result of this reform of the Reform Movement is that the more courageous and persistent elements of the Reform Movement are suppressed, and the more noisy elements are isolated. This submission and retreat intensifies the people's lack of trust in

the agenda of this candidate. Instead, his main slogan will be economic reform, which means throwing Iran to the jaws of the world imperialist financial center, the World Trade Organisation.

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the more noisy elements are isolated. This submission and retreat intensifies the people's lack of trust in Khatami and his reform movement. The people see through their own experience that this Shrine cannot make a miracle. Khatami himself has stated that he is

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powerless and cannot do anything.

Naturally the isolation of the pro Khatami's faction makes the Reformist more susceptible to the blows of the Conservatives and forces them to retreat even further.

The threats and blows of the Conservative faction will intensify in the future. The Sixth Islamic Parliament practically becomes an organ without any power. If the Conservative Faction's resistance to recognition of the principle of election was broken by the people's pressure, the Conservatives reach their goals by liquidating the Parliament.

In sum, the offensive tactics of the dominant Conservative Faction in dealing with the reform movement were:

- To ban over 50 reformist newspapers and journals,
- To indict, persecute, and imprison the "extreme" elements of the Reformist Faction,
- To discredit and practically liquidate the Sixth Islamic Parliament by removing authorities from its decisions,
- To elevate the "Guardian Council" to a legislative assembly,
- to participate and select the members of the Khatami's cabinet,
- to remove the parliamentary immunity,
- to bring the Executive Branch under their control,
- to carry out a chain assassination to create an atmosphere of fear,
- to brutally suppress the student movement,
- to put down with brute force the people's uprising in several cities,
- etc

The defeat of the Sixth Islamic Parliament, the Reformists' dead end, and the disillusionment of the people all confirm our past analysis of the political situation in Iran.

Today, Khatami is practically more an ally of the Supreme Leader than a manifestant of the Reformists' views.

Iranian Women

turned into a hell that continues to destroy the people, particularly the women and female youth, and dashes hopes for a decent life.

The Islamic Republic opposes the travel abroad of female students under the cover that their chastity would suffer, while the widespread prostitution under the Islamic rulers is unparalleled in the world. If the list of the high ranking lascivious authorities such as

There is not a single day that we do not hear reports of murder or rape of women in this Islamic paradise! There is not a single day that we do not see reports of missing girls or girls who leave their families because of social and economical pressures. We could hardly find a week in which we do not hear reports of the murder of poor women in "holy" cities of Mashad or Qom by the vigilante groups supported implicitly by the Taliban of Iran in power. Most of the murdered women were beheaded under the name of dear Islam.

The exact statistics on the number of women who are homeless, who are drug addicted, and who have run away from their families is unknown. But we see the depth of this social tragedy every time a new brothel, some of which are set up under the name of "protection houses for runaways" by the Islamic authorities themselves, is discovered. The brothel house that was set up by the head of the Islamic court in the city of Karaj was discovered not long ago. These all show the misogynistic nature of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In the past two decade, we have seen how the officials of the Islamic Republic have sold for a high price the young girls to the Arab Sheiks and have accumulated enormous wealth from this business. The Authorities have no interest in investigating this crime.

The Islamic regime of Iran considers the women as second class beings. It is only because of the struggle of the Iranian women and the support they receive from other section of the society that the Islamic Republic has been unable to take away the rest of rights that are left to them.

The past 23 years history of the Islamic Republic shows that not only the Islamic rulers have not done anything to remove the gender inequalities in the society, but they have established the most backward, degrading, and misogynistic traditions.

The militant women of Iran,

You were the first section of the society who entered the fight against the Islamic Republic the day after the Iranian revolution and were not intimidated by the threats of the authorities. The prisons of the Islamic Republic became full of militant women who stood up to the regime. After two decades of the struggle against the crimes committed by the Islamic Republic, you are well aware that the path of emancipation of women from all sorts of inequalities goes through the overthrow of the regime in its entirety. This emancipation can be achieved only through unity of women's movement with the worker's movement and through the path of the establishment of socialism in

the Islamic rulers is unparalleled in the world. If the list of the high ranking lascivious authorities such as Falahians and Moadikhahs were not long enough, the heads of the Islamic courts have been added to the list. The criminal Mullahs try to find an Islamic cover to the widespread prostitution, which is essentially the result of the economic misery for which they themselves are the source, with an attempt to publicise and institutionalise the Islamic temporary marriage (Sighe).

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Our Congress sends its revolutionary greetings to the combatant Iranian women, and we stay on your side on every front of the revolutionary struggle.

Palestinian

General, and to all varieties of imperialist courts and judicial authorities, protest it. And if they do protest it, that protest is made of empty words. To them, the killing of Arabs is not prohibited and should not be protested as long as the Israelis label the victims as terrorists. This indifference and lack of attention to the crimes committed by the Israeli authorities generate a wave of vengeance and angry reactions not only against Zionists but against the Jews also, which in turn fuels anti-Semitism. It also forces the devoted Palestinian and Arab youths to take their fate into their hands, and at the time of a lack of a powerful Marxist-Leninist party and socialist ideals, become food for the reactionary and fanatic Islamic organisations. The Israeli crimes have generated such disgust and hatred against Zionism in the people of the world, particularly in the Arab and Islamic countries, that blind terrorism can breed not only on the basis of poverty, but also on the basis of wealth. Already, many elements of the middle classes, who wish to fight against the state terrorism of Israel and against the imperialist domination and hegemony and against their own reactionary states and revisionist treachery, have been influenced by the Islamic theoreticians who preach blind terrorism and Islamic fundamentalism as the path to salvation of the human race from misery.

The suicide bombings by some Palestinian youths, who have lost hopes in everything and do not see any possibility of a desired society, generate values that become exemplary for the other Palestinians who wish the freedom of their homeland.

The Palestinian youths' attraction to Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, which are terrorist organisations in nature, stems from the fact that they see on a daily basis how the Israeli bulldozers demolish their houses, how the settlements are built in their occupied homeland, and how the international authorities are quiet about it.

The Zionist policies of Israel and the policy of continued occupation are ground for the growth of terrorism of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. As long as there is oppression, there will be resistance. The Israeli authorities will not be able to put down the struggle of the Palestinian people, the struggle that has the support of the entire Arab masses.

The just solution of the Palestinian problem, which is one of the key problems of the Middle East, is only possible through the recognition of a viable and politically-economically-militarily survivable independent state of Palestine. The peace plans such as "Oslo Accord" that makes Palestine a homeland in Israel is the repetition of the Apartheid of South Africa and will be useless in resolving the conflict.

Israel must abandon its aggressive and expansionist policies and must quit the role of being the gendarme of the imperialists in the Middle East. It is then that the possibility of a lasting peace among the people of the region will come to existence.

The EU

Iran is not terrorist because President Khatami has opened a "dialogue of civilisations", and he is more reformist and progressive than the Iranian people deserve and that any organization that wants to overthrow this "God given gift" is terrorist and must be condemned and persecuted; the Pan-Turkish regime of Turkey that has been busy in the bloody suppression of Kurds and workers and toilers of Turkey is not terrorist, etc.

The EU, with its reactionary policies and in rivalry with the other imperialist blocks, has been plundering Iran's resources for many years, and as a blessing of the reactionary rule of the Islamic Republic, has profited milliards of dollars a year. Because of gaining maximum profit for the monopolies and cartels, the imperialist EU has closed its eyes to the assassination of over 300 members of the opposition abroad of the Islamic Republic and has swept under the rug even the convictions of the highest ranking officials of the Islamic Republic by the Miconos Trial. Nothing better could result from the imperialist nature.

Our organisation evaluates the EU's policy on the People's Mojahedin of Iran as a tribute to the state





People's Mojahedin of Iran as a tribute to the state terrorism of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it condemns it strongly. Such a policy can only be formed for the preservation of the capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic, for the continuation of plunder of the Iranian wealth and for the terrorist and fascist suppression of the Iranian masses.

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responsibility for this ugly work. In Egypt, the "Moslem Brotherhood" were strengthened and allowed to open offices in many countries of the Islamic world. The "Moslem Brotherhood" was an anticommunist and anti-Nasserist organisation and had close collaboration with Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. authorities supported the "Propagandist Assembly". This organisation was formed in India in 1962 and led by Mohammed Elias. The "Propagandist Assembly" extended its influence from the sub-continent of India to North Africa. With financial assistance from the C.I.A., help from "Moslem Brotherhood" in North Africa, and in collaboration with Pakistan's security forces (ISI) the "Propagandist Assembly" involved many Arab fanatics in the Afghanistan war. El Nahda, a Tunisian activist of this organisation, coordinated this work. The members of this organisation were given Islamic training and then were sent to Pakistan for military training by ISI. The more experienced fanatics were sent to European and American institutions for training. In Germany, the centers of their activities were Achen, Hamburg, Munchen, and several other cities.

In the U.S. cities such as Detroit, New York, and Los Angeles, where the Arabs were concentrated, the Islamic activists opened offices to recruit members for the war against the former Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Al-Kifah Afghan Refugee Center in Brooklyn New York, as the center of activities, was founded by the Hamas leader Abdullah Azzam. Azzam was a close associate of Bin Laden. Mustafa Chalaby, was the manager of this center and was assassinated in 1987 in Pakistan as a result of the rivalry with the blind Sheik, Omar Abdul Rahman, who was brought from Egypt to New York by the C.I.A.

During the Carter Presidency, the "holy war" against the enemies of the U.S. intensified. The Reagan administration strengthened the position of the "holy" warriors. The U.S. military personnel trained the Arab and Afghani fanatics in the U.S. camps in Fort Hill, Camp Picket, Virginia, and other places.

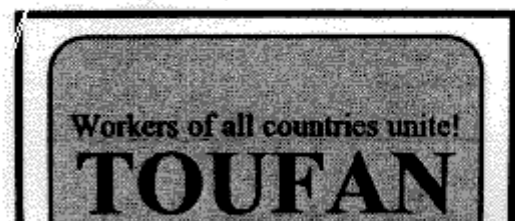
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organisation F.I.S. in Algeria had the chance to take power, the U.S. government contacted F.I.S. with the hope of signing an oil treaty with them. The U.S. authorities strengthened the Algerian terrorist murderers and sent them to Afghanistan.

US imperialism pulled out these dinosaurs of history from their graves, strengthened them to fight against communism, and employed them in its service. It was the U.S. imperialism that instigated, encouraged, and helped the Indonesian fanatics to massacre over a million communists and revolutionaries. U.S. imperialism, fearful of the Iranian communists and revolutionaries, ordered the Shah's army to surrender to the clergies in order to prevent the Iranian revolution from deepening and to pave the way to transfer the power to Ayatollahs. It was the U.S. imperialism that drew the "Green Belt" around its rival, the former Soviet Union. This has been the U.S. policy in regard to the struggle of the nations for freedom and independence. There is no room for human rights and respect for the life of individuals in this policy.

U.S. imperialism itself has continued to foster terrorism and has embraced terrorists for years. We should mention here that anthrax bacteria was produced in the U.S. government's laboratories and distributed in the world by the C.I.A. Anthrax has killed many people in several countries including in the U.S.A.. After the September 11 terrorist acts, anthrax has killed several American citizens. The U.S. authorities tried to blame Bin Laden's terrorist network for this hideous crime, but the F.B.I. investigations into these activities were not disclosed for the public. The U.S. authorities have tried to cover up for those who were responsible for distributing this biological agent.

The U.S. imperialism is not the victim but the mother of terrorism.



The "Propagandist Assembly" was able to gather thousands of Moslem fanatics from different countries in the U.S.A. for a meeting. Khalid Safuri, a Hamas activist, whose Islamic organisation has a center in one of the U.S. Republican offices, has ties with the Islamic holy warriors. Safi Qureishi, a U.S.-Pakistani milliarder who has contributed millions of dollars to the U.S. Republican campaigns, has close ties with the terrorist networks.

President Enver Sadat, who came to power after the death of Naser in 1970, established close relations with the "Moslem Brotherhood" in order to fight against communists, socialists, and Naserists. Sadat lost his life to the same terrorist organisation that he strengthened.

It is public knowledge now that when the terrorist



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Imperialists Embrace Terrorism!

Let us look at the history the U.S. imperialism's flirtation with Islamic fundamentalism.

After the victory over fascism and when the cold war began, the imperialists tried with every possible means, criminal, conspiratorial, and immoral methods, to fight against communism. The U.S. imperialism adopted its domestic and foreign policy on the basis of this fight and implemented these policies using these methods. The U.S. authorities created a wave of barbarism and despotism by implementing "McCarthyism" on the domestic front in order to suppress the progressive and democratic forces. Bertolt Brecht, Charlie Chaplain, Thomas Mann, Albert Einstein, Humphry Bogart, Howard Faucet, and many other scientific, literary, and artistic figures were victims of McCartite policy. The situation was even worse on the front of foreign policy. The support of military dictatorships and pro U.S. criminals in power constituted the basis of U.S. foreign policy. On the basis of this policy, the C.I.A. gave enormous financial support to the right wing and conservative parties and organisations to fight against communism.

The U.S. authorities considered the independent leaders of the undeveloped countries as the enlarged hands of the communists and conspired against them. Mosadegh in Iran, Arbenz in Guatemala, Sukarno in Indonesia, Nehro in India, Nekroma in Ghana, Lumumba in Congo, and Naser in Egypt were the victims of the U.S. conspiracy. The theory of "Arabic Socialism" of Naser was even a thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism, despite the fact that the theory was a cover for Arab nationalists to suppress the activities of the communists of Egypt. The mere use of the term "socialism" was sufficient to upset the U.S. authorities.

The Middle East – The struggle of the Palestinian People

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The struggle of the Palestinian people against decades of occupation of their homeland by the Israeli Zionists is a just struggle.

With the help of the US administrations, the Israeli Zionists continued to subjugate the people of the Middle East with no challenge for years, violated all the international norms, disrespected all UN resolutions on Palestinian-Israeli conflict, violated even self-agreed treaties such as "The Oslo Accord", and has had no hesitation to massacre the Palestinian people.

War criminal Ariel Sharon was responsible for the massacre of thousands of Palestinians in the refugee camps of "Sabra" and "Shatila" by the Southern Lebanon pro-Israeli Phalangist militia during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in the 1980s.

The Israeli military machine is constantly attacking the Palestinians and responds to stone-thrower kids with machine guns and tanks. The Zionist fanatics ruling in Israel are not different in nature from Bin Laden. The lives of the Palestinians are worth nothing to them. The Israeli terrorism is a state terrorism that has the support of the US administration and of the European imperialists, particularly the French and German imperialists, though accompanied with some grumbling and discontent.

The struggles of the Palestinian people in the form of Itifada and its savage suppression by the Israeli Zionists have had enormous psychological effect on the world's public opinions. An overwhelming majority of the people are disgusted with the Zionists' conduct and condemn it though all may not do so explicitly. The

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It was during this time that Islam became a political tool to fight against communism. In Iran, Fadaian e Islam (Islamic devotees), Ayatollah Kashani, Navab Safavi, Ayatollah Boroujerdi, and other clerics took the

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people are disgusted with the Zionists' conduct and condemn it though all may not do so explicitly. The people see that an armed to the teeth and aggressive government murders the Palestinian kids, and that no international authority, from the Human Rights Commission, to the United Nations and its Secretary

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