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Privatisation of Iran's Oil Industries, a Sinister Plot by Imperialism and the Islamic Republic of Iran!

The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) was the first organisation that uncovered the conspiracy of privatisation of natural resources in Iran. We drew the attention of the Iranian people to this danger for the first time in a resolution at our Founding Congress in 2000. Adopting a resolution on this issue at our Congress was an indication of significance that this sinister intention of the Islamic regime has for the Iranian people.

At the Second Congress of our Party, we adopted a nother resolution on privatisation of the oil industries in Iran. The following is an excerpt of that resolution.

The regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with direct order from Ayatollah Khomeini who believed "Economics is for donkeys", has greatly damaged the country's biggest productive section of the industries; the national oil industries. This industrial section has eroded totally due to lack of attentions, ignorance, waste, embezzlement, scandal, unskilled management, personal profiteering, and lack of maintenance. By adopting the policy of "Islamic cleansing", the Islamic authorities "cleansed" the oil industries from experts and skilled engineers, workers, and technicians and put to flight all those who could have served the people in a demogratic Iran. With this anti-national policy adopted by Khomeini himself, the regime of the Islamic Republic appealed to the giant imperialist oil companies for operation, production, and distribution of oil in Iran. The Islamic authorities, by hurriedly signing the behind closed doors contracts that incur losses, opened the roads for the plunder of Iran's oil by imperialist corporations. There is a reason why the Iranian people label these contracts as "one minute" contracts. The Islamic authorities have spent only a few minutes on the text of each of these contracts and signed the documents without investigating the legality, economics, and technicality of the documents. Continued on page 2

The Islamic Republic's Shameful Submission!

We have stated our positions on Iran's atomic program in several detailed articles in our Organ. In those articles, we have stated that:

... The communists express their utmost disgust for the weapons of mass destruction. The imperialist powers are producing arsenals of weapons of mass destruction and they have increased their military budgets for the advancement of these weapons. The communists are opposed to leaving the monopoly of atomic bombs in the hands of imperialist powers that use it to threaten and to enslave other nations. We are always for a universal and total disarmament. We are for the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, but the imperialists and Zionists do not even sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. ...The future Iranian atomic bombs are as dangerous as the present Israeli, US and other powers' atomic bombs. What is it that prevents the destruction of <u>all_these</u> bombs? Where do the problems lie? "

We now have received information that the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran has signed the imposed "Additional Protocol" of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This article expresses our position on this issue.

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Death to a Regime that **Responds with Bullets to the** Just Demands of the Workers!

The capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic committed yet another crime. Yesterday, 23 January 2004, the regime's security forces barbarically attacked the gathering of the protesting copper workers of Khatoon-abad in the province of Kerman. In this attack, at least 7 workers were killed and more than 20 were injured. According to the reports, the angry workers together with the general public then attacked several banks and official buildings and set on fire several military trucks.

In the past several years, worker-layoff and wage nonpayment have intensified in Iran. The regime of the Islamic Republic, following its reactionary labour law and the neo-liberal policy of the IMF, WB, WTO, has imposed a deplorable condition on the working men and women of Iran. The workers, who are hired

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The regime of the Islamic Republic, after the US sanctioned and banned investment in Iran's oil industries, put the oil on sale at a cheap price in order to stabilise its ruling power and to provide the necessary currency for its state operations. The authorities labeled this treachery as a fight against the US imperialism and as an attempt to break the US economic sanction.

This treachery can be compared only with the treachery of Reza Shah (the Shah's father) who offered Iran's oil to British imperialists or with the Shah whose treachery granted Iran's nationalised oil to the British Oil Petroleum. The Shah and the Sheikh do take the same steps!

Iran's National Oil Company which has been Islamised is not accountable to any state organ now. Even the already filtered members of the Parliament do not know what is going on with the Company. The oil contracts are signed by giving huge bribes to the families of mullahs including Rafsanjani's family. These contracts sacrifice the long-term and scientific utilisation of the oil resources for the short-term profit of foreign contractors and the families of mullahs. These colonialist contracts not only do not guarantee a long-term life of the resources, they do not bring modern technology to Iran either. The signing of these contracts is the Islamic legalisation hat the ruling mullahs put on the Islamic Republic's reactionary constitution that illegalises issuing license to foreign companies to extract oil from Iran. The mullahs have found a way to plunder Iran's national resources.

The policy of the Islamic Republic is to create several oil companies in Iran in order to eliminate transparency and accountability for the profit and loss from oil, to prepare the ground for the privatisation of the oil industries, and to divide the incomes from oil among the privatised companies and families of ruling mullahs. At the head of these plunderers are the families of Ex-President Rafsanjani, the head of the Guardian Council Ayatollah Janati, the head of the office of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Tabasi, and some others from both factions of the regime. The Islamic Republic's dominated press mentions the Petropars Oil Company for which Bezad Nabavi, a spokeman for the Reformist and a relative of Oil Minister Bijan Zangeneh, is the chief executive officer. Nabavi's dubious character was exposed during the hostage taking in the early years of the Iranian Revolution. The oil company Neico is registered in the British Jersey Island, and the former Iran's ambassador to Italy Majid Hedayatzadeh is its chief executive officer. The oil company Petro-Iran is operated by Rafsanjani's family. Sun Fire is another company registered in Jersey Island. The oil and gas company Pars is managed by Salehiforouz, a relative of Rafsanjani. Sadra Oil Company is excavating oil in the Caspian Sea with the assistance from Sweden. The Engineering and Expansion for Oil Company and Continental Shelf are amongst the companies that are managed by the Islamic authorities in Iran.

The extent of the regime's plunder of Iran's resources is still unclear to the masses. The incomes from these companies are deposited in foreign bank accounts and are used to serve "Dear Islam".

The regime of the Islamic Republic with cooperation with the imperialist investors wants to break apart the nationalised resources, to privatise and to give them to the high ranking officials of both factions. When oil resources are privatised such as in the USA, Kuwait, and other kingdoms of the Gulf region, they cannot be in the service of the public anymore. Then the incomes from oil go to the pockets of those who pretend to serve the masses. The privatisation of oil opens the doors to foreign investments with the conditions dictated by the World Trade Organisation, World Bank, and by the International Monetary Fund. By privatisation of oil, the Iranian authorities submit to the main conditions set by these international organs. By privatisation of Iran's oil, there will be no legal barriers to prevent plunder the national resources of Iran anymore.

A large spectrum of foreign investors and companies, Japanese, Korean, French, Italian, Malaysian, British, Dutch, Norwegian, Spanish, Russian, and German are already working in Iran's oil industries through signing secret deals with the Islamic authorities. This is the policy of "collective colonisation" followed by the Islamic Republic. This policy tries to raise the interest of the imperialist powers in Iran and to secure and strengthen the regime of the Islamic Republic. The architect of this policy of "collective colonisation" was the king of the kings, the Shah, whom the Iranian people finally and rightly set on his dark destiny.

The regime of the Islamic Republic has untied the imperialists' hands in plundering the Iranian natural resources in order to "fight back" the US sanctions. The Islamic authorities fake this clearly treacherous act with a fight against US imperialism. The sale of Iranian gas at a cheap price to Turkey and the submission to the conditions set by this reactionary and aggressive regime are all indications of the attempts of the Islamic regime to give bribes to the Turkish authorities in order to buy their silence. The acceptance of all conditions set by the US imperialists will expose more clearly the Iranian regime's scope of treachery.

The Islamic Republic has attacked with an Islamic machete the achievements of the nationalisation of Iran's oil that was carried out by the legal and national government of Dr. Mosadeq.

The Islamic authorities are rapidly following the foot steps of the Shah's regime to destroy the natural resources of Iran. Whatever the 1953 Coup could not destroy, the regime of the Islamic Republic will destroy in the era of the globalisation of capital, and as a result, the Islamic authorities become fatter. This is done in order to lengthen the parasitic life of the Islamic Republic. For the Islamic authorities, the future and independence of Iran, the future of the young generation, and the self-reliance of the country are not important issues. The issue is the preservation of their ruling power at all cost.

The regime of the Islamic Republic knows that the defeat of the Shah's regime is mainly due to the Continued on page 3

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struggle of the working class in general and of the workers in the oil field in particular. By their extensive participation in the revolutionary movement in Iran and by their continuous strikes, the workers of the oil industries showed the Shah their vast power which broke the back of his reactionary regime. The working class of Iran, due to revisionist treachery, due to glorification of armed struggle isolated from the masses, due to the theory of salvation of the working class by a band of idealist heroes of Guerrilla activities, and due to the lack of grasping the need for organised party work, was put on a wrong track and was unable to take the leadership of the movement against the Shah's regime. The power of this huge and determinative social force, due to the contamination with anarcho-syndicalist view, was misused to serve the new ruling regime. The Islamic authorities understood the power of this force and first neutralised it by introducing "councils" that do not have the leadership of the working class party, and by altering the nature of trade unions, of the working class party, and of the soviets. Then the authorities tried to downsize the large factories and split the industrial units into smaller and controllable units in order to minimise the possibility of uprisings or the seisure of power by the working class. All these reactionary measures had a chance to survive because of the lack of a powerful working class party, anti-party tendencies in the movement, anarcho-syndicalism, reformism, and revisionism. All these shortcomings poisoned the movement of the working class of Iran.

The Ministry of Oil, in order to facilitate the implementation of the policy of privatisation suggested by the WTO, WB, IMF, and imperialists, was the first organ that tried to lower the workers' wages, to sign short-term contracts with the workers, and to facilitate the workers' layoff. The Ministry then tried to weaken and disperse the workers' organisations by separating different production units from the oil industries. The WTO is opposed to state subsidiaries that are necessary for providing the minimum livelihood for the toilers. The WTO is opposed to any state ownership and promotes the transition of state ownership to private ownership in order to open the doors of the dominated and underdeveloped countries to the imperialist plunderers. The privatisation of Iran's oil, steel, auto, petrochemical, textile, and copper industries are examples in front of us.

The privatisation of industries increases the chance that the new owners layoff workers, lower the value of work seniorities, buy the work seniorities at a cheap price, and shut down the factories.

The Fifth Parliament's plan to exclude the shops with fewer than 5 workers from the implementation of

Iran's labour laws, the exclusion of the carpet weavers from the labour laws, and the Sixth Parliament's adopted plan to reconstruct and to modernise the industries are all attempts to aid imperialists, neo-liberal policies of the world capitalism, and to strengthen capitalism in private form in Iran.

In order to implement the policy of privatization and

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to disperse the workers, the Islamic government first passed a plan in the "Council of Ministers" to divide Iran's National Oil Company into Aghajari, Khark, Lavan, Masjid Soleiman, and Haftgel oil companies. This plan puts the workers' destiny in the hands of several oil companies that have the authorities to sign different contracts and to impose different conditions and terms on the workers. This was the first step in privatisation.

The workers in the oil industries protested this plan, and it was set aside for another suitable time. Then a plan was discussed to turn over some sections of the oil industries to the Pension Fund of the National Oil Company. The struggle of the workers neutralised this plan also. But the capitalist regime of Iran, despite the struggle of the workers which is not always successful because of the lack of the Party leadership, has succeeded in taking a big step towards privatisation of oil industries by using the retired or seniority-bought oil workers to establish a contractive company in gas and petrochemical industries for maintenance and repair of the oil industries.

The employees of the National Oil Company wrote in a letter to the managing director of the Company Mr. Moezi that:

"It has been a few years since a number of employees of the Oil Discovery Management Section of the National Oil Company have been separated, without previous consultation and against their wills, from the Discovery Management and sent to a newly established private service company. Despite the repeated requests of these workers from the Discovery Management Section about their employment status, there has been no clear and explicit response, and the authorities have dodged the main issue by giving non-explicit response every time. The authorities sometimes consider these employees as the employees of the National Oil Company, sometimes as the employees transferred to private sections separated from the Company, and sometimes as the employees sent on duty by Discovery Management Section. We have recently seen statements on the agreement between the Discovery Management and the Pension Fund so that the Pension Fund commits itself to implementing all rules and regulations of the Oil Company to these employees up to the end of their services. (Note that these regulations will be implemented not to the future, but to the present employees in order to make them quiet and to split the workforce.). The question must be asked that by what legal rights the service company can decide about the employees of the Oil Company or sign a contract with them. The question is who gave the permission to sign contracts with these employees? Are these workers considered as the employees of the service company that the authorities make whatever decision they want for them?

Time has come now to clarify the issue. The issue is clear for these employees. These were employees of the National Oil Company, and they do not want to be separated from the Company or to be transferred under any condition to the private sections. These

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workers request that all existing conditions (good and bad) of the Oil Company, not the conditions and terms of any other company, be implemented on them even if the other private companies may have better conditions. If the authorities at the Oil Company request so, these employees are ready to work at private or dependent companies, but as the employees of the Oil Company. They do not want to be regarded as the employees of the private or dependent companies. Privatisation and the transfer of dependent companies to the private section should have nothing to do with transferring the employees of the Oil Company to the private section. The transfer of the employees of the Oil Company to the private sections has no legal base or popular support and is unacceptable. Promises, threats, and high salaries and bonuses are offered in order to implement illegal intentions and have no appeal. These employees have no inclination to cooperate with the Oil Discovery if it is separated from the Oil Company, and they preserve the right to file complaints and request the investigation of illegal actions".

The sections of the Oil Company making dishes, containers, auto oil, and tar have been split from the Company and have been sold at a cheap price to the families of the Islamic authorities.

The section making gas meter has been sold to private section, and the meter-making patent has been given to foreign investors.

The petrochemical facilities in the cities of Abadan, Arak, Khark, and Isfahan are in the hands of private owners.

The policy of privatisation splits the country-wide production lines into pieces and causes dispersion among the workers. This policy creates a new section of the capitalist class that ties its existence to the existence of the Islamic Republic. These capitalists find their interests not only in the existence of the capitalist regime in general, but in the preservation of the Islamic Republic in particular because they accumulate their wealth through the regime's conspiracy on nationalised industries. Their wealth will be used in the service of the regime's reactionary foundations, of the oppressive forces of Guardian Brigade and Basij, and of the parasite lumpens equipped with machetes because it is through these organs that they preserve their existing status.

The newly arrived capitalists are not accountable to anyone and they are allies of imperialists and the ruling bureaucrats of Iran. There is now a large Mafia capitalist section that has more privileges than the one that accumulates wealth through getting access to low exchange rates and bank credits for purchasing and selling commodities or the one that tries to develop industries and is in debt now.

The regime of the Islamic Republic has established a mechanism through which Iran's oil that was nationalised by Dr. Mosadeq will be privatised and plundered by the imperialists.

privatisation The policy of starts from the implementation of the neo-liberal policy in the framework of globalisation of capital and from joining the WTO. Then the oil industries will be split into pieces and will be given to the mullah's family who become small Rockefellers. The policy of privatisation will create a situation similar to Russia where the British, American, and Russian mafia gangs together with the revisionists divided the giant Soviet Oil Company between themselves, and the looters have mythical lifestyle while millions of Russians live in miserv.

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The new private capitalists layoff some of the workers, buy the seniority of some of the workers and lay them off, separate the younger workers from the older ones, break the united struggle of the workers, sign temporary work contracts, destroy the achievements of the working class, and establish barbarism in the society.

This is just the beginning of this barbarism. When Iran's Oil Company is divided into many private companies, each private owner can decide to manage his holy property, to share his company with foreign investors, or to sell his company to William Knox Darcy. This Mr. Darcy can decide to give his company to the British or American government. Poor Dr. Mosadeq! What suffering he went through to nationalise Iran's oil industries!

The privatisation of Iran's industries, particularly of the key and nationalised industries, will throw Iran into the jaws of the imperialist crocodiles.

The privatisation of Iran's oil industries that is done in the framework of the privatisation of Iran's industries as a whole is a national treacherous act. This act will definitely prepare the ground for a huge social movement in which the participants are not only the workers, but many strata of the society. We must stop the process of the privatisation by building the party of the working class. It is only the party of proletariat that can lead the national struggle of the people to victory. The enemies of the party-building are disturbed and goalless individuals who weaken the people's front with their hopelessness and lack of perspective.

The policy of privatisation is a policy hostile to the working class and to the Iranian people as a whole. The regime of the Islamic Republic is a capitalist regime and these treacherous acts are the results of the era of neo-liberalism and the globalisation of capital. It is only socialism that can stop these acts.

It becomes clearer with every passing day that the national struggle and the struggle for socialism are strongly tied together, and that the proletariat assumes a determinative role in the national struggle. The struggle for genuine nationalisation of Iran's oil industries, this time under the leadership of the working class party, is gradually set on the agenda of the proletariat of Iran. The building of the party of the working class on the basis of Marxism-Leninism is the most pressing task of the communists of Iran.

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destroy the independence of Iran. What will Iran do if the US or Israel come with some concerns about Iran's chemical industries tomorrow?

"These states will cooperate with Iran according to the UN goals to increase the security and stability of the region and to create a zone that is free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East".

In this article of the communiqué, the imperialist states have forced Iran to accept the view of the Israeli Zionists and to work towards "increased security and stability in the region".

Obviously the security that the imperialists and Zionists speak of is not the same as those of Palestinians, Iraqis, Afghans, and Iranians. Sharon and Bush's security is not security for Palestinians and Iraqis. The regime of the Islamic Republic that has bound itself to comply with the communiqué will put its leash in the hands of Zionists. While Israel has atomic bombs, threatens the entire region, and has never cooperated with or complied with the UN resolutions, the imperialist powers promise Iran with future Halva of region's disarmament. We must ask ourselves why the behind closed doors imperialist threats are expressed in such a manner in this communiqué. In our opinion, we must imagine the scene behind the closed doors as:

Three imperialist countries, from the position of power, have made the Iranian authorities to understand that either the Islamic Republic submits to their demands or it will pay a heavy price. The tone of the imperialist representatives has been colonising, threatening, imperious, contemptuous, and despising, as a master ordering his slaves.

The regime of the Islamic Republic has submitted to the dictates of the Ministers and has worded its communiqué in such a way that it covers up its treachery so that the Iranian masses do not realise it. When the representatives of the three powers have felt that the Islamic authorities are more fearful of the Iranian people than the foreign pressure, they have hardened their conditions. The representatives of Britain, France, and Germany have agreed with the Islamic Republic's request of issuing a vague, ambiguous, and incoherent communiqué in a diplomatic language.

The communiqué is a document of Iran's treachery, retreat, and of unconditional submission to the imperialists and Zionists. In our Party's view, this document lacks any credibility or validity. The regime of the Islamic Republic does not represent the Iranian people and has signed this document in order to preserve its ruling power and to continue the plunder of the country. This document is similar to Vosough Al Doleh¹, Golestan², and Turkmanchai³ treaties, in all of which the Ayatollah had hands.

The people of Iran must topple this treacherous regime. As long as this regime is in power, Iran will submit to the dictates of the imperialist powers. Only a regime of the Iranian masses can victoriously stand to the pressures and threats of the imperialist bullies. The

conditions in the Middle East act against imperialism and Zionism. Only the blind, power hungry, and plunderers of the Islamic Republic cannot see this reality.

- 1- 1919 colonial treaty between Iran and the Great Britain
- 2- 1813 treaty between Iran and Czarist government, ceded Azerbaijan to Russia, Iran would have no navy on the Caspian Sea.
- 3- 1828 Russian-Iranian treaty, ceded many regions of Caucus to Russia, the exclusive rights of domination on the Caspian Sea were given to Russia.

Death to a Regime

according to temporary contracts with meager wages, are laid off and they are left without any option in front of them to combat poverty, destitution, and inflation except a common struggle against the reaime supports the capitalist that exploiters. The deplorable and unbearable conditions have manifested themselves in the continued strikes and protests of the workers of many sections of industries textile, petrochemical, copperincludina mining, and car manufacturing.

The copper workers of Khatoon-abad, like their comrade workers in the entire country, have just demands, but the Islamic regime knows no language except the language of bullets and violence.

Our Party condemns the gunning down of the workers whose only crimes are a call for jobs, bread, and freedom. We call on all workers and labourers to support and express solidarity with the copper workers of Khatoon-abad. This crime of the Islamic Republic must not be left without a collective and proper response.

The Party of Labour of Iran asks our fraternal Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, all trade unions and democratic and mass organisations to condemn the regime of the Islamic Republic for this crime and for the violation of the basic rights of the labourers.

Victory to the united struggle of the workers of Iran against the capitalists!

Death to the capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran!

Long live socialism, the banner of the human salvation!

The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) **24 January**, **2004**

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of IAEA, the regime of Iran has issued a communiqué in which it is pretended that the agreement was a victory for the Islamic Republic. Is this agreement a victory for the Islamic Republic or a shameless submission to imperialism and Zionism covered by all sorts of ambiguous and incoherent phrases?

It is stated in article 2 of the communiqué that:

"The Iranian officials confirmed once again that atomic weapons have no place in Iran's defensive doctrine, and that Iran's atomic energy program and activities have merely been for peaceful purposes. The IAEA representatives restated to the Ministers of Britain, Germany, and France the Islamic Republic's commitment to nuclear non-proliferation and informed them that:

a) the government of Iran has decided to cooperate fully with IAEA in order to deal transparently with the requirements and remaining question the Agency has, to resolve the remaining problems, and to clarify and remedy in the framework of IAEA any shortcomings "

It is clear from these statements that the regime of the Islamic Republic has admitted that it has not been so far transparent in its activities and this has generated many questions for the Agency, that it has shortcomings in its nuclear activities, and that it promises the Agency to act like a good boy in the future and remedy its bad behavior. The Islamic authorities have admitted that they have not so far fully cooperated with the agency and this is why their nuclear activities are under suspicion of the IAEA. They have admitted that the imperialist lies about Iran were actually nothing but the complete truth.

The communiqué continues that:

"b) For the elevation of trust and the removal of all barriers to nuclear cooperation,

First, the Iranian government, after receiving necessary explanations, has decided to sign the "Additional Protocol" and to begin the process of its ratification. The government of Iran, as a confirmation of its good intention and in accordance with the Protocol, will continue its cooperation with the Agency during the period in which the Protocol is awaiting ratification".

The Ministers of three imperialist countries, behind the closed doors and with no respect for international courtesy, have made the Iranian representatives to understand that the regime of Iran should submit to the dictates of the Agency, be quiet, and it should not violate the agreements, otherwise, it will severely be punished. It is this clear threat, which the Iranian regime labels as necessary explanations, that has forced the Islamic Republic to sign the Protocol. The regime of the Islamic Republic labels this shameful submission as "good intentions" in order to deceive the Iranian people.

"Second, the government of Iran, though it preserves the right to develop its nuclear energy in the framework of nuclear non-proliferation, has voluntarily decided to suspend, as the Agency defines it, all its activities of enriching uranium".

The Iranian regime has accepted the imperialists and

Zionists' dictates of having no rights to carry nuclear activities as a slaps in its face now and has suspended with tremors of fear its Halva of achieving nuclear advancement in the future. The authorities of Iran pretend this shameful retreat is a "voluntary suspension". This retreat will be reversed on the day of resurrection since the regime of Iran has suspended, as the "Agency defines" it, its nuclear activities due to the pressures and dictates of the imperialists. This retreat was imposed on the Iranian regime by the imperialist powers that have nuclear programs themselves. Iran has suspended its activities for nuclear advancement but has gained the nonimplemental "right" of dreaming about them. What a big right! The Isamic authorities can put this right in a pot and drink from it! This is a right that cannot prevent the US and Israeli's nuclear threat in the region.

Then after several diplomatic and self-flattering statements that have no political values and were put together by the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, and Germany, saying that "We have no intention of violating the sovereignty, national dignity, or national security of the state members", the communiqué expresses that:

"c) The three states of Britain, France, and Germany believe that Iran's suspension of its nuclear activities will open the road for discussion on the long-term cooperation and will give satisfactory confidence to the concerned states on Iran's production of nuclear energy. As soon as the international concerns, including the concerns of these three countries, have been removed, Iran can expect to achieve modern technological advancement in different fronts by an easier way".

Three imperialist countries have the opinion that Iran's shameful retreat which destroys the independence and sovereignty of Iran will be the "basis for long-term cooperation". This treachery is the source of "satisfaction" for the imperialists and Zionists. Iran can expect to achieve modern technological advancement by an easier way when these three imperialist countries feel that their concerns have been removed! It is unclear when these concerns will be removed. What will Iran do when the concerns of these countries are removed, but the US and Israel still have concerns? Will Iran be able to move towards technological developments? What is the criterion for removing these imperialists' concerns, or does it only depend on the feelings of the imperialists? How should Iran proceed about the concerns it has on the US and Israeli's atomic bombs and on the possibility of their aggression in the endless future? None of these is addressed in any form by the Islamic authorities.

It is clear that the regime of Iran has been castrated by this agreement. There will be no end to the concerns of the imperialist aggressors. By signing this agreement, the regime of Iran has confirmed that it has been the source of these concerns. The Iranian regime expects to get help on the nuclear front by an easier way! From whom will it get help? From God?

This communiqué is a document of submission that will

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is less than an atomic bomb and is more containable. If this bomb is dropped on Iraq, for example, the extent of its damage is not as large and the oil fields will still be useable. This lowers the level of thought put into the consideration of the world-wide consequences of the use of mini atomic bombs and increases the possibility of their use. A tragedy for humanity, full consequences of which are still unknown, is on the way.

With the production of mini atomic bomb, the US imperialists give billions of dollars to the arms producing companies, distort the demarcation line between atomic and non atomic wars, erase the line between atomic and conventional weapons, and distort all the established legal definitions. The concepts such as nuclear disarmament, not resorting to atomic bombs, nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and the international treaties on nuclear bombs will be invalidated. The lawyers have to determine whether or not the use of a few mini atomic bombs should be considered as the use of weapons of mass destruction, whether or not the production of mini atomic bombs necessitates a reduction or destruction of atomic bombs, whether or not the International Atomic Energy Agency should be informed, etc.

The US budget has allocated 15 million dollars for research in changing the regular atomic warheads and 6 million dollars for research in mini atomic bombs.

The US Congress, by passing such a huge military budget in an environment of the fight against "terrorism", has sent all the international treaties to the garbage heap of history.

The aggressive US imperialists themselves do not have any respect for any principle, but they request Iran to abandon its attempts to achieve the science of nuclear development. The US is extending its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction while it is pressuring Iran to sign the "Additional Protocol" of IAEA, is threatening the Democratic Republic of Korea with military aggression, and requesting that North Korea endanger its independence and lose its capability of itself against South Korea that has defending housed tens of thousands of US military personnel. The US administration wants Iran to abandon its program of Uranium enrichment and to forget about getting training in nuclear technology which is monopolised by a few countries. The US says that Iran does not have right to make missiles, to modernise its army with a guided missile system, to develop its auto and steel and chemical industries because all these developments are potential threats against the US and they could fall into the hands of terrorists!

While the US imperialists try to erase the border line between atomic and conventional war, they draw a demarcation line between countries by labeling them "evil" and "good". Whoever does not submit to US Pressure is "evil" even if he is good, and whoever submits to the US pressure is "good" even if he is evil.

The US imperialists who have failed in all human, moral, and legal arenas have no right to set the agenda for other countries. They have no pity for humanity, but concern for gaining maximum profit by plundering other nations.

The theory of "Cultural Supremacy" is for, as the Nazi theory of "Supreme Race" was, deceiving the public and preparing the people to become cannon fodder.

The US administrators want to, alongside with the preparation of necessary subjective environment for war and aggression, increase the power of their armaments and to distort the distinction between tactical and strategic wars.

The US imperialists' plan for future wars is drawn and the Congress-passed 2004 budget is for the partial implementation of the plan.

It is the struggle of the people of the world that can stop the multi-headed imperialist demons who are the major enemies of the progressive humanity. The communists must build their disciplined and unified Marxist-Leninist party, fight against petty-bourgeois liberalism, and gain the leadership of the national struggle. They must pull out the poisonous teeth of the warmonger snakes by actively building a revolutionary international solidarity front that is active in the US as well. The proletarian internationalism is the guideline.

People say **NO** to the sham elections in Iran!





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The US Military Budget, a Tragedy on the Way!

The Congress of the "civilised", "modern", and "democratic" US passed the Bush administration's 2004 military budget. This budget is the largest military budget in the history of the US and exceeds 400 billion dollars. This huge killing budget is several times bigger than Iran and many Asian, African, and South American country's total budget. With this budget, one can overcome the poverty in the world and rescue millions of people from the death threat from hunger and disease.

What is the purpose of adopting this budget at a time when the "Cold War" is ended?

In the past, the US weapon-producing concerns made their appointed missionaries to understand that, in order to sell the produced weapons, the missionaries must base themselves on the threat of the super power Soviet Union or on the "yellow threat", and they must create an environment of fear, horror, enmity, and suspicion. The concerns had to destroy the security of nations so that the need for security forces them into purchasing and selling arms. It was through this method that the US sold billions of dollars of worthless arms to Iran, Saudi Arabia, and many countries in the Persian Gulf or neighbouring the Soviet Union. The Shah of Iran, as a good and dutiful puppet, paid in advance the undelivered arms he bought from the USA.

The US administrations put billions of dollars of taxes collected from working American people to the pockets of the US concerns, and at the same time, made the armies of the dominated and semi-colonial countries dependent on US weaponry. Through this process, they extended the US political, cultural, and military presence in many regions of the world. When the "Cold War" was ended, the US imperialists needed a "scientific theory" to fan the environment of fear and insecurity so that it justifies their continuation of arm production. Professor Huntington took this responsibility, and in his work "The Clash of Civilization", appealed to the threats from Moslems,

Chinese, and others. Huntington finds the road to "save" the US in opening a new battle front. Then this theory was supplemented with the fight against "terrorism" and "Political Islam", in order to continue the production of weapons and to enable the concerns to rob the American tax payers of billions of dollars.

The US military power which is based on modern and advanced technologies for destruction and aggression is the main factor for the US global superiority because it is finally the force that determines, on the basis of balance of class forces, the outcome of social battles. The US imperialism gains its economic need for securing maximum profit mainly through its military power. The US Congress, besides passing the military budget, passed a law on research and production of a new atomic bomb. In this law, the 10year ban of the production of mini atomic bombs is removed. By passing this law, the US imperialists are given permission to violate the international laws and treaties and to produce this horrific atomic bomb. The US warmongers justify this law by claiming that this type of bomb is good for enemies' underground bunkers because it penetrates deeply and explodes after reaching its target, and that they want to end the "barbaric" war as quickly as possible! Thus, using these justifications, they claim that these bombs will be produced for peaceful purposes, and that shortening the duration of a war results in fewer casualties and this means that having a "humane" war.

And it certainly means distorting the recognised human concepts.

The US imperialists are not fearful of Iran or Saddam, but of their future rivals China, Japan, United Europe, and Russia. They know that the mini atomic bombs may be used against the modern technologies of their rivals. Furthermore, the extent of damages caused by the explosion of a mini atomic bomb, while the effects of its radio-active contamination remain for centuries, **Continued on page 7**

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