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Words of the Month

Sudan' once again a coup?

On October 25th, the Sudanese military, under the command of General el Burhan, staged a coup and dissolved the transitional government and sovereign council. This coup happened a few hours after the US envoy had met the military high command and, reportedly, advised them against such a move.

General Burhan declared the military takeover was carried out to preserve the achievements of Sudanese civil society(!) and also to prevent a civil war



in the Sudan (alluding to the Jan Javid attempted coup of the previous month).

Sudan followed the path established by the Egyptian coup under General Sissi:

- ***The military used its own tribal and other internal networks to cause as much chaos as possible,***

including disrupting the flow of necessities (especially oil), to weaken public enthusiasm for democratic change.

- ***The Saudis and the UAE, amongst others, did their utmost to deprive the transitional government of foreign funds. (Under Trump, the US made recognition of Israel a pre-condition for removing Sudan from the list of sponsors of terrorism. Delisting itself allows aid but doesn't guarantee it.)***
- ***Finally, the military carried out a coup under the banner of safeguarding Sudanese sovereignty.***



Sudanese civil society is rising up in protest against this coup, valiantly braving live bullets, arrests, torture and fatalities. No one knows how this will end. We salute the Sudanese uprising and say, "Long live the Sudanese struggle for freedom and democracy!"



Rosa Luxemburg's foundation held its bi-annual conference on October 22-24. The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) had a strong presence during the three days of the assembly. Our party's representative in her speech described the dire situation of Iranian women, their struggle against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Party's agenda to support



those struggles. Below is a short extract of the speech:

"The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) has always supported any feminist protest in Iran. We have encouraged our sympathizers to actively be involved in such activities. We have tried to be the voice of speechless. The party has created an office with focus on feminist movements in Iran. In every single feminist protest outside of Iran, we have had strong involvement. On the international level, we have always supported global feminist movements such as equal payment for doing the same job, Texas women struggle for abortion rights, Women rights for obtaining driver license in Saudi Arabia, global Me-Too movement, and especially the support for brave women of Afghanistan protesting against Taliban on the streets of Kabul, Herat, Mezare-Sharif, and every other town in that part of the world".

crises, including the deterioration of the economic situation and believes that the way out of these sufferings is for the government to retreat from these policies and return to the Vienna negotiating table. Negotiations that need to focus on the nuclear issue to address this issue and pave the way for its guarantee and stabilization by pushing the Islamic Republic back from its regional policies. The cessation of negotiations will not result in anything but a deterioration of the situation, further isolation of the country, destruction of the economy and loss of opportunities for its growth and development.



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The Second Congress of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)

The second congress of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) will be held from November 12 to 14, 2021.

The office of the Central Council of the LPI (PF) announced in this regard:

The political program manuscript is on the agenda of the party's second congress. Included in this document are the ways out of the current situation, the transition route from the Islamic Republic to democracy, social movements and street uprisings, environmental protection, moving away from the tense and hostile foreign policy of the Islamic Republic, normalization of relations with all countries and restoration of friendly relations with neighbors based on the

Postponement of the Vienna Talks will propel the Iranian People to more Catastrophe!

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) considers the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic as the main obstacle to establishing normal relations with the world and the cause of intensifying the country's all-out



national interests of the country and the requirements for its provision in the region and the world. Those topics will be discussed in the Congress.



The revision of the party's constitution is also on the agenda of the Congress. The principles of the party are discussed and some aspects of the party's activities will also be on the agenda in Congress.

In the draft document submitted to Congress for approval, we read:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) defined as a left party with the agenda of social-democracy is fighting in the current situation for the transition from the Islamic Republic to the establishment of a secular and democratic republic. We call on all democratic entities, leftist and freedom-fighters, all activists of social and civil movements, and national parties to cooperate and unite to create a system based on the free will of the Iranian people. Respect for the beliefs and religion of every citizen, complete separation of religion from the state, accountability to the people and their economic and social demands, sustainable economic development, elimination of any sex, gender, ethnic, religious and ideological discrimination, belief in equal rights between women and men, the recognition of human rights standards and the observance of all the pillars and institutions governing the country by the people are some of the characteristics of such a system.

The draft states the party's strategy for a peaceful transition from the Islamic Republic:

Our strategy for a peaceful transition from the Islamic Republic relies on social movements, civic institutions, people's uprisings and mobilization of workers and the poor, the oppressed middle class, teachers, students, retirees, artists, cultural figures and academics. We strongly support the independent organization of the people from the state, the unification of popular uprisings, union workers' and general strikes, and other civil disobedience movements as the means to a democratic transition from the current government. At the same time, we believe that the people's struggle to push back the government in any way and to any extent is in favor of democratic processes and a step forward in the struggle against religious tyranny. We strive for holding free elections in accordance with internationally recognized standards and regulations in Iran.



We oppose relying on foreign governments and programs in our struggle. We believe in cooperation and coordination of internal political forces believing in freedom, democracy and social justice. We rely on the spiritual and humanitarian support of institutions and public to transition to a free and fair society.



We believe in the independent organization of the people. The transition from this system and the establishment of democracy and social justice is possible only through national struggle and social mobilization of different sections of the population. We emphasize on the unification of the protests by different social groups. Our goal is to support their struggles and strengthen the solidarity between them.



Our strategic slogan is the transition from the Islamic Republic to a secular and democratic republic, the formation of the Constituent Assembly and the drafting of a new constitution. Our discourse and practical activities serve this purpose.

Statement on Tensions on the border with the Republic of Azerbaijan

The Solution is not Saber Rattling but Reaching an Understanding and Agreement!

Persistent tensions on the country's borders, this time sparked in the northwest of the country. With the deployment of military units from several parts of the country to the northern borders, a large-scale maneuver called "Khyber Conquerors" was held on the Iranian-Azerbaijani-Armenian border, and the leaders of the Islamic Republic declared it getting ready to protect the borders and to neutralize suspicious movements. This

action provoked the reaction of the Azerbaijani government, Ilham Aliyev and Azerbaijan's reaction was immediately met with a response from Iran, which would not stand idly by in the face of any conspiracy behind its borders, including the presence of the "Zionists" in Azerbaijan and change of borders.



The "defensive" maneuver of the Islamic Republic takes place after the so-called "Three Brothers" maneuver, which a few weeks ago was organized by Baku, Ankara, and Islamabad on the territory of Azerbaijan, and was interpreted as an "offensive" play by the Islamic Republic. A movement that not only meant the continuation and increase of Turkey's role in the territory of Azerbaijan, but also the questionable presence of Pakistan belonging to the South Asian region in the Caucasus region. From 2017, Pakistan has entered into special relations with Turkey and this summer in a trilateral agreement with Turkey and Azerbaijan has formed a strategic alliance. All this could indicate formation of a new bloc in the region.

The political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) issued a detailed statement in this regard, which explained the situation in the region and the position of its various parties. In the statement we read:



The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) believes that our country's policy towards the South Caucasus should be a policy of friendship with its neighbors. Our country's policy must be refraining from any excess and at the same time standing up for national interests and overseeing constructive relations with each of these countries, including Azerbaijan and Armenia, until the level of formation of a regional union is reached. This approach should also be part of our overall foreign policy towards the world and the region. Our country needs to establish relations with all the countries of the world, and it can also benefit from this union by appearing as a creative element of a regional union in the Middle East, relying on its enormous potential.



From our point of view, accepting the 3+3 plan is a realistic action that can lead to resolving the existing tensions in this region. Since the differences in the foreign policy of the 3+3 countries (the three republics of the South Caucasus, including Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia, along with Russia, Iran, and Turkey) are not small, it is necessary to strengthen it with additional measures, including resolving the issue of dividing the Caspian Sea through the convention with the least harm. In relation to the tensions that have arisen, it is necessary to rely on diplomacy to guarantee Iran's right to use the transit road of the Zangezur Mountains.

In any case, the way for Iran is to end the policy of Israel's annihilation so that it will not and cannot seek an aggressive border in the west, south and north of our country. The way for Iran is the unconditional revival of



JCPOA, and the acceptance of the fact that resolving nuclear crisis without generating trust in the region is not guaranteed. The way for Iran is to leave anti-Americanism and establish a balanced relationship with all the big powers and the region, and not slogan of "neither East nor West" and now the policy of "looking East" to continue "anti-West"

The essence of our word is a general transformation; And given the important and sensitive position that Iran has in this strategic position of the world, a role that our country can and should play so that the idea of proxy war gives way to inclusive peace.

We have no doubt that the continuation of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic will bring no other result than the occasional convulsions on all sides of the country's water and land borders in the four directions of north, south, west, and east of Iran.

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