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Word of the Month

Resumption of the JCPOA Talks

Negotiations aimed at returning the United States and Iran to the Nuclear deal (JCPOA) and lifting sanctions on Iran in the Austrian capital, Vienna, came to a standstill about three months ago. On June 27, Iran and the United States confirmed that a new round of "indirect" talks between the two countries on the remaining disputes over the revival of the deal would be held in Doha, the capital of Qatar. According to the latest news, this round of talks, which took place in a different framework from what was taking place in Vienna, without the presence of the 4 + 1 countries (Britain, China, Russia, France plus Germany) and with the presence of Enrique Mora, on behalf of European countries, Robert Mali, the US special envoy for Iran, and Ali Bagheri Kani, representing Iran, began and ended without a result. Enrique Mora tweeted: "We had two days of intensive talks in Doha. Unfortunately, the progress that the European Union hoped for as the coordinator of the talks has not yet been achieved."

Despite the quick and fruitless end of the Doha talks, Iran's acceptance of the resumption of talks without the presence of China and Russia, despite extremist slogans, and sitting at a table with the US envoy could indicate the fact that the Islamic Republic is in a state of emergency. Many political forces believe that the resumption of talks could be a good start in resolving foreign policy problems, the nuclear crisis, and lifting sanctions despite harsh slogans and fruitless extremism over the past year. Fundamentalists who oppose the JCPOA, believe that the US and Europe aim to bypass China and Russia and force Iran to accept a weak agreement. But it is highly unlikely that a final agreement - whatever it may be - will be reached without the participation of either party.

What is certain is that Iran is in a critical economic situation and is worried that it will face internal unrest if the deal is not revived. The United States, on the other hand, is engaged in a proxy war in Ukraine and does not want to lose focus on the Ukraine issue as tensions with Iran continue in the region. Therefore, it can be said that the need for a bilateral agreement has been further strengthened.

From what has been said, it seems that the two sides have come to the conclusion that, taking into account the concerns of the other side, an agreement should be reached. But to what extent will this consideration include US concerns about Iran's regional policy and missile and drone programs, and Iran's concerns about the complete, real, and verifiable lifting of sanctions, as well as its security, that is the point that can draw their relationship in the long run.



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■ **The signs of Corruption in Wreckages**

The final number of those who died under the rubble of "Metropole" building exceeded 40. "Metropole" was the name of a tower under construction located in the city of



Abadan. Last month, when many people were working and commuting inside and out, it suddenly collapsed.

The investigation after the occurrence of this excruciating tragedy clarified that the cause of the collapse of the building was non-

compliance with the safety principles and standards related to the construction and the conscious turning a blind eye of the mayors and other corrupt officials of government institutions due to their shady relations with the owner of

these two towers. They had ignored the repeated warnings of the engineering organization to stop the construction of the tower and building extra floors on top of it. The owner of the tower had taken over the city authorities by establishing corrupt and bigoted relations

with the officials of the government institutions.

The political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) wrote in a statement on this bitter occasion:

The occurrence of this painful disaster, as a result of which another number of innocent people were killed and injured and caused a lot of economic damage, is one of the inevitable and disastrous consequences of the tyranny and structural corruption that has engulfed the regime. It is clear that these disasters and the ruling mafia structure have not changed and their reign will not end with the punishment and the change of several government officials. Those who have been responsible for



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handling the case of the perpetrators of this disaster, including the prosecutor of the province of Khuzestan, are all somehow had financial and good relations with the rich owner of the building and played a role in creating this disaster. For this reason, they are accused and have no authority to deal with this tragedy.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) condoles the killing and wounding of dozens of Abadani compatriots. They were the victims of the corruption and the rentier state. We express our deepest sympathy to their families and the freedom fighters of Abadan and Iran. We support the victims' families struggle to identify and punishment of the known and hidden

persons responsible for this disaster. We demand the continuation of the efforts to save all our compatriots who are still under the rubble. The dimensions of this disaster should not be buried and forgotten under the pressure of the greed and lust of the owners of power and wealth. Failing to do so allows perpetrators to create other similar disasters.

Inerasable

"Khavaran" is a mass cemetery of an unknown number of thousands of political prisoners who were executed in the prisons of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the space of 2 months in the summer of 1988. None of these prisoners had been sentenced to death. Most of them were

serving their sentences and there were many prisoners who had even completed their sentences. By the order of Khomeini, the leader of the Islamic Republic at the time, a delegation of 4 people, including Ebrahim Raisi, the current president of Iran, was assigned to investigate the prisoners' situation and implement "The Final Solution".



First silence, then denial, then justification, and finally confession; this has been the method of the authorities of the Islamic Republic during the past 34 years in regards to this crime. Their efforts have



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always been to erase the effects of the crime and silencing the survivors.



On Friday, May 27, 2022, when a number of family members of the executed go to Khavaran, they observe that the regime in continuation of the conspiracies of the past decades, has built prefabricated concrete walls around Khavaran and security cameras on the top of the walls. Even though the practice of destroying the evidences and attacking grieving

families has continued without interruption for several decades, such measures have

intensified with the widespread disclosure of the crimes of the leaders of the Islamic Republic, the arrest and trial of 'Hamid Nouri' in Stockholm, Sweden. This criminal and retaliatory action of the regime is actually a desperate reaction to the trial of one of the perpetrators of this horrible crime and its reflection in the public opinion of the people of the world and the concern of setting up

similar courts for other perpetrators of these crimes, including the regime's murderous president, Ebrahim Raisi, in the future.

The announcement of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) writes about this:

The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) once again is declaring its solidarity with the families of the diseased and in supporting them in their efforts to prosecute the killing of political prisoners.



The Islamic Republic should not be allowed to carry out its conspiracies in silence in order to forget the crimes of the past four decades. We consider ourselves



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as part of the big family of plaintiffs and we will continue our struggle to reach the truth along with the families of the martyrs of the freedom. We will not let the murder of our martyred comrades go unpunished. We support every step that is taken in the way of seeking justice and we try to make the voice of the campaigners more resonant to reach the truth. Our party is trying to raise the voice of the struggle against the rulers in the national dimensions. It is not farfetched that the wave of popular protests against the injustice of the Islamic Republic on the streets in several cities to continue to entangle the scroll of the Islamic Republic forever.

■ **To remove the Coercive and**

unilateral US



sanctions against Iran

Mrs. Elena Dohan, UN special rapporteur on coercive and unilateral US sanctions against Iran, travelled to Iran on May 17-28. During her stay in Iran, Ms. Dohan met and held talks with a number of officials of the Islamic Republic. In an interview with 'Weekly Le Point', she announced her preliminary

impressions of those meetings. Mrs. Elena Dohan's report will be prepared in the coming months and it will be presented to the September session of the UN Human Rights Council.

In a letter to Mrs. Dohan, the International

Relations Office of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) expressed its contentment over her visit, which "can be a prelude to reducing the pressure of sanctions on the lives of millions of Iranians and the normalization of Iran's international relations." The letter informs about the widespread protests of the Iranian people due to the acute economic crisis during the days of Mrs. Dohan's presence in Iran:



"The key factor of the protests is the crisis-causing and the crisis-driven nature of the Islamic Republic but the imposition of unilateral sanctions



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on the Iranian people have made the situation much more difficult". The letter specifies the positions of the left party against the mentioned sanctions and writes:

Your presence as a special rapporteur of the United Nations in Iran could provide the possibility of direct dialogue with Iranian individuals, civil society institutions, and non-governmental organizations that are fighting against the existing dire situation. Such conversations will be possible after your departure from Iran through virtual facilities. Although the Islamic Republic tries to deprive the UN special reporters of this possibility, our emphasis as the witnesses of 42 years of dishonesty and scandals of the Islamic Republic, is

to present a comprehensive report regarding the impact of the sanctions through talks with individuals and independent institutions.

Mrs. Dohan, Unilateral sanctions on the one hand have caused direct destructive effects in various fields and on vulnerable groups. On the other hand, they are a tool for the Islamic Republic to cover up its economic mismanagement while sharpening the blade of human rights suppression. The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) while welcoming the allocation of a special report to investigate the impact of coercive and unilateral sanctions on human rights violations, declares its interest in continuing relations

with you regarding the specific effects of sanctions - both direct and indirect effects. We hope that the presence of the UN special representative in the field of human rights in Iran will also be facilitated.

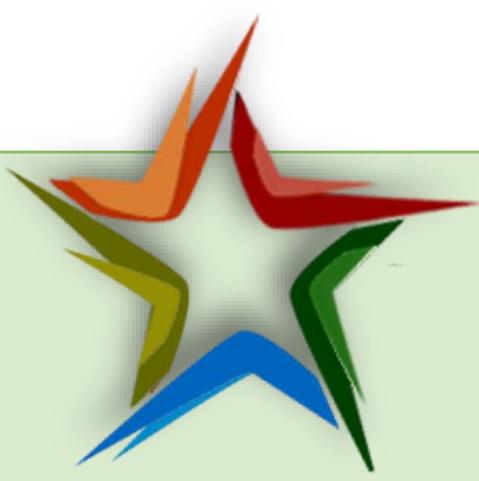
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Solidarity



Solidarité avec les salariés du secteur pétrolier en Iran

Four French national trade union organizations and two Switzerland labor unions protested the intensifying suppression of independent organizations of teachers and workers in Iran and the filing of cases against the main leaders and activists of trade unions by the Islamic Republic of



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Iran. By issuing a call on the eve of the annual meeting of the International Labor Organization, these 6 organizations announced that in solidarity with the struggles of Iranian workers and teachers, they will hold a stand-up demonstration on June 10 in front of the United Nations headquarters.

The announcement of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) in honoring this action writes:

The political-executive board of Iran's Left Party (People's Fadaian) welcomes the call of six French and Switzerland trade unions and appreciates their solidarity and support for trade union rights of Iranian workers. We are grateful for the

fraternal and internationalist efforts for the release of imprisoned union activists and we invite workers, teachers and other free and justice-seeking compatriots, wherever they are and in any way they can, to support this call and its goals. Once again, we condemn the filing and imprisonment of the leaders and activists of the independent organizations of workers and teachers and the trampling of their trade union and citizenship rights.



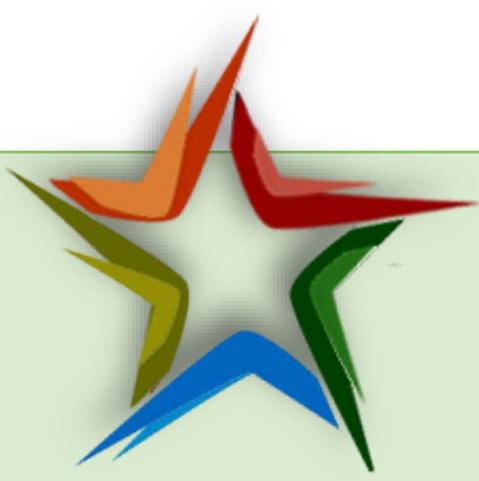
Planting Leaders

The extremely difficult conditions of Iran and especially the vague prospects of the Vienna negotiations to

renew the JCPOA have upset large groups of people and led them to the streets to protest against the government. This situation has provided favorable conditions for cooperation in the ranks of the opposition. At the same time, it seems that powerful circles of power abroad, especially in the United States, are trying to create an alternative or at least a tool of their own to put pressure on the Islamic Republic in these critical situations. The meeting of Mike Pompeo and Pence with the officials of the People's Mojahedin

Organization of Iran is a clear evidence of such an effort.

In the meantime Mr. Reza Pahlavi, the crown prince of the deposed Shah in the



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1979 revolution, has also made significant political moves. In his speeches, he announced himself as the "voice of the people's protest", took the position of an authoritarian and populist leader, addressed various groups in the society, "eliminated" the opposition and tried to take command of the protests. Four Persian language television channels abroad simultaneously interrupted their regular programs and covered Mr. Reza Pahlavi's speech. The joint statement of the political-executive delegations of the Union of Republicans of Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe (Segment 6th), the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian), the Social Democratic and Secular Republican

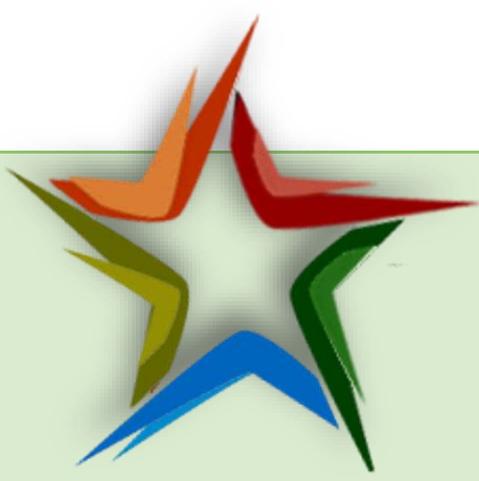
Party of Iran, the organizations of the National Front of Iran abroad, and the solidarity of the Republicans of Iran in this regard writes: We, the six Republican political organizations, while considering the Islamic Republic as the main obstacle to the realization of freedom, democracy and justice in Iran and the cause of the current unfortunate conditions, express our opposition to any kind of lifelong governing institution in the future political system of Iran. We believe the "Leadership Planting Project", totalitarianism based on mass society relations, destruction of democratic republican trends and political activists inside and outside the country by monarchists and the

spread of monopolistic culture will not lead to the establishment of democracy in the country. In our opinion, it is in the light of dialogue and interaction of different spectrums of political forces and cooperation and coalition of converging spectrums and finally agreement on democratic principles and requirements of the transition from the Islamic Republic that it becomes possible to achieve democracy.

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Message to the Congress of the Left Party of Germany





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The German Left Party held its national congress on June 24, 25 and 26 in Arfurt. This congress was held in difficult conditions affected by the war in Ukraine, intra-party alterations and the appropriate response to the general question of the left and its tasks. The message to the party states: "The importance of the decisions of your Congress are not only to promote the appropriate role of the left party in Germany's politics. Your response to the new world order, the place and meaning of the left in today's world, and how to solve internal party problems are of interest to all the leftists and progressive forces of the world".
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