



IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

Word of the Month

****Let us support a peaceful - and successful - movement of the Iraqi people****

Three main issues can be noted.

One- Iraq wants and needs a leader untainted by suspected foreign patronage.

Two - The government apparatus needs to be cleansed of corruption.

Three - Iraq needs a secular government. Cooperation between Shiite and Sunni forces can be a step in the right direction.

Despite his erratic and sometime contradictory policies, Mr. Sadr may yet be the person to lead this movement. Regardless of whether or not his resignation is final, however, it is hoped that the movement behind the three goals above will carry on. The loss of his charisma will be keenly felt but in time this movement will create another.

The progressive forces of the world are solidly behind this movement and fervently hope it will return to a peaceful trajectory.

■ Suffering from floods and droughts

During the last month, torrential rains and resulting floods have caused a lot of damage.

21 provinces of the country have been affected by floods, at least 56 people have died and 28 others have been declared missing.

The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) in a call to the people of Iran, expresses sympathy with the survivors of the recent floods and asks all those who care about others to help in any way they can by using their experience and through organizing institutions to help the affected people.



Meanwhile, in this month, the water shortage crisis in the country became acute in the province of Hamadan. The city of Shahrekord and its surrounding villages and towns have had a similar situation in the past days. In addition to these two provinces, 22 provinces affected by floods also have water supply problems. The



IRAN: View from the LEFT

August 2022

NO.32

water shortage has caused many problems for the people of Hamadan. Among other things, it has caused a serious problem in hospitals and operating rooms. Water is rationed in Hamedan city but water rationing is not done according to the announced schedule and hours. The people of Hamedan came to the streets in the excruciating heat of the summer to protest the lack of water in the past few days and chanted against the mismanagement of officials and corruption: "One less embezzlement, the water problem will be solved." As usual, the response of the authorities has been confronting the protests and arresting the protesters.

The water supply project from the Talwar Dam in the northwestern region of Iran to Hamadan started about 18 years ago and so far, only 40%

progress has been made. At the moment, the presence of arsenic much more than the permissible limit in the water of Talwar Dam has been confirmed, and this has added to the obstacles to solving the problem.



The Environment office of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) issued a statement in support of the people of Hamadan and wrote:

Water, as a national matter, should be scientifically managed by considering balanced and sustainable development in agriculture and industry. Self-sufficient, jihadist, revolutionary slogans along with unprofessional plans will not solve the water shortage crisis in our

country and will have serious social and political consequences and our country will face the risk of territorial collapse. We support the protest of the people of Hamedan against the incompetent officials and their demand for access to drinking water, and we emphasize on expert work in water supply projects and attention to their environmental effects.

<https://bepish.org/nod/e/7530>

■ **The right to live in a "Healthy, Sustainable and Clean Environment"**

In the last days of July, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the right to a clean environment as part of human rights in a historic resolution. In this resolution, countries, international organizations and commercial companies



IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

are asked to increase their efforts to ensure a healthy environment for all. The Islamic Republic of Iran abstained from this resolution.

The Environment office



of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) issued a statement which reads:

We consider the declaration of the right to a clean environment by the United Nations General Assembly on July 28 as a part of human rights, a historic day for the environment, and we congratulate the environmental activists. Our party considers the Islamic Republic's abstaining vote on the resolution as opposition to "a healthy, stable and clean environment" and the continuation of environmental destruction by this

regime. We hope that environmental activists, despite the pressures, will take steps as much as they could to implement the goals of the United Nations resolution.

Shame

The Ministry of Information of the Islamic Republic announced the arrest of the "central core" of Bahai's movement and accused them of "promoting anti-hijab slogans" and teaching "colonial teachings" in kindergartens. News sources have reported the arrests and house searches of more than 20 Baha'i citizens in Tehran, Karaj, Sari, Mashhad, Shiraz, and Gorgan, confiscation of personal belongings, and shutting down their businesses. AfifNaimi, MahoshThabit and FaribaKamalabadi, the former leaders of the Baha'i community of

Iran, who have already spent ten years imprisonment have also been arrested. The detainees have been accused of being "Israel's spies" who had planned to on "infiltrating educational environments at various levels, especially kindergartens across the country" with the intention of undermining and attack to the so called "Iranian-Islamic religion, culture, and identity". The Baha'i community has also reported an increase in the confiscation of property belonging to Baha'is by the government.



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



IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) strongly condemns the violation of Baha'is' citizenship rights, arresting and imprisoning them because of their religious beliefs. We believe that we should fight united for the immediate release of those arrested and all those who are imprisoned because of their beliefs. There should be an end to any discrimination based on gender, belief, religion, and national and ethnic affiliation of citizens. The citizenship rights of all non-Shitie' believers should be respected equally and by securing their citizenship rights, they can continue their work and life without disturbance. Defending the citizenship rights of the Baha'is and fighting against the shameful and inhumane policy of the Islamic Republic towards them, is the duty of all the freedom-

fighters and civil forces of Iran.

<https://bepish.org/node/7672>

■ **Another military attack by the Israeli government on Gaza**

On Friday, August 5 the Israeli government started new attacks on the Gaza strip and continued it for three days. During these attacks, people suffered a lot of damage, including the complete destroy of a five-story building in Gaza. At least 40 people, including 6 children have been killed, and more than 200 people are injured.

Following Israel's attacks, "Islamic Jihad" also announced that it responded to those attacks by firing missiles at several cities, including Tel Aviv.

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

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) strongly condemns the attack on the Gaza Strip as well as recognizing the destructive role of Islamic Jihad in creating tensions. Our party calls for an end to the blockade of the Gaza Strip and along with all the defenders of peace in the world, we call for an





IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

end to Israel's occupation and siege of Palestinian lands. We call on the implementation of UN resolutions by the Israeli's government. The only way to end the war and violence is to pave the way for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the Israeli state based on the UN resolutions. The continuation of military tensions and occasional attacks on Gaza is an obstacle in the way of peace negotiations and to reach a peaceful solution in one of the oldest crises in the Middle East region. Unver the current circumstances, those conditions are the main cause of the military presence of extremist movements in Palestinian areas and the continuation of tension in the region.

<https://bepish.org/node/7604>

■ **With fatwa, with weapons**



On Friday, August 12, the bloody attack on Salman Rushdie shocked and saddened the world. Salman Rushdie was seriously injured in this attack. This tragic event, as an attack on the freedom of expression, was met with a wide reaction and condemnations all around the world. However, most of the government-affiliated media happily defended Khomeini's brutal and medieval fatwa and they praised the assailant.

Iran newspaper, the official newspaper of the Islamic Republic of Iran's government, went further in an article entitled "The definite fate of organized insults to sacred things" and confirmed the attack on Salman Rushdie as "Islamic courage and defenders of the religious beliefs and rulings".

The announcement of the Political-Executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) we read:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)condemns the brutal attack on Salman Rushdie and wishes for his speedy recovery. Our party considers all those who justified Khomeini's fatwa to be complicit in this criminal act. Freedom of opinion and expression is an inviolable right. We consider violence against freedom of speech as unacceptable. We believe the



IRAN: View from the LEFT

August 2022

NO.32

murderous regime of the Islamic Republic and its corrupt leaders are responsible for such criminal actions.

The attack on Salman Rushdie is the continuation of killing and suppressing dissidents in Iran. In a statement entitled "Put down your gun", 170 Iranian cinematographers have asked the police and security forces to avoid killing people for protesting their rights. Ali Karimi, the famous Iranian football player, has also protested widespread and structural corruption in government institutions in a tweet. The reaction of the Minister of Regulation of the Islamic Republic to these initiatives was to ban cinematographers from working and to ban Ali Karimi's pictures on public places and TV.

The aim of the attack of the Islamic Republic against prominent and

free-thinking artistic, cultural and sports figures of the country is to break their courage and boldness in defending the rights of citizens and their opposition against the government. These figures are a bastion of standing against the onslaught of the ruling tyranny and a support in the civil struggles of the people against the Islamic Republic.



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) considers arresting, imprisoning and banning the country's cinematographers and attacking on sports

figures as a sign of fear of the spread of the people's movement against the regime and a struggle to exercise control over a society that is deeply in protest against the government. Those protests have shaken the pillars of religious tyranny. It is the power of the people's civil movements that has pushed back the government. The mass ban of cinematographers and the attack on Ali Karimi and others by gangs affiliated with the IRGC and Khamenei himself is a reflection of their fear of the progress of the people's struggle against the ruling government and against this corrupt and oppressive system.

<https://bepish.org/node/7605>

■ From silence to punishment

Thirty-four years have passed since the



IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

massacre of Iranian political prisoners in the summer of 1988. This crime, which resulted in the murder of thousands of political prisoners, was carried out on the orders of Ruhollah Khomeini and has rightly been assessed as a "crime against humanity". In the first years of its occurrence, the government thought that it could keep a crime of this magnitude quiet. However, its absolute silence could not stand against the struggles of the families of the victims, the prisoners who survived the massacre, and the justice seeking organizations. Thus, nowadays the rulers of the regime after 34-years period of denial have started to justify the event which is confession to the crime they carried out. In July, 2022, a Swedish court sentenced Hamid Nouri, who was accused of participating in the massacre of the summer of 1988, to life sentence.



The massacre of the summer of 1988 was a national disaster and therefore it is needed to be confronted on a national scale. So far, political parties and organizations, democratic institutions and associations, human rights activists and all those who respect human dignity, and above all, the families of the deceased, have launched a massive struggle and campaign. Due to the efforts of this collection, the litigation matter has taken positive steps forward and has placed a hope for reaching the truth in the hearts of all justice

seekers but these efforts should be more closely linked and the activities should be more coordinated. It is important to have a culture of synergy among the plaintiffs.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) honors the memory of

the pure souls who paved the road to fight dictators and in doing so, lost their lives. We salute all the martyrs who strived and fought for the establishment of democracy, freedom and social justice. We also honor the memory of our Fadaii comrades who bravely fell to the



IRAN: **View from the LEFT**

August 2022

NO.32

ground in front of the death squads and once again emphasize our common commitment to free ourselves from the grip of tyranny and achieve equality. We respectfully bow down to the families of the victims of the freedom and will try our best to keep the flag of the struggle for the truth raised in the ranks of the justice demanding forces. We ask all our comrades and friends and sympathizers of the party to participate in the 34th anniversary of the massacre of political prisoners in the movements, events and ceremonies that are held with the aim of strengthening the struggle to achieve justice and to keep the memory of the massacre of 80's alive and strong.

<https://bepish.org/node/7683>



IRAN: View from the LEFT” is published for those who are interested to know the Left Party of Iran (People’s Fadaian) stance on current issues on a monthly basis.

IRAN: View from the LEFT may occasionally contain news from Iran that media might not have drawn attention to.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian)
<https://bepish.org/taxonomy/term/689>

International Commission:
international@LPI-PF.org