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Word of the Month

The evolving alliances?

The Biden trip to the Middle East was designed primarily to patch up relations between MBS and Biden, and to ensure that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, previously solid US allies, do not get closer to the US' chief rivals, Russia and China.

Hot on the heels of Biden's trip, Putin visited Tehran, soon after the admittance of the Islamic Republic to the Shanghai Conference.

The previous Cold War is long over. Three decades on, due to the shifting balance of power in the world we are witnessing not just shifting alliances but shifts in the very nature and content of alliances. These new alliance formations are not cast in stone, and may change based upon evolving issues.

Excerpts from The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) branches and offices

In reaction to the illegalization of abortion in US, the party organization in that country wrote:

Iran's Left Party (People's Fadaian) - US while condemning this action, warns against the health of women and the consequences of making abortion illegal. Termination of pregnancy is the unquestionable right of women. The slogan "My

body, my right" will be our slogan until the full realization of women's rights.



The party organization in Norway condemned the shooting of LGBTQ people in this country and wrote:

The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) - Norway strongly condemns the mass

shooting in Oslo. We are deeply shaken and shocked by the shooting. This is a cruel attack on innocent people regardless of the motive and we want to express our deepest sympathies to those affected and their loved ones. We stand with the families and friends of the dead, the injured and all who are now feeling threatened. We express our solidarity with the entire Norwegian LGBTQ community and all those affected by the Oslo attack on the night of June 25.



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■ The party's labor relations office wrote in protest against the prosecution of trade union activists in Iran and intensifying pressure on them to obtain forced confessions:



The Labor Relations office of the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) condemns the intensification of repression on trade union and civic leaders and activists, civil and political prisoners and their families. By declaring solidarity with the prisoners and their families, we ask that all democratic institutions and organizations, justice-seekers and freedom fighters to support the imprisoned leaders of this joint struggle and their

families in any way they can and work for the release of their loved ones and the people.

Intensification of pressure and persecution is not limited to the activists of trade unions. The arrest of the three famous Iranian cinematographers: Jafar Panahi, Mohammad Rasoulof, Mustafa Al-Ahmad, and the well-known political activist Mustafa Tajzadeh, as well as the filing fake cases against "petitioning mothers" are other examples of this situation. The political-executive board of the party wrote about this:



The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) condemns the attack on the families of the victims of the regime's

massacres, the arrest of "petitioning mothers", as well as the arrest of prominent filmmakers of the country and the political and civil activists and making false accusations and filing cases against them. We ask all activists and political and civil movements, democratic and cultural assemblies of the country, human rights defenders and international human rights defenders to condemn the Islamic Republic of Iran for arbitrary arrests and demand unconditional release of the cinematographers, petitioning mothers and political, ideological and civil activists and all political prisoners in Iran. We should make the slogan of "Free Political prisoners" louder and take advantage of every opportunity to put pressure on the government, which is prone to any crime due to its unstable condition. Let's not allow the



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government's policy of repression against the opposition and civil activists to continue.



The political-executive boards of the Union of Republicans of Iran, the National Front of Iran-Europe (Segment 6), the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) the Republican Social Democratic Party of Iran, the organizations of the National Front of Iran abroad, and the solidarity of the Republicans of Iran in a joint announcement declared that the escalation of repression and arrests of political, civic and artists activists as a sign of desperation and fear on the Islamic Republic side and wrote:

We, the 6 organizations and the Democratic Republican Parties,

condemn all these arrests and the increase in the intimidation, repression and social and political restrictions in the Iranian society by the Islamic Republic. We push for the release of all political prisoners and we call on all freedom fighter forces to raise their voice to protest against the arrests and support the popular protests.



Before the height of the repressions, Ali Khamenei had issued a decree in a speech to intensify the strictness in the cyberspace, laying the groundwork for the finalization of the so-called "protection" law in the parliament and increasing censorship, filtering and disrupting the free flow of information in the cyberspace. A decree to dominate the one-voice

rule in the society, to intimidate the discontented majority and those who demand a different cultural and political atmosphere; A decree that evoked the memory of a similar decree issued by him 22 years ago which led to the simultaneous seizure of many publications and the intensification of repression on civil activists.

In this regard, the 6 mentioned parties announced in a joint statement:



We, the six organizations and the Democratic Republican Parties, emphasize that the main reason for the current abnormal situation is the unresponsive and undemocratic structure of the country's administration in the



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form of the theocratic regime and it's leader's disconnect with the reality. He is taking the country towards dark ages. Therefore, it is not possible to overcome these conditions and improve the situation other than by establishing a democratic republic government based on human rights.

We hold the rulers of the Islamic Republic and above all, Ali Khamenei, responsible for these disturbances, crimes and suppression of activists and political groups and union and civic activists. We believe that he is the one who does not stop censorship in the fields of arts and media. It is him who intensifies the strictness in the virtual world; It is Khamenei who makes the country to pay a hefty price by Iranians through nuclear adventurism, regional expansionism, and distorting national independence.

More hier:

<https://bepish.org/node/7410>

 The organization of the party in Belgium, together with the Belgian branches of the Democratic Party of Kurdistan of Iran and the secular republicans and democrats of Iran in Belgium, in a letter to the authorities of the parliament and the government of Belgium protested the possible approval of the proposed bill for the transfer of convicted prisoners from Belgium to the Islamic Republic of Iran.



As a group of activists of the democratic and freedom-fighting opposition of the Islamic government of Iran, we are extremely worried

that if the prisoner exchange bill between Iran and Belgium is approved, we will lose our security and immunity against the terrorist acts of the Iranian government abroad. We fear that the terrorist activities of the Islamic Republic will continue in the countries within the European Union. Therefore, we request all the honorable representatives of the Belgian Parliament:

1- Use all your legal capacities to stop this bill so that the transition path is not paved for the release of Asadullah Asadi, the terrorist diplomat of the Iranian regime, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison by the Antwerp court in Belgium, as well as other terrorists.

2- Oppose an agreement that could provide the possibility of exchanging the imprisoned terrorists between the Belgian



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government and the Iranian regime.

Subsequently, the same parties called for a protest rally and wrote:

We, the signatories of this call, invite all freedom-fighters of Iran and all those who are committed to a free and peaceful world to gather on Thursday, July 14, in Brussels, and participate in the rally organized to protest this bill. Let's warn the Belgian Parliament, political parties, political activists and people of this country against the bill's approval.

The international relations office of the party also wrote in an open letter on the same issue to the speakers of the parliament and the government of Belgium:

In the letter we sent to you last year in this regard, it was emphasized that the determination of the

Mykonos court in Germany against the state terrorism of the Islamic Republic in Europe was an important factor in restriction of terrorist acts in Europe for some time. We hope that the decision of the legislators and judicial authorities of your country will not make this barrier ineffective and that the release of the terrorist diplomat of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Asadullah Asadi and his colleagues and accomplices will not encourage similar actions. The approval and implementation of this bill means giving a unilateral privilege to the Islamic Republic, so that from now on it can assassinate opponents in European countries without fear of punishment.

<https://bepish.org/node/7377>

The political-executive board of the party emphasized the support of the party

for the protests and gatherings on this occasion as follows:

The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) supports the protests and gatherings on this occasion and together with all the freedom-fighters of Iran, we participate in all the rallies that are held in protest against this action of the Belgian Parliament. We call on other freedom-fighter compatriots to participate in those events as well. Together with all the opposition forces of the Islamic Republic and in solidarity with the protests of the Iranian people, we are against the passing of the "extradition of criminals" resolution in the Belgian Parliament. More hier:

<https://bepish.org/node/7429>

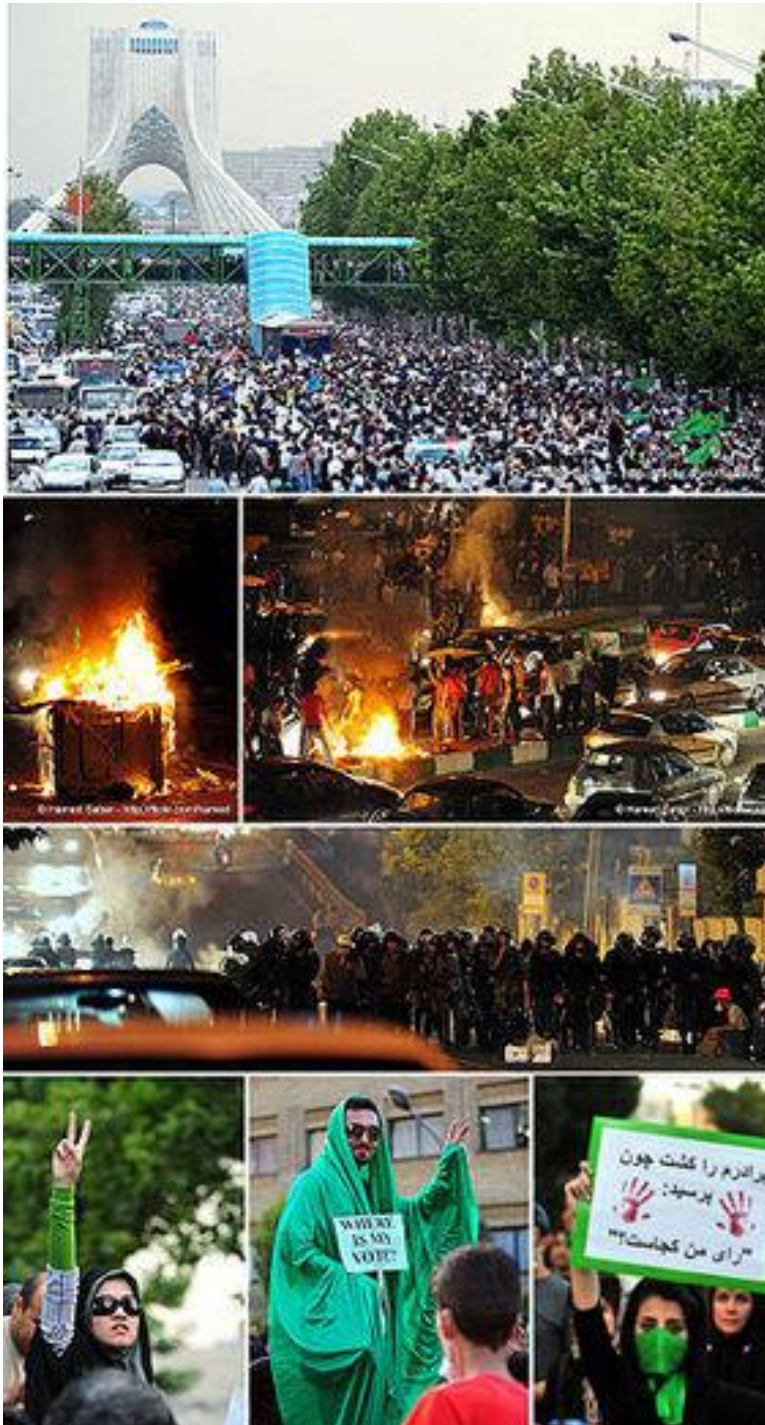
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On the occasion of the 23rd anniversary the day of the violent and deadly suppression of the first student uprising after the “Cultural Revolution” in the first years of the existence of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the party's youth organization by analyzing this day and the current situation of the student movement wrote:

The youth organization of the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) while honoring the memory of the victims of the protests of July 9, 1999, considers itself a supporter and companion of the independent student movement of Iran and believes that the return of students to universities after three years is the beginning of a new chapter of students' struggle. From our point of view, the independence of the



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student movement and its strict reliance on the student society is an important point, and its role in raising student protests at different times is clear and significant. The success of the student trade union movement in bringing together the activists of dozens of universities in the country and its success in the fight against the exploitative plans are among the shining examples of the importance of relying solely on the students' forces.



■ According to the information from the Stockholm Court, it was supposed to announce its verdict on July 14, 2022, at 1:30 PM, regarding the case of the massacre of political prisoners in Iran in the

summer of 1988 and Hamid Nouri's participant in it. The party's organization in Sweden called to gather in front of the Stockholm court on this occasion and wrote:

Hamid Nouri's trial is the condemnation of the authoritarian regime of the Islamic Republic. On this basis and regardless of the verdict issued by the Stockholm City Court, we invite all patriots to gather in front of the court and be the voice of the victims of this crime against humanity on this day. Our presence and support means that the people of Iran have neither forgotten nor forgiven these crimes and these criminals. Let us be with the survivors of these victims and be the echo of their pleas. It is our duty to show the brutal rulers and the public that the will of the Iranian people is to bring to trial and condemn all the perpetrators of these

crimes against humanity.

On the 14th of July, the Stockholm court announced the participation of Hamid Nouri in the massacre of 1988 and sentenced him to the harshest punishment, life imprisonment. The political-executive board of the party wrote:

The left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) congratulates Hamid Nouri's sentence to the harshest punishment to Iran's plaintiffs, to "Madaran Khavaran", to the families and survivors of the massacre and to all those who made such a trial possible with their efforts. The board considers this trial as the fruit of their persistence and it hopes the justice will take place against other perpetrators. The trial of Hamid Nouri was a great victory in opening the 1988 massacre case and documenting it using the documents and testimony of the plaintiffs



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and witnesses. This court made history and other trials will continue the work of this court. The verdict of this court in the days when the people of Iran have risen up against the Islamic Republic with their hearts and souls, the people who are fighting with this criminal regime every day and in every corner of the country, is a confirmation of their desire to put the nightmare of the Islamic Republic and its crimes behind them.

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In recent days, the critical situation of Lake Urmia has become the subject of widespread protests on social media. According to the environmental officials of the Islamic Republic, more than 95% of this lake has dried up. Experts have considered various reasons to be involved in this environmental disaster.

The common denominator of all these reasons is the inability of the Islamic Republic to manage water resources and preserve and protect national



resources. The environmental office of the party wrote about this:

The Environmental office of the Left party of Iran (People's Fadaian), while supporting all popular protests against the destruction of Lake Urmia, warns the Islamic Republic that the destruction of the country's national resources will have serious consequences on the entire country. Iranian people have proven many times that

they will not be silent witnesses of the destruction of their lakes, rivers, wetlands, forests and deserts. The Islamic Republic must be held accountable for its

actions in causing lasting damage to the country's environment.

From a broader perspective

In contemporary history, it is rare to see our country witnessing such continuous unrests, inside and outside. Civil protests, strikes and street uprisings in one or another corner of the country have become a daily reality in the public space. The efforts of the



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Islamic Republic of Iran to create harmony and uniformity within its ranks have failed but at the same time, it has made it inevitable for the government to resort to more repression, imprisonment, threats and killing of opponents by various methods.



A mixture of ideological, neoliberal and rentier

economy is running in our country. This combination has resulted in a chronic crisis, which, along with the sanctions and the unclear prospect of



revitalizing of the JCPOA has made life very difficult, especially for the poor. The war in

Ukraine and the current trends in the region have also intensified the unrests.

It is necessary to look at the situation from a broader perspective. The political-executive board of the left party of Iran (People's Fadaian) has given its detailed assessment of the said situation in a detailed statement.

More hier:

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