



# IRAN:

## View from the LEFT

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*Word of the Month:*

*"Why is the Islamic Republic isolated?"*

*"Development prioritizing security or security focused on development"*

*The strategic choice of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been ideologically security-oriented from the beginning. Choosing this approach instead of development over the past 45 years has been detrimental to Iran's national interests. Although the Islamic Republic has had seven development plans so far and even some efforts have been made in certain aspects of the third and fourth development plans (2000 and 2005), due to the ideological security approach, this level of development has been serving not the welfare and general development, but rather the security objectives. The reflection of this approach domestically manifests in various discriminatory behaviors towards citizens, dividing them into insiders and outsiders, especially towards women, ethnicities, and religious minorities. As a result, people turn away from the government and do not consider it their own. The foreign policy resulting from this strategic approach, instead of striving to create friendly and peaceful relations with neighbors in the region and the world, involves economic, cultural, sports, and scientific exchanges with them, the focus is on the ideological Shiite perspective through supporting "brotherly" movements in the region, or establishing military bases and presence in those countries in the form of military and security advisors, thus claiming to create security. This approach, on the one hand, secures the society, not security for it, and on the other hand, portrays an interventionist image of "Iran," seemingly present in most regional conflicts.*

*The current approach of both ruling regimes in Tehran and Tel Aviv has increased the risk of war and poses a threat to peace in the region and the world. Netanyahu and the regime ruling Iran resort to such operations for their survival.*

*By striving to solve the Palestinian issue and weaken extremist and radical tendencies in Israel, in the region, and among Palestinians, there is hope that we are taking steps toward sustainable peace in the region.*

*The highest level of security is achieved under the shadow of economic capability, societal development, and people's support, and this is possible in the light of democratic governance and a foreign policy with zero tension and creating friendly relations with neighbors.*

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**Let The Middle East Determine its Own Destiny.**

The latest round of Israeli-Arab war continuously demonstrates to the whole world Israeli savagery and American hypocrisy.

The "brave" Israeli pilots and tank commanders who shoot Gazan civilians must know their actions are those of cowards. The Israeli government imposes a policy of deliberately starving children: no food, and no water. Billions of people witness this barbarity of the powerful against other human beings on TV, and in social media, will not be forgotten.

Meanwhile, American hypocrisy airlifts food to Gaza at the same time as sending bombs and rockets to Israel. Who are they fooling?

The US shapes "realities" narrated by the Western media while pretending that it has had no role in shaping that reality since the beginning. The US claims to be the defender of democracy and human rights. But all that has crumbled in the eyes of the entire world. Read more:

<https://bepish.org/en/node/10630>

**Toumaj Salehi has been sentenced to death!**

**\*Shame on the Islamic Republic, that is a message of death and destruction!\***

The first branch of the Revolutionary Court in Isfahan has sentenced Toumaj Salehi to death. This court deemed the



Supreme Court's ruling as "guidance" and found it not enforceable. The accusation against this popular singer is "corruption on earth."

The Islamic Republic is a regime that has openly declared war on the people of Iran for a long time. As the dimensions of the crisis and the government's incompetence become more apparent, the sword of suppression sharpens, and people find themselves more widely under its blade. The wrath and animosity of the oppressive organs are increasingly directed towards the women and

youth of the country who have borne the brunt of the struggle against the ruling autocrats. Anyone who gains more ground in the people's hearts, the government tightens its grip on their destruction. Toumaj Salehi is one of the popular artists who boldly cried out the pain and suffering of the people and their resentment against the

ruling autocrats and conveyed it to the ears of the people of Iran and even the people of the world. Toumaj's crime is nothing but conveying this rightful voice through music.

Coalition for a secular democratic republic in Iran condemns the court decision and fights for the release of all political prisoners.

Read more: <https://bepish.org/en/node/10673>



■ **Solidarity for the Freedom of Union Activists and Against Repression in Iran**

People in Iran went through a difficult year. Hundreds of people were killed during the revolutionary movement of “Women, Life, Freedom”, hundreds more people lost their eyes and thousands were imprisoned. The repression of the labor movement also became more severe. Several labor institutions along with several civil and democratic organizations supported the movement by issuing a charter and proposing a plan to expand the grassroots of

the movement, which received a lot of attention. Suppression of labor

unions intensified and hundreds of them were arrested, and dozens were sentenced to long prison terms. Currently, nineteen of them, including three main leaders of the bus drivers’ union and ten of the leaders of their organizations are in prison. Dozens of teachers and workers have also been fired.

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■ **The Left Party of Iran is Against any Military Adventure and Warmongers!**

This morning, the Islamic Republic attacked targets in Israel by firing hundreds of drones, cruises and ballistic missiles. This action was the first direct confrontation between the two countries. This attack, which was carried out in response to Israel's attack on the consulate of the Islamic Republic in Damascus, the current situation of the region, the



fragile domestic situation of both sides, has greatly increased the possibility of raising the level of tense hostility to war.

The consequences of the continuation of the military conflict for both countries and the region, and especially for Iran, are terrible and terrifying. From now on, no effort should be spared to prevent the nightmare of war. The meeting of the Central Council of the Left Party of Iran, with the assessment that with every military conflict, the risk of war increases, announces:

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### With Nationwide Campaign and General Solidarity, Let Us Defeat the Intensification of the Islamic Republic's War Against Women!



During the last few days, after Khamenei's order to suppress women, all the regime forces have been mobilized to implement this order. Morality police vehicles, again without their scandalous emblems, have been found on the streets, intensifying the violence

against women and making the public atmosphere of society more unsafe.

In confronting the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement with all the killings, arrests and executions, the Islamic Republic suffered an irreparable defeat and lost the public arena to this movement. The shadows of fear receded from society, the belief in religion and rituals that this regime imposed on the people, even among religious people, lost more face than before. Doubts about the possibility of restoring the regime's lost authority were revealed even in the regime's own legislative and executive apparatus. Although the "Hijab and Chastity" bill was not even discussed and decided in the regime's parliament, even without approval, wherever the regime found the possibility of coercion, it was implemented. Mobs called "hijab guards" replaced the morality police, but for a long time, no one took responsibility for this new repression force. The interior minister also falsely denied involvement in the hiring of hijab guards.

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### Conference on Solidarity with the People of Iran at the European Parliament

April 8, 2024, Brussels



(A brief report on the conference, its objectives, and introduction of organizers and speakers)

Solidarity with the people of Iran, at the invitation of the coordinating group supporting democracy and elections, in coordination with the relevant Iran group in the European Parliament and the Human Rights Commission, was held on Tuesday, April 8, at the European Parliament.

In this conference, several Members of the European Parliament from various factions including leftists, social democrats, and greens participated in the form of three commissions and the group above. Cornelia Ernst, Dietmar Köster, Hannah Neumann, Jürgen Braun, and Bruno Schöll.

The Iranian invitees included some officials and activists of the secular democratic opposition diaspora of Iran and civil society, human rights, ethnic, religious, and gender communities in Iran. Aida Ghajar, Roza Roozbehan, Sudeh Rad, Rachel Bayani, Sholeh Pakrovan, and Mehdi Fatapour, Masoud Fathi, Sattar Rahmani, and Mehdi Ebrahimzadeh.

This conference was held in two parts. The first panel was dedicated to "Future Perspectives of the European Parliament in Supporting Iranian Civil Society," and the second panel was about the "Human Rights Situation and Civil Society in Iran."

**"Prospects of the European Parliament in supporting Iranian civic society."**

At the beginning of the conference, a minute of silence was observed to commemorate the women and men who have lost their lives in the women's movement, life, and freedom. Then Cornelia Ernst, head of the Iran group in the European Parliament, and Dietmar Köster, a member of this group, emphasized the achievements of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement and its

diversity in terms of ethnicity, and posed questions about how to make the European Parliament's support for Iranian civil society more effective, asking the Iranian invitees to express their views.

Hannah Neumann, in the final section, pointed out that the positions of the European Union and the European Parliament towards Iran vary among different sections of the Iranian diaspora opposition. Emphasizing the need to understand this, she noted that our efforts in the European Parliament to support the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement consider this diversity within the spectrum and behaviour of the Iranian opposition.

**Environment in Iran**

**Establishing a cooperative and forming a solar power plant by 43 women**

In the village of "Pendas Kashan", forty-three women of a village have established a solar power plant by forming a cooperative.

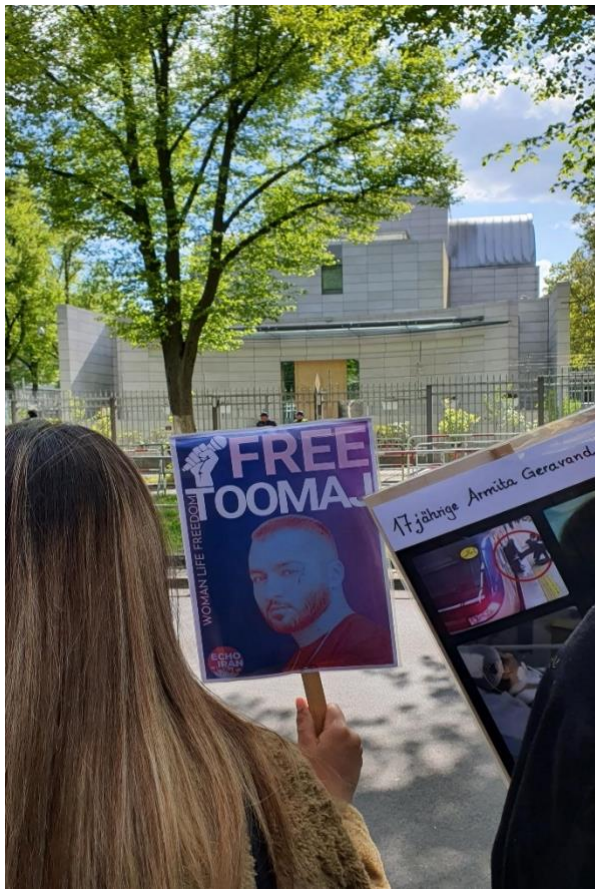
This is an interesting step in eliminating the fuel oil cycle and replacing it with renewable energy, especially solar energy, and creating the

leadership of women in this great work is more beautiful and effective.

In April 1403, the country's first supporting solar power plant (215 MW) was operated in Pendas village of Kashan city in Isfahan province. Mr. Mohammad Darvish the governor of the town of Kasha, during the operation ceremony of this power plant, said, "The power plant of the solar support center of Penda's village is a people's project that 40 women of this village implemented, and it is unique in the country and directly creates jobs for 40 people".

He also wrote: "In Pendas Kashan, 43 village ladies have set up a solar farm. The way to end the energy imbalance and the forced tolerance of diesel fuel is in the rotation of the government and the nation towards the extraction of new energies, especially the salutations to the women of Iran, who have great goals in mind".





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