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Word of the Month: The 4th convention of the Left Party of Iran

The 4th Convention of the Left Party of Iran was convened in Cologne, Germany, from the 30th of May to the 1st of June 2025.

The Convention approved a strategic charter outlining the Party's views on how a transition can take place from the Islamic Republic to a democratic and secular republic. This can be achieved through popular social movements, protests with specific demands, and street demonstrations, all organized independently and free from outside interference.

At present, this struggle is taking the form primarily of the social movement demanding women's rights, and has succeeded in pushing back the regime's oppression of women on some key fronts.

The convention was held during the ongoing negotiations between Tehran and Washington. The outcome of these negotiations will have a direct impact on our party's plan of action. It should be noted that currently, the Islamic Republic's standing, both internally and internationally, is weak.

Many Iranian and non-Iranian parties were present at the convention. A rainbow of organizations -- leftist, national, democratic, and republican -- expressed their solidarity with the Iranian people's struggle and with our party's goals and objectives.

Amongst the messages of solidarity issued by the Conference was one of solidarity with the Palestinian people and their struggle against Israeli aggression, condemning the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza.



■ **Message of the Fourth Congress of the Left Party of Iran on the Calamity Occurring in Gaza**

Gaza is engulfed in disaster. The systematic killing of its people is a clear symbol of genocide. Crimes committed by the Israeli army over the past twenty months has exceeded 54,000 deaths and, including 7,000 missing, shows a heartbreaking figure of over 60,000. The depth of the calamity can be seen in the fact that at least a quarter of the victims were children. Netanyahu's right-wing government, which used Hamas's criminal adventure of October 7 as an excuse to unleash a storm of mass death in Gaza, has further developed this strategy into a strategy of destroying this densely populated strip. The goal of this strategy is to drive the besieged people there from their homes and farms, so that the most shocking tragedy of the Palestinians in the 75 years of pain for this nation will be felt throughout its history.

We, the participants of this congress, express our disgust at the instigators and supporters of Israel's crimes and the



perpetrators of genocide anywhere in the world.

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■ **The killing of Palestinians must stop, and the way for humanitarian aid to be fully opened to the Gaza Strip.**

The escalation of air and ground attacks by the extremist Israeli government last week has pushed the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip into a more dire situation. The Israeli government was forced to temporarily end the eleven-week blockade of food and medicine on the Gaza Strip under pressure from Western countries, but the incoming shipments, which are still being looted and stolen by armed men, are less than the needs of the deprived residents of this strip of water.

Since the Israeli government violated the ceasefire on March 18, nearly four thousand Palestinians have been killed and more than ten thousand injured.

The Hamgami" Coalition strongly condemns Israel's blind violence, primitive revenge, and genocide, and calls for increased pressure from the international community to stop military attacks and fully and continuously open the way for humanitarian aid to be delivered to the Gaza Strip. War is not the solution to the Israel-Palestine problem.

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■ **In Defence of Gaza,
Alongside the *Madeleine*:
Standing Against Atrocity**

The humanitarian ship *Madeleine*, carrying a group of peace activists, human rights defenders, and journalists, whose mission was to deliver critical humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza and draw international attention to the ongoing genocide there, was seized by the Israeli military in international waters, and its passengers were detained.

In a video message from the deck of the *Madeleine*, Rima Hassan stated that the 12 passengers will be arrested, handcuffed, and taken to the Israeli port of Ashdod for interrogation and detention before being deported to their home countries. This act is part of the ongoing blockade imposed by Israel on Gaza, which has led to an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, with severe restrictions on food, medicine, and other essential supplies. Meanwhile, Israel continues its relentless bombardment of both Gaza and the West Bank.

This act is a continuation of the Israeli regime's criminal pattern: the genocide of Gaza's people, relentless bombing of civilians, and a suffocating blockade that prevents even food, medicine, and essential



supplies from entering. Humanitarian aid efforts in Gaza not only face severe obstacles but are violently suppressed by occupying forces.

The young people who stood on the deck of the *Madeleine* did so with courage and full awareness, in solidarity with the oppressed Palestinian people and in defiance of injustice and siege. Their action is in full alignment with student movements around the world and the growing wave of popular support for the cause of freedom and justice for Palestine.

The Left Party of Iran, while expressing deep respect for this brave initiative, strongly condemns the Israeli regime's seizure of the *Madeleine* and calls on the international community to break its silence in the face of ongoing crimes, the blockade, and the constant violation of human rights in Palestine and to take urgent action to end this inhumane situation.

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