



'The basis of socialism is the human being... Socialism is the movement

to restore human being's conscious will.'

Mansoor Hekmat

1951-2002

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Announcement of the formation of the Third Camp

The Worker-communist Party of Iran announces the formation of a third camp against the two terrorist poles of US state militarism and political Islam. The Third Camp is the camp of civilised humanity against war and savagery; the camp of all freedom-loving people who are sick and tired of the bullying and militarism of the US government and its allies; sick and tired of Islamic terrorism. It is the camp

of those who, in the face of these two terrorist poles, each of which justifies its crimes against humanity by the atrocities of the other side, want to raise the banner of humanism, civilisation and freedom. The Third Camp is the camp of 'No to militarism, No to Islamic terrorism'. It is the camp of secularists, freedom-

lovers, supporters of universal nuclear disarmament, opponents of US militarism and Islamic terrorism, activists of the women's rights movement, opponents of the death penalty, stoning and honour killings, and advocates of universal rights for all.

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Manifesto of the Third Camp against US Militarism and Islamic Terrorism

The present conflict between the Western governments and the Islamic Republic of Iran can have disastrous human, political and social consequences. The terrible experience of Iraq has shown to all the catastrophes that can result from economic sanctions and a military attack. Deterioration of living conditions, economic plight,

death, destruction and displacement of people, and increased repression by the Islamic regime, would be some of the immediate consequences of economic sanctions or a military attack on Iran. This policy would unleash Islamic terrorism on a regional scale and escalate it internationally.

We must stand up with all our power to the US government's and its allies' bullying. We must put an end to the crimes of the opposite pole, i.e. Islamic terrorism. We must help the people of Islam-stricken countries to get rid of the menace of Islamic terrorist states and

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Expel the regime from the ILO

Bahram Soroush's speech at the ILO Conference 12 June 2006

I am delighted, ladies and gentlemen, for the opportunity that I have to address this conference about the situation of workers in Iran.

at this conference. So I am honoured to be bringing their voice to this conference.

As you may know, various sections of Iranian workers

Unfortunately Iranian workers are not represented

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Confronting the West's state militarism is inseparable from the fight against political Islam. The US government's and its allies' state militarism, on the one hand, and Islamic terrorism, on the other, are component parts of the reactionary New World Order. Each provides a reason for, justifies and reinforces the other. A fraction of political Islam in Iraq and Afghanistan today is on the same side as the United States and Coalition forces, and is directly deployed in the super-reactionary puppet governments there. Another

fraction, which is hostile towards the US, builds its rationale and political identity on the atrocities and catastrophes resulting from the militaristic policies of the US government and its allies in Iraq, Palestine and other parts of the Middle East. Political Islam, in its entirety, is an anti-human and ultra-reactionary movement. It has come into being in the context of the reactionary policies of the US and Western governments. The Islamic regime in Iran is the backbone of political Islam, a sponsor of Islamic terrorism in the Middle East and

throughout the world, and an ultra-reactionary state with a 27-year record of repression and terror against the people. The people of Iran, with their ongoing struggle against this brutal regime, for freedom and equality, find themselves at the forefront of the fight against the war of terrorists.

The Third Camp regards the struggle of the Iranian people against American military and political threats, as well as their revolutionary movement for the overthrow of the Islamic regime, a practical, viable and effective

means of challenging this terrorist conflict. The Third Camp enthusiastically supports the struggle of the people of Iran for freedom and equality.

We announce the Manifesto of the Third Camp and invite all humanitarian, secular, anti-war and freedom-loving organisations, forces, parties and individuals to sign this Manifesto and join the Third Camp.

Hamid Taqvaei
Secretary, Worker-
communist Party of Iran
12 May 2006

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serious injuries on Mr Ossanlou, the president of that union, and many other unionists.

Mr Ossanlou is still in prison, after nearly six months, for trying to build a union.

have written to the Director-General of the ILO, Mr Juan Somavia, to say that the so-called "workers' delegation" from Iran does not represent Iranian workers; that these people are members of the Iranian government's Islamic Labour Councils and Workers' House, which are state-sponsored bodies, charged with workers' surveillance and repression.

One of the delegates at this conference, namely Mr Ali Akbar Eivazi, personally led a vicious attack last year on the office of Tehran's bus workers' union, inflicting

In January, nearly 1,000 bus drivers and workers in Tehran were arrested and jailed for going on strike. In Iran you are arrested for trying to form labour organisations and for going on strike.

Just a couple of months ago, over 50 workers of Iran Khodro car-manufacturing company were fired for going on strike.

Over a million workers have been without pay, from several months to 2 or 3 years, due to non-payment

of their wages. The textile workers of Kashan, Ghazvin and hundreds of other factories around the country have not been paid for months.

The minimum wage in Iran is around 1/3 of the official poverty line.

A few years ago, the security forces fired on the workers at Khatoon Abad copper mine, killing four.

The list is endless...

The Islamic Republic regime of Iran and its Islamic Labour Councils and Workers' House should be expelled from the ILO for their brutal repression of workers; for denying them internationally recognised rights to organise and strike and to collective bargaining; for denying them the basic right to a decent pay; for denying them a

human existence...

Ladies and gentlemen! Honourable trade union representatives and workers' delegates!

Please use your rights and powers as members of the ILO to urge the immediate expulsion of the Iranian regime and its Islamic Councils and Workers' House from the ILO.

No ILO legitimacy should be given to these persecutors of workers. Genuine representatives of Iranian workers should be allowed to take part at ILO conferences.

Iran and its Islamic Councils out of ILO!

Long live international labour solidarity!

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forces. American militarism and Islamic terrorism have brutalised the world. Neither of them has a solution to the present crisis and its resulting problems. Rather, they are themselves the cause of this crisis and its aggravation. Civilised humanity must rise up against both these poles and the suffering that they have imposed on the world. The human and genuine solution to the problem of nuclear weapons, to Islamic terrorism and its horrific crimes against the people of the world, and to the militaristic bullying of the US and Western governments lies in the hands of us people.

Amid all this, the struggle of the people of Iran for freedom holds a prominent and critical place. For years there has been a mass social movement in Iran against the Islamic regime and for liberty and equality. The triumph of this movement over the Islamic Republic would be a decisive blow to political Islam and Islamic terrorism throughout the world. It would also be a powerful response to the US government's political-military interventionism aimed at regime change, in the name of "exporting democracy", and imposition of reactionary puppet regimes on other societies. The victory of the Iranian people would be a giant step forward and a turning point in the struggle against militarist and Islamic terrorism and in defence of liberty, civilisation and

universal rights for all throughout the world.

We, the undersigned, declare:

1- No to war, No to economic sanctions

Economic sanctions and a military strike on Iran will have catastrophic human, political and social consequences. What happened in Iraq should not be repeated in Iran. These threats must stop immediately.

2- No to US militarism, No to political Islam

In the conflict between the state terrorism of the West and Islamic terrorism, the civilised world is not represented. Both sides of this conflict are reactionary and inhuman. They must be driven back.

3- Nuclear disarmament of all states

Neither Iran, nor the USA, nor any other state should have nuclear weapons. The Iranian regime's nuclear project must stop immediately. However, states which have the largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons themselves are not competent authorities to judge on the nuclear capability of other states. Halting the Islamic Republic's nuclear project is the task of the freedom-loving people of the world, in

particular the people of Iran - just as the nuclear disarmament of all states and liberation from the global nuclear nightmare can only be achieved by the struggle of the people of the world.

4- Attacks on civil liberties in the West in the name of 'war on terror' must stop

The governments in the West are violating or restricting civil rights and liberties in the name of fighting the terrorist threat and safeguarding security. Increased surveillance and control of citizens, curtailing freedom of expression and movement and denying the rights of immigrants are some of the commonest forms that this attack on people's rights is taking. This must be stopped. No excuse for an attack on civil rights and liberties is acceptable.

5- We actively support the struggle of the people of Iran against a military attack and against the Islamic Republic

For 27 years the people of Iran have been fighting against repression, violation of women's rights, sexual apartheid, stoning, torture and execution of political prisoners and poverty and economic deprivation. The people of Iran want to and can determine their own political destiny. Support for the struggle of the Iranian people for freedom, the victory of this struggle against

the Islamic Republic and the establishment of people's own direct rule will be a crucial step in standing up to the US government's bullying and a decisive blow to Islamic terrorism in the Middle East and the world.

6- The Islamic Republic must be expelled from the international community

The Islamic regime in Iran must be kicked out of the international community, just like the racist South African regime, for 27 years of crimes against humanity, for the brutal suppression of the rightful struggles of the people, for the execution of over one hundred thousand political prisoners, for establishing a sexual apartheid in Iran and for promoting Islamic terrorism in the Middle East and throughout the world. We call for the non-recognition of the Islamic Republic as the representative of the Iranian people, for the ending of diplomatic ties with it and the closure of its embassies everywhere. We call for the expulsion of the regime from international institutions.

We invite all humanitarian, secular, anti-war and freedom-loving organisations, forces, parties and individuals in the world to sign this Manifesto and join the Third Camp to confront both poles of terrorism.

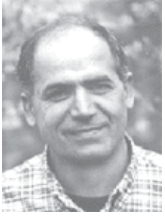
To sign the manifesto and join the third camp, go to www.thirdcamp.com.

Iran's Islamic Councils and "Workers' House" out of ILO!

- January 2006: around 1,000 bus workers of Tehran and Suburbs bus company were arrested during their strike. Some were tortured. Many were sacked. Even the partners and children of some of the workers were not spared.
 - Mansoor Ossanlou, president of the bus workers' union, is still in prison, after nearly six months, for trying to build a union.
 - Over 50 workers of Iran Khodro car-manufacturing company were sacked for going on strike on 3 March 2006.
 - Seven labour activists detained and put on trial for organising a May Day rally in 2004 in the city of Saqez have again been summoned to court. Also the May Day activists this year in the city of Sanandaj have been constantly threatened, detained and even kidnapped by the security forces.
 - Over one million workers have been without pay from several months to 2 years due to so called "wage arrears" (non-payment of wages). For example, textile workers in the city of Kashan, who have been without pay for 14 months, several textile companies in Ghazvin and hundreds of other factories around the country. The minimum wage - if paid at all and on time - is around 1/3 of the official poverty line.
 - The protest of workers at Khatoon Abad copper mine over jobs around three years ago was crushed. The security forces fired at the workers, killing four.
 - September 2005: 11 miners at Bab Nizoo mine perished because the management had tried to save money by turning off the ventilators. The authorities have not accepted any responsibility towards the families of the deceased.
 - The list is endless...
- Any protest against these atrocities is answered with bullets, prison, torture and firing. The Iranian government's Islamic Labour Councils and "Workers' House", who attend the ILO conference as "workers' representatives", are ideological and state-sponsored organisations which work with the government in its attacks on workers. One example was the attack on the office of the bus workers' union on 9 May 2005, when leading members of the Islamic Councils and Workers' House tried to cut Mr Ossanlou's tongue. Also during the crushing of the bus workers' strike this year, these organisations worked hand in hand with the security forces in identifying strike activists.
- Mr Ali Akbar Eivazi, who is an invited delegate to this conference, with full credentials and voting rights, as part of the so-called "workers' delegation" from Iran, led the attack on the bus workers' union on 9 May 2005 together with the head of Workers' House, Mr Mahjoob. He was personally involved in the attack on Mr Ossanlou by grabbing Ossanlou's neck while another Islamic Council member, Hasan Sadeghi (incidentally, a delegate at last year's ILO conference!) attempted to cut Mr Ossanlou's tongue, inflicting serious injuries on him.
- Iran's Workers' House and Islamic Labour Councils are not Iranian workers' representatives, but their persecutors. Workers from a number of sectors in Iran, namely, the Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company, Iran Khodro auto workers, and a group of workers from East Tehran have written to the ILO this year in protest at the presence of members of Islamic Councils and Workers' House at this conference. Instead of being invited to ILO conferences, such people should stand trial for 27 years of crime against workers.
- We request all workers' delegates and trade unions to press for the expulsion of the representatives of Iran's Islamic Councils and Workers' House from the ILO, in support of the fundamental rights of workers in Iran - the right to organise, the right to strike and the right to collective bargaining.
- International Labour Solidarity Committee of the Worker-communist Party of Iran, 12 June 2006

Manifesto Signatories include...

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Mortazavi must be arrested!

Asqar Karimi

20 June 2006

To: rights organisations

Re: the Presence of Rights Violators of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the UN Human Rights Council

The presence of Judge Saeed Mortazavi, the Tehran chief prosecutor, along with Jamal Karimirad, the regime's judiciary spokesperson in the Islamic Republic of Iran's delegation to the first meeting of the UN Human Rights Council has created shock waves among Iranians in Iran and abroad. Mortazavi is one of the regime's important pillars of repression. Many of the execution, killing and stoning orders have come directly from him.

Examples are innumerable. The torture and murder of the Canadian journalist Zahra Kazemi in an Iranian prison was under his direct supervision.

He has ordered the arrest and flogging of hundreds of young girls and boys for improper veiling or conduct.

He has overseen the status of many political prisoners, including those of the Tehran bus workers and students.

Many of the authorized press have been closed down as a result of his direct orders.

He is one of the first officials of the Islamic regime of Iran who must in fact be tried for violations of human rights rather than participate in a human rights meeting.

We and the people of Iran condemn the UN Human Rights Council for allowing the presence of these criminals, and unequivocally demand the following:

1. Judge Mortazavi and Jamal Karimirad must be arrested and prosecuted for their crimes against the people of Iran.
2. The Islamic republic of Iran must be expelled from international forums.

We call on all rights defenders to oppose this act of indifference and contempt towards the Iranian people by the UN Human Rights Council and defend our legitimate demands.



On July 1st at 1pm Gather at Highgate in London to commemorate Mansoor Hekmat (Zhoobin)

Four years ago on July 4, 2002, 51-year-old Mansoor Hekmat (Zhoobin Razani) died after a period of battling with cancer. His irreplaceable presence is sorely missed in our hearts and in our political struggle. Contemporary communism has lost its uncompromising revolutionary leader but his name and works will continue on.

The Worker-Communist Party calls on socialist, libertarians, humanists and supporters of Mansoor Hekmat and worker-communism to gather at High Gate cemetery, London, on Saturday July 1 at 1pm at the invitation of Azar Majedi. Let us commemorate Mansoor Hekmat's memory with the determination to change this upside-down world.

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