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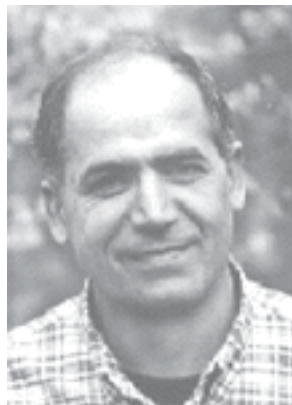
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'The basis of socialism is the human being... Socialism is the movement to restore human being's conscious will.'

Mansoor Hekmat
1951-2002

Join the third camp in opposition to both poles of international terrorism



Asqar Karimi

War, or murder, rather, has once again rendered it an urgent necessity for the humanist and freedom loving people of the world to rally around the banner of a third camp - the camp of freedom, equality, and humanity. The two poles of terrorism shed the blood of innocent people and destroy their lives now in Afghanistan, now in New York

and Beslan and Madrid and London, ... and today in Lebanon and Palestine.

The current savage attacks of the Israeli government on the people of Lebanon, carried out with the overt support of the United States and Britain, and accompanied by the consensual silence of many Western states, has left hundreds of people dead, thousands injured, and hundreds of thousands displaced and/or homeless. On the other side of the conflict stands Hezbollah, or political Islam at large, which, directly backed by the Islamic regime in Iran, envisages the annihilation of the State of Israel through

expanding its terrorizing of the innocent citizens of Israel.

The Israeli government has officially declared that it is implementing the democratic goals of the USA in the region. However, what we are in fact confronted with is a State that has never stopped, even for one single day, suppressing the most basic rights of the Palestinian people, and whose leaders must be brought to justice as war criminals, now posturing as the standard bearer of fighting terrorism! Today, the State of Israel is, indeed carrying out the exact same policies as the US is following in Iraq. And tomorrow it will be the Iranian people's turn. So far the outcome of such

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Victory:
Mansoor Ossanlou, the jailed president of Tehran's bus workers' union was released on 9th August.
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Condemn Israel's decimation of the Lebanese people!

The war against innocent people must stop immediately!

The Israeli State is waging a savage war against the people of Lebanon. During the last few days it has murdered hundreds more, injured thousands more, and displaced and/or made homeless hundreds of thousands more. It has destroyed almost everything that carries a sign of civil society with its bombs, rockets, and artillery fire.

These are all acts of crimes against humanity. The State of Israel, alongside its chief supporter, the United States, must stand trial for their war crimes.

The current mass killing of the Lebanese people takes place within the context of the flaring up of the war between Israel and Hezbollah. And this is yet another manifestation of the

simple fact that it is innocent people's lives and their just demands that are being slaughtered in the battlefield of the two international terrorist poles, that is, the state militarism of Western governments, on the one hand, and Islamist terrorism, on the other. The Israeli government is supported by the United States and

other western powers, and Hezbollah is overtly supported by the Islamic regime in Iran as well as other forces of political Islam.

It is obvious that the true winners of the current blood-letting will be these same poles of reaction and retrogression of our times. It

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policies has not only been the mass killing and total destruction of the lives of the innocent people, but also the growth of Hamas and Hezbollah, and that of the political Islam at large, the expansion of insecurity for the people of the region, increasing loss of rights for women, and increasing loss of civil rights for the people in Palestine and Lebanon. Moreover, such circumstances have increasingly overshadowed the just demand for the establishment of an independent, secular Palestinian State on an equal footing with all other internationally recognized states. And, finally, such circumstances have paved the way for Hezbollah to let out increasingly louder howls

in the streets of the Western world, to raise the posters of such murderers as Khomeini, Moghtada Sadr, and Hasan Nasrollah, and even to verbally assault the so-called "unveiled" women, at rallies and demonstrations in the heart of Europe.

The civilized humanity must rise and free the world from the claws of these two murderous camps of terror. The banner of The Third Camp must be raised and fly at full mast everywhere. The world is in urgent need of such a camp and its humane, radical policies against the other two. The Third Camp is the camp of hundreds of millions of people with a thirst for freedom and justice all over the globe who have no common interests with either

of the other two camps of reaction and terror. We, the signatories of the Third Camp Statement, call on you to join us, and to take the initiative across the world.

Our demands are as follows:

- * immediate cessation of war against the innocent people in Lebanon, Ghaza Strip, and Israel;
- * conviction of the Israeli government as war criminal;
- * establishment and international recognition of an independent, equal Palestinian State;
- * payment of compensation to the people of Lebanon and Palestine;
- * condemnation of the governments of United States, Britain, and other

state supporters of the State of Israel in the current war against innocent people;

* condemnation of terrorist policies of Hezbollah, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and political Islam in its entirety.

We call on all progressive organizations, personalities, and individuals defending freedom and equality, human rights, secularism, women's rights, and so on, to support the above-mentioned demands, and to join The Third Camp in order to oppose the other two, and to help bring about freedom and welfare for the people throughout the world.

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is equally obvious that the losers are the innocent. The people all over the world are in one way or other the victims of this criminal war; be it the Lebanese people as its immediate victims; or the Palestinian people whose lives are being lost side by side with Lebanese lives, and their just demands increasingly overshadowed and, ultimately, crushed in the midst of the confrontation between the two camps of terrorism; or the Israeli people who are, on the one side, victims of Islamist terrorism and, on the other side, witnessing the right wing forces of state terrorism gain

the upper hand in their country; or the people of the world at large who observe in horror the spreading of the reign of terror, war, and killing over their daily lives.

The state terrorism on the part of Israel, as well as Islamic terrorism on the part of Hezbollah, must be subjected to severe abhorrence and vehement protest by people all over the globe. The noble cause and the just demands of the Palestinian people are not only not represented by Hezbollah, but political Islam, in general, is, indeed, itself an obstacle in the people's

struggle to achieve their humane demands.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran therefore demands the following: immediate cessation of all hostilities; immediate cessation of all and every military operation by Israel aimed at the Lebanese and Palestinian people; conviction of the Israeli government for committing war crimes; payment of compensation by the Israeli government to the bereaved Lebanese people.

We, in Worker-communist Party of Iran, are convinced that the only way to

successfully oppose the unbridled reign of international terrorists is that the freedom loving people of all countries enter the political arena and rally around a banner independent of, and opposed to, both poles of international terrorism, namely, the banner of The Third Camp. It is the camp of struggle for freedom and equality, the camp of struggle for the just demands of the Palestinian people, in general, and the establishment of a Palestinian State proper on equal footing with all other internationally recognized states, in particular.

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Free Ahmad Batebi now!

Mercedee Qaedi

Ahmad Batebi is one of many political prisoners in Iran. He was arrested in 1999 when a student demonstration was brutally attacked by Iranian police forces. His "crime" was holding up a bloody shirt



belonging to one of his injured fellow students in front of the cameras and his photograph was soon published widely in many countries revealing the Islamic republic's savage ways towards its opponents.

Ahmed Batebi is now in a critical situation, severely ill and on hunger strike. For more information on Batebi's condition, please see the enclosed letter from his wife Somaie Baiienat. Her letter is very detailed and expressive. Ahmad Batebi's life is in danger and only an international urgent action can save his life. The Islamic regime of Iran must be forced by international pressure to release Ahmed Batebi.

As a woman who has spent eight years (from June 1982 till May 1990) in Islamic regime's prisons experiencing horrific torture and harassments, I call on all of you, human rights groups and organizations and those who care for humanity and for freedom, to act quickly, write protest letters to Iranian authorities and demand Batebi's and all political prisoners' immediate release.

Please send your letters to the following addresses and send me a copy so I could let the Iranian people know of your support via Farsi publications.

Please send your protest letters to: 1. Ali Khamenei info@leader.ir istiftaa@wilayah.org
2. Head of the Judiciary, Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, Ministry of Justice
Email: Please send emails via the feedback form on the Persian site of the website: <http://www.iranjudiciary.org/contactus-feedback-fa.html> (The text of the feedback form translates as: 1st line: name, 2nd line: email address, 3rd line: subject heading. Then enter your email into the text box.)

TV International English has begun its weekly programme once again. To view the programme, go to www.anternasional.tv/english. Also Maryam Namazie begins a new half hour programme called Third Camp TV, which can be seen on www.thirdcamp.com.

I am deeply concerned about my husband's fate

Letter to UN from **Somaie Baiienat**, Ahmad Batebi's wife

Respected chairman of the Commission of the Human Rights of the UN:

This letter is being forwarded to you by the wife of Ahmad Batebi a student arrested during the student uprising of 1999 and condemned to the capital punishment by the Islamic Revolutionary Courts a sentence commuted to 15 years of imprisonment.

After serving six years of his sentence he fell ill and doctors appointed by the judiciary system judged his condition as severe and granted him a sick leave for a short time, during his short release we noted that his ailments included severe kidney, spinal and intestinal problems that were not treated properly and needed an urgent attention.

Physicians appointed by the court reported that his general condition could deteriorate if he was to be jailed again and urged the court to order his release since he could die or be crippled for life. Therefore he was released from jail to seek proper medical attention. On 27/7/2006 unknown armed persons conducted a house search and arrested Ahmad Batebi and drove him to an undisclosed location.

During his arrest my husband declared that he would go on a hunger strike immediately our lawyer tried to locate him

and was unsuccessful in his attempts, and considering his physical conditions we are deeply worried about his health.

Needless to say that my husband's friend Mr. Akbar Mohammadi who also participated in the student uprising is being kept in a similar condition and died of hunger strike nine days later in Evin jail.

I am deeply concerned about the fact that my husband's actual mental and physical conditions could lead to the same fate.

Despite numerous attempts to contact him through the judiciary system and the Evin jail by means of letters and telephone calls I am still in doubt over the whereabouts of my husband and I fear him dead.

Following the creation of the human rights council in the United Nations which is giving us new hopes for exploring new avenues in human rights and has raised our expectations for getting a team of experts to come to Iran and evaluate the actual state of human rights which would enable us to expect to get the most basic right for my husband to get out of jail for his medical treatment.

Hoping to have attracted your attention to my desperate plea.

Israel's Attack on the Lebanese people is a political and humanitarian catastrophe

The mass killings must stop now!



Hamid Taqvaei

Israel's current war against Hezbollah is, for all practical purposes, a war against the people of Lebanon. It is, therefore, from a humanitarian standpoint, entirely inhuman and, from a political standpoint, totally reactionary.

From a humanitarian perspective, it is the mass killing of innocent, civilian population in Lebanon, and thus a criminal war in and of itself. It has so far left over three hundred dead, more than a thousand injured, and around half a million homeless and/or displaced. The Israeli government is the chief perpetrator of these crimes, and Western governments in general, and the USA and Britain in particular, as the more or less explicit supporters of it, are the accomplices in the crimes. This humanitarian catastrophe must therefore stop immediately, and the Israeli government must stand trial, alongside its supporters, for committing war crimes!

The current war is a disaster from a political perspective too. For its end result will be nothing other than strengthening the reactionary, indeed bleak, political positions of both parties directly involved. It is,

on the one side, Israel's militarist, aggressive, bullying policies against the Palestinian people and their basic right to live in, instead of ghetto-like refugee camps, a normal Palestinian State established on an equal footing with others states. On the other side, under the present, concrete circumstances prevailing in the world generally, and in the Middle East particularly, the reactionary nature of this war will manifest itself in the strengthening of political Islam's position. It will result in the broadening sphere of Hezbollah's socio-political influence in the region. And this will be a blessing in disguise for both political Islam and the State of Israel.

On the one hand, and regardless of the military outcome of the war, the political winners of it will be Hezbollah, Hamas, Moqtada al-Sadr and his Shiite militia in southern Iraq, the Islamic regime of Iran, and the Syrian government. It will enable Hezbollah to further appear as the victim, as the oppressed representative of the Palestinian cause against the bullying policies of Israel and America. (Holding up pictures of Ayatollah Khamenei, the Iranian supreme leader, and Sheikh Hasan Nasrollah, the leader of Hezbollah, by Palestinian people in their demonstrations is a direct result of the war so far.) It will free Hamas from the entanglement of internal issues that had pushed it to a defensive position

against Mahmoud Abbas and his organization, Al Fatah. Finally, it will give Syria and, especially, the Iranian regime the upper hand in the regional political equations, as well as in their disputes and negotiations with the West. It is true, political Islam did play a role in preparing the ground for the war. However, the form and the excuses for its breaking out aside, the attack on Lebanon by Israel was a gift for political Islam in Iran, Lebanon, and Palestine.

On the other hand, this war is a blessing for the State of Israel too, as the blackness of the cause of political Islam can, and does, indeed, totally contort the noble cause of the Palestinian people. The more Hezbollah is identified with the plight of Palestinian people, the more the State of Israel will be enabled to brand their just movement as "terrorist", and to justify its own aggressions and crimes as a "fight against terrorism". The state of Israel has already been able to appear on the world political arena as the standard bearer of Western democracy against Islamic terrorism. It has already successfully claimed, and pushed it down the throat of global media, and thereby the public opinion, its fake position as the representative of the Western world against Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism. And this it has done, just as always, on the pretext of defending "the very existence of the state of Israel". Only this time around the pretext is standing out more significantly in contrast to the positions of Hamas, Hezbollah, and recently the Iranian regime,

aimed at "wiping Israel off the world map". Now we can see how, just as always, the terrorism inherent in state militarism, as well as that of the political Islam, cause each other to grow and strengthen, and thereby crush the innocent people of the world in the vicious cycle of their violence.

Therefore, the on-going war in the Middle East, even if had not left a single casualty behind, must be recognized as entirely reactionary, and must be stopped immediately on the account of its political aims and consequences alone.

The only force capable of stopping this reactionary, inhuman war is that of a third camp, i.e., the camp of the universal civilized humanity. Freedom loving people in Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, and the rest of the world must not be hand-tied victims or the silent observers of the mass killings of innocent people on both sides of the current fighting. We believe freedom loving and humanist organizations and personalities must intervene and lend their forces to the following concrete demands: immediate cessation of the hostilities; condemnation of the state of Israel as war criminal; the establishment of an independent state of Palestine; and, last but not least, condemnation of Hezbollah as a reactionary force, as an obstacle in the path of the just cause and struggle of Palestinian people.

We call on the forces of The Third Camp, the camp of the civilized humanity, to join us in this fight.