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Shame on "Rome Conference"!

Shame on "International Community"!

The "Rome International Conference" held on Wednesday July 26 to discuss the Middle East crisis, concluded without agreeing on anything that might dismay the Israeli government. The media, the UN and the participating states all reported that the conference had ended without an agreement on an immediate ceasefire. This failure had come about because of the US's refusal to endorse a call for immediate cease fire and its support for Israeli action. The Israeli government was quick to declare that the outcome of the Rome Conference was a clear green light to continue with its offensive in Lebanon. This was indeed the outcome of the "Rome Conference", shame on "Rome Conference"

The so called "International Community" is nothing but a group of countries rubber stamping the US and Israeli aggression. One day prior to the "Rome conference" the Israeli army in a planned and deliberate

attack and despite the UN's repeated approaches and contacts with the Israeli government and the Army, murdered four UN officials. This was a deliberate act and a warning shot to intimidate the UN. And it worked. The Rome Conference practically endorsed the Israeli actions. This is the essence of the UN and the "International Community". Shame on them.

Nearly forty years has lapsed since the UN resolution 242, adopted in the aftermath of the 1967 six day war, calling on Israel to hand over the occupied lands. This resolution has become the subject of ridicule and mockery by the Israeli state. Yet Condoleezza Rice calls for the immediate implementation of the UN resolution 1559 calling for disarming the Hezbollah. The fact is that the Lebanese government, with its current composition, would have disarmed or at least would have incorporated the Hezbollah armed forces into its army if it had the power to do so. The Israeli policy, with the unconditional

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The statement of the Worker-communist Party of Iran-Hekmatist on the Israeli government's crimes against humanity in Lebanon

A world with a single standard! The undisputed right of the US and its allies to assault humanity!

The Israel's war and aggression against the people of Lebanon continues unabated. Under the pretext of taking on the Hezbollah they have plunged the people of a country into death and destruction. Hundreds have perished, thousands injured and millions made homeless. With an unprecedented callousness are asking the Israeli children to sign the bombs that are meant to tear the Lebanese children to pieces. They deliberately attacked and killed four UN officials, the day before the "Rome Conference", to suppress any dissent and silence any voice and use the outcome of this so called "International" conference as a green light to carry on with their carnage.

This war, at the same time, is an expression of the fascistic and unbridled attitudes of the US and Israel and a manifestation of the extent of hypocrisy and the alienation of the "International Community" from the real interests of the people of the world. North Korea's missile test is met with resolute condemna-

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support of the US, provides the Hezbollah with legitimacy and enough support to resist disarming. The Israeli Fascism is procreates Islamic Fascism of Hezbollah and Hamas brand. The UN Security Council too is manipulated by John Bolton, the US ambassador to UN, to serve the US and Israeli imperialistic strategy. This is the unending cycle of death and destruction fuelled by the Israeli fascism and the Islamic fascism of Hamas and Hezbollah under the auspices of the UN.

The human community must get itself rid of the "International Community" and stand up to the rampant US aggression and its allies. The humanity in its attempts to emancipate itself needs to mobilise all its forces to take on this aggression. This is the only way to sideline the reactionary forces.

And as far as we, the people of Iran, are concerned, in order to play our international part, must oust the Islamic Republic with our own efforts and terminate the US warmongering against Iran and end its political interference in the region.

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Every communist activist, every labour leader, wherever they are, be it in the war stricken regions or elsewhere, are duty bound to mobilise and organise masses to put an end to this situation. Unless the working class and its leaders and the communists come up with an alternative to move out of this desperate situation the Islamic reaction will present itself as the only source of hope.

The Israel's war against people of Palestine and Lebanon is a war against the humanity. This war and massacre must stop immediately. The responsibility of this war rests solely with Israel. The Israeli government's officials must be tried as war criminals. The Israeli army must withdraw from the south of Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territories and a sovereign Palestinian state with full and equal rights with Israel must be established.

Such a demand, like the demand for the withdrawal of US forces from Iraq and the establishment of a non-religious and a non-ethnic government in Iraq and the overthrow of the Islamic Republic can only come about through the united ranks of masses of people. These forces must be mobilised to put an end to this nightmare.

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-condemnation but the Israeli government's barbaric war against Lebanon and the resulting human catastrophe is given a green light by the "International Community".

This goes beyond the terms of "double standards". This is submission of the international institutions to the "single standard" of the US and Israel i.e. the right of aggression against any opponents. This reprehensible world order and its "international" apparatus deserves the strongest condemnation.

This war, contrary to the stated claims, is not about preserving the security of the people Israel against Hezbollah's terrorist actions. The Israeli government has, for the past forty years, been the main sources of insecurity for the people of the region including the Palestinians, people of Lebanon as well as the people of Israel. This war is not the extension of the Arab and Israeli conflict that has been raging for the past forty years. This is not an attempt to return to the South of Lebanon six years after the Israeli withdrawal. This war is not also the continuation of the war of the two terrorist poles in the aftermath of the Septemer11.

The current Israeli campaign against Lebanon has taken place against the backdrop of the US war against Iraq and serves the aims and objectives of the US strategy to surge ahead with its plan to establish its "New World Order". This war is part and parcel of the imperialist attempts and warmongering of an imperialist power determined to reassert its authority and its status as the single world power following the collapse of the soviet unions and the eastern blocks. This war serves the US strategy in its attempt to establish itself as the undisputed super power of the world and reinforces the position of Israel as the regional military bully. This war is a precursor to wider joint US and Israeli plan to impose a costly and fatal war on the region and attack Iran as part of the ongoing "nuclear skirmishes". Instead of Iran, this war has started from Beirut, Shoaba and Bint Jbil by US and Islamic Republic's proxies.

With this current war the Israeli government has triggered the start of a major war that could consume the whole of the Middle East. The compelling interest behind this war is the desire of the US and Israel to reshape the region and the world, following the collapse of the eastern block countries, to serve their interests and create a new "balance and order" to their own advantage. Military bullying and unbridled aggression is a means at the hands of the US and Israel to advance their interests and reinforce their superiority. Such a naked and unbridled aggression and the use of force has now become an integral part of this policy following the ascendancy of the New Conservatives in the US and Israeli Fascism of Sharon in Israel.

The destructive power of the US and its allies and the might of their war machine is such that it can inflict unimaginable economical, social, political and ideological set backs and plunge the world into a downward spiral to the depth of barbarism. Iraq provides a window to this bloody American "New Order". A living hell that consumes hundreds of lives every day and demolishes the fabric of the civil society brick by brick. The US ruling establishment needs these wars to reinforce its superiority over its imperialist rivals. The contemporary Imperialist capital needs this kind of barbarism and wars to subjugate the working class and the humanity.

Needles to say that the political Islam in the region and the Islamic Republic in Iran, will attempt, by exploiting the anger and hatred of the masses to reinforce their own position. This war and military atmosphere plays into the hands of the Iranian regime to extend its suppression over the existing movement poised to oust it. The Israeli fascism has historically produced the Islamic fascism.

This bloody game and the entire reactionary and fascist forces must be thrown away. The international working class and the civilised humanity must unite its ranks and put an end to the US and Israeli warmongering and contain the Islamic provocations. This inevitably will be a step towards the emancipation of the working class and the humanity. There is no other way to end this endless cycle of war and destruction.

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Statement of the worker-communist Party of Iran – Hekmatist on the protests in Azerbaijan

No to ethnic identity, No to religious identity Long live human identity

Do Not Participate In These Provocations!

The publication of a cartoon in the children pages of the "Iran Daily" on Monday May 21, provoked a wave of ethnic and reactionary protests across many Turkish speaking cities and towns from Tabriz, Uromieh, Ardabil and Marand to Ghazvin, Maragheh and Zanjan. This outpouring of aversion and hatred is rooted in twenty seven years of cultural and political oppression and suppression and the lack of individual and social freedoms and the freedom of expression fuelled by raising nationalistic sentiments within the Iranian political environment.

These protests did not carry any progressive demands nor did they challenge any forms of discrimination and prejudices. On the contrary what was highlighted and took prominence were the spectre of ethnic cleansing and the vindication of the mass murders of the Armenians and loathing of other languages. The strong reaction to a piece of satire and slur at Turkish language exhibited in the cries of "Farsi is the dogs' language" does not carry any sign of protest and defiance against national discrimination and degradation. Such an outburst was reminiscent of the kind of sentiments that produced the mass graves in the former Yugoslavia and today manifests itself in the blind terrorism and suicide bombing and sectarian killings in Iraq. Such provocations in the context of the current stand off between the Islamic Republic and the US and the attempts of the latter to "promote the rights of the ethnic and religious minorities in Iran" and turn Iran into another Iraq is a chilling reminder of the potentials of such a movement. Any attempts to inject the venom of ethnic identity and ethnic hatred into the just struggles of the people of Iran against the Islamic Republic must immediately be dealt with. Such "protests" do not represent any humanitarian and progressive values and do not advance respect for the civil rights and do not oppose discriminations and prejudices. We must not participate in this frenzy of bloodshed and escalation of ethnic hatred.

It is said that the content of the satire carried in the "Iran Daily" was racist, derogatory and despicable. It is also said that it disparages the Turkish language and the Turkish speaking citizens. This was neither the first nor the last satirical work in the Iranian and indeed world media. Contempt for other nationalities is a component of the Iranian nationalism. Contempt for Afghan citizens in Iran has become a constant feature of the nationalistic culture in Iran. Tons of contemptuous literatures about the Turkish speaking communities have been written in Farsi, Kurdish, Turkish and Arabic languages both in the official and non-official press. In the Iranian culture referring to Afghans living in Iran as equal citizens is an exception and may qualify as a cultural "crime". The prevalence of contempt for the "aliens" is a characteristic of political and cultural oppression preventing the progressives and free thinkers and the vanguard movements from defending the Turkish, Kurdish and Arabic speaking citizens. Standing up to the derogatory and contemptuous literature is not to detain its authors or fan phoney sanctimonious religious or ethnic fervour. Neither being an Iranian nor a Turk or a Kurd is a cause for conceit. Human being and humanity are the only identity we should take pride in. The only way to deal with contemptuous and disparaging literature is to uphold the unconditional freedom of opinion and expression and the right to criticise and express doubts and question values. The two journalists must be released immediately.

Amidst the protests in Azerbaijan a plethora of reactionary and backward organisations and institutions sprung up. These organisations with links to the state of Turkey's security forces and the US baked Republic of Azerbaijan and the fascists of the "Southern Azerbaijan Front" are exploiting the suffering of the people of the region and are trying to construct and impose an ethnic identity on the desperate people and the students that are fighting against deprivation, oppression and the suppression of workers and women. A whole host of ethnocentric associations, formed around the ethnic identity of the "Turkish" people in a large part of the country were created overnight all advocating and promoting ethnic animosity and hatred.

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The cries of the students in this part of the country for freedom and equality were drowned in the hateful screams of "Persians, Russians and Armenians are the enemies of Azerbaijan", "Farsi is the dogs' language" and "for a united Azerbaijan with Tabriz as its capital".

The opportunist political figures, writers and artists have also come out in defence of their ancestors and have suddenly realised that they are Turks and reaffirming that the are "proud to be Turks" and reminiscent in the suffering of the 35 million Turks. A number of seemingly leftist organisations and parties have suddenly realised it is an opportune time to set up Azerbaijan departments and committees within their establishment and have begun broadcasting and publishing in Turkish. Even the half hearted equality seeking Turkish speaking individuals have realised that their ethnic route presupposes their socialism.

Those who came out in Tabriz and other cities of Azerbaijan, were mostly students and young people who were revolting for the rights of expression, strike and the right to organise and for the release of political prisoners and for the rights of women and for a better life. They were not suffering from ethnic pain. They are not "Turkish students". They are part of the freedom seeking students who up and down the country are challenging one of the most brutal regimes in the world. We must not allow the reactionary to divide the ranks of youth and the students on the line of ethnic differences. Iraq is a clear example of the danger of ethnic tensions

We must declare that we do not hold anything sacred. We do not have national, religious nor ideological sanctities. Everyone is free to say and write whatever they wish. Everyone must be free to criticise the outdated and racist literature to the most advanced and progressive literature, the anti women writing and inhumane literature to the most advanced and vanguard. Everyone should be free to criticise religion, nationality, ideology and the opinion of others and ridicule them. This is what the freedom of expression is about. The restriction of this freedom and the prohibition of this right under the pretext of offending the feelings of a group of people is a frightening prospect.

Racists views and thoughts against anyone, be it Turkish, Kurdish, Arabic or Afghan speaking citizens, must be countered with consorted and an all sided intellectual and political offensive. We must demand the right to criticise. We must not allow ethnic sanctities replace the religious ones.

People!

We are not short of grievances to protest. But not all protests and agitations are compatible with our libertarian struggles. There are numerous positive and successful experiences and traditions within our ranks that we can adopt. We have the experience of the teachers' strikes, Tehran Bus Workers, Snow Festivals in support of children's rights, the Women's Day celebrations and May Day rallies. Call on people from all over Iran, from Tehran to Azerbaijan, Kurdistan to Khouzestan and Balouchestan to join you to protest against stoning women, against veil and oppression of women, against the non-existence of free press and media, against poverty and destitution, against the ever increasing number of street children and the forced prostitution of young girls. Protest against the dark rule of Islam. Take the control of your neighbourhoods and get rid of the Islamic Republic.

People!

Do not join the reactionary ethnic and nationalist protests. Do not follow the architects of the mass graves and ethnic cleansing. This is not our cause. Look at Iraq. They are thinking about turning Iran into a new Iraq. Their plan is to incite ethnic hatred and in the name of "love of nationality" inflame ethnic hatred and set one group against the other and destroy the whole society. Organise around our Declaration for the Overthrow of the Islamic Republic and realise your humanitarian demands.

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Freedom Guards

Structure, Framework and the Tasks of the Freedom Guards

Adopted by the Leadership Committee of the WPI-Hekmatist, May 2006

Preamble:

There have not been many junctures in history, like the period we live in, that the unbridled militarism and military power, massacre and wars that defy the "logic of frontal wars" undermine the humanity and the Iranian society.

The military power of the West lead by the US and its capacity to inflict total destruction and inhalations of communities on one hand and the capacity and ruthlessness of the Islamic and other religious and ethnic groups to kill and obliterate on the other hand are increasingly endangering the lives of millions of people in Iran. Under these circumstances all the communist organisations and parties are duty bound to prepare and empower people to face up to these difficulties. Building the Freedom Guards is one such measure initiated by the Hekmatist Party.

Building and organising the Freedom Guards constitutes an important element of our attempt to weaken the Islamic Republic and facilitate its downfall and as such it forms an important means towards seizing political power. Furthermore in the context of the current political situation and the threat of the US attack against Iran it serves as a vital policy for the Hekmatist Party.

The Freedom Guards is an apparatus with which the working class and our Party can, during the process of ousting the Islamic Republic and in its aftermath, safeguard the political, social and economic security of the society. Furthermore the Freedom Guards would also serve, at the hands of the people, as a means of exercising their sovereignty and eliminating the interference of the various armed political gangs from their lives. The Freedom Guards must provide the foundation for such a way of empowering people and our Party.

Organisation:

- 1- The Units of the Freedom Guards in each locality are part of the local Party organisation that operate under the auspices regional committees. Therefore the formation and direction of the units of Freedom Guards fall to the Communist Committees in the neighbourhoods. Under the current circumstances the units of the Freedom Guards can be formed by the All Iran Organisation Committee as well as by volunteers willing to take on the task of forming units. Such units will liaise directly with the All Iran Organisation Committee.
- 2- The units of the Freedom Guards whether formed by the Communist Committees or by the All Iran Organisation Committee must operate independently from other sections of the Party. The separation of the Freedom Guards from the other sections is to prevent police infiltration and raid from one section to another section of the Party. The policy governing the organisation of the units of the Freedom Guards is based on decentralisation.
- 3- The Freedom Guards will expand through networks linked to the Communist Committees and primarily amongst the youths. The freedom Guards is the basis for the popular arming of masses around the Party and the formation of the mass militia and is one of the main vehicles for organising people especially young people in neighbourhoods and districts.

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Tasks

- 1- The presence of the units of Freedom Guards in areas where they operate must lead to opening up the social, cultural and political environments for the people and contrived for the regimes agents and the undesirable elements.
- 2- The existence and the presence of the Freedom Guards in any place should result in an increase in the popularity of the humanitarian values of the FG. The presence of the Freedom Guards should result in the expansion of people's rights, the rights of women, the rights children the freedom of expression, cultural freedom and the increase in co-operation and unity amongst people. Consequently attempts to publicise and promoting and advocating the articles of the Declaration of the Universal Rights of Human and the Declaration on the Overthrow of the Islamic Republic should become the main demands and preoccupation of the people and particularly the youth
- 3- The presence of a unit of the Freedom Guards in a neighbourhood, in a factory, in a university or a city must raise the level of awareness to the dangers of the disintegration of communities and the ways to stop it.
- 4- The units of the Freedom Guards first and foremost will prevent anyone or any group from forcibly impose themselves on the people. Constant and ceaseless exposure of groups and organisations that try to prolong the life of the Islamic Republic and at the same time endeavour to spread the humanitarian and the egalitarian ideals.
- 5- Further to the agitation and political activities the FG will provide the practical means to safeguard the security of the people . The FG will be responsible for safeguarding the lives and livelihood of the people the fabrics of the civil society against the intrusion and interference of dark forces. In short the FG should unite and organise the people and in particular the youths in an attempt to acquire the capacity to defend themselves against the adversaries.
- 6- The units of the Freedom Guards must extend the influence of the party amongst the masses.
- 7- The units of the FG should ultimately arm themselves and in order to achieve this they need to identify the military institutions, army barracks and the security forces in an attempt to infiltrate them. With the threat of the Us attack the units of the FG should provide guidance and leadership to arm people and initiate the establishment of popular self defence and self aid institutions in their attempt to arm themselves and advocates the party's policies.
- 8- The units of the FG do not have to be armed at the beginning but should take up arms as the political situation permits. The units of the Freedom Guards should try to identify sufficient amount weaponry to arm themselves.
- 9- Infiltration into the armed forces and encouraging the leftists and the communists elements to join the FG and obtaining intelligence on the military institutions and seek the cooperation of dissident ent elements within them.
- 10- The units of the FG must maintain their contacts with the Party (Communist Committee or the All Iran Organisation Committee).

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This war must stop immediately!

To end this vicious circle, the people have no option but to mobilise their own alternative based on advancing their own independent demands and interests. Further to calling for an immediate end to the Israeli aggression against Lebanon we need to emphasis on a more permanent solution: Withdrawal of the Israeli forces from the occupied territories and the establishment of a non-ethnic and a non-religious Palestinian state; the ousting of the Islamic Republic by the people of Iran and finally support for the separation of state from religion and ethnicity in the region including Israel. These demands are the only realistic way to move out of the existing crisis and new ones and the only chance of securing a permanent peace in the region and a lasting peace between the people of the region and the rest of the world.

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Freedom Guards: A beacon of hope in an uncertain region

Javad Aslani

In the past few month units of the Freedom Guards have made several high profile appearances and incursion into the areas and regions in the Iranian Kurdistan that have up to now been a no go area for the revolutionaries. In Mahabad, one of the main cities in the region, it was the first time for over twenty years that armed anti-regime fighters have publicly appeared in the city. In Marivan, a city near Iraqi border a prominent cadre of the WPI-Hekmatist, Jamal Pirkherian, led a unit of the Freedom Guards into the outskirt of the city and while conducting organisational and educational works addressed crowds of people. In Sanandaj, the provincial capital city of the Kurdistan province the units of the Freedom Guards have made several appearances and met with local residents and distributed party literatures. Other cities and townships including Sardasht and Kamyaran, have also seen units of the Freedom Guards operating and spreading message of hope and liberation from the filth of the Islamic regime.

Freedom Guards in contrast to the established traditional nationalist armed struggles have offered a new way of organising, protecting and safeguarding the struggle of people against the Islamic forces in the neighbourhoods and districts. The Freedom Guards offer protection to people to carry out their struggle and make sure their achievements and gains are sustained. The expansion and growth of the Freedom Guards will empower people in their neighbourhood to establish their own control and cut off the interferences of the government oppressive forces from their daily activities. Members of the Freedom Guards are gross root activists advocating revolutionary politics and offering a revolutionary alternative to the Islamic reaction in neighbourhoods and districts.

Since the earlier nineties and the collapse of the eastern block countries and the former Soviet Union, a wave of nationalist and religious reaction has dominated the political events in the world. In the absence of worker-communist forces, the leftists, and revolutionary and progressive forces have also deserted the battle fields and allowed the reactionaries to intimidate and terrorise masses of people and hold their lives and livelihood to ransom. These forces, in the first instance fan all the phoney differences and tensions amongst citizens and create animosity and antagonism between peoples that have been living in peace and tranquillity for generations. This is their bread and butter. They feed on such frictions and differences and initiate wars and genocides. The recent events in the Turkish speaking region in Iran have all the ingredients to plunge Iran into a downward spiral of ethnic and religious wars. A strong, mass armed force that overrides all these differences and offers an alternative based on liberty, equality and security is very much needed.

At the time and in the region where politic is armed and various nationalist, religious and political gangsters are laying in wait to impose their will over the vulnerable people, the Freedom Guards offer that opportunity for the masses of people to protect their freedom, livelihoods and their very existence from the calamity of the reactionary forces.

This establishment of the Freedom Guards by the WPI-Hekmatist, is a revolutionary and brave measure and offers a beacon of hope in these turbulent and uncertain times. The success of he Freedom Guards will highlight the simple fact that if its full potential is realised, it can apart from ousting the Islamic Republic also offer a real alternative by providing security and political and economic protection in the face of aggression of the remnants of the Islamic Republic and the ethnic and political gangsters and restore the will and sovereignty of the people.

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the Hezbollah's attack was just an excuse. Previously Hezbollah had launched similar attacks against both the army and civilian population but never had encountered such a heavy response. Hezbollah and the Islamic Republic were fully aware that such an attack on the eve of the G8 gathering will invoke a heavy handed reprisal by the Israeli government and by doing so reminded the G8 countries of their capacity to create yet another crisis in the region. Israel embraced this development and found an opportunity to flex its military mussel to realign the balance of power in the region, something that in this juncture was desperately needed.

The events of the past three years, advances of the Political Islam in the region and the bleak position of the US in Iraq were developments that had acted to the detriment of Israel. The success of Hamas in Palestine was a massive blow against Israel. And as far as the state of Israel is concerned the emergence of the Islamists in Iraq, the growing influence of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Iraq and the growing influence of Hezbollah in Lebanon despite the withdrawal of the Syrian forces were all comparatively more important factors for Israel than the success of Hamas in Palestine.

With the loss of Sharon, the tough military figure of the Israeli politics, the state of Israel was in desperate need of an opportunity to re-exert its military might and regain its superior position in the region. Ahud Olmert's government exploited Hezbollah's attack and embarked on a full military campaign against Lebanon. With this war, Israel pursues, simultaneously, two separates objectives: First to redefine the balance of power in Lebanon to its own advantage by pressurising the Lebanese government to disarm the Hezbollah and implement the UN resolution 1559. Secondly it aims to put pressure on the US and Europe to adopt a harder line against Iran and the current crisis.

However, the reality on the ground will not unfold according to the wishes of Israel. Just as the US war against Iraq lead to reincarnation of political Islam, the Israeli military aggression against Lebanon will further reenforce the position of Hezbollah as a key player in political environment of Lebanon.

Exploitation of the situation by the Islamic Republic

The Islamic Republic will undoubtedly, through fanning such crisis in the region, seeks to exploit the situation to its own advantage. War, crises and despair are conducive conditions for the survival this regime and political Islam in the region. It was not surprising to see an official of the Islamic Republic, by pointing to the Israeli offensive against Lebanon, trying to provoke the Turkish government to intervene militarily in Iraqi Kurdistan. This was a further sign of the intention of the Islamic Republic to exploit the current chaotic situation in the region to its own advantage. Today the Islamic Republic enjoys a greater influence and potential in inciting crisis. The hands of the Islamic Republic can now be easily traced to Baghdad, Basra, Najaf and inside the present government in Iraq. The Islamic Republic can easily provoke crises through Hamas and Hezbollah in Palestine and Lebanon. The US and its allies are faced with such a reality whatever they plan to do.

The military might and aggression has, since the coming to power of the new conservatives in the US and Sharon in Israel, been central to the strategies of both countries. Such a strategy not only by-passes any political solution to the current crisis in the Middle East and the Palestinian issue but also creates and adds new crises to the old ones. This strategy has so far succeeded in throwing away the Oslo agreement of 1999 for the establishment of a Palestinian state and has made the "Road Map" that envisaged the establishment of a Palestine state by 2005 redundant. Such a militaristic strategy is doomed in this time and age. The consequences of such a strategy feed and breeds the Islamists and nationalists currents. Such a strategy only leads to prolonged and futile rounds of wars. The bloody war in Iraq is a good example of the consequence of such a strategy. The war against Lebanon could well lead to another Iraq. And the attack on Iran whether by Israel or America will have much more devastating consequences for the people of the region and the world. We in the Hekmatist Party will never stop from repeating these facts. People of the region and the world will now, more than any other time, need to be aware of what the US and its ally, Israel, have in store for them. *Continued on Page 7*

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On the Israel war against Lebanon:

Why this war?

The Israeli war against Lebanon has continued unabated for the past 10 days leaving hundreds killed and hundreds of thousands homeless. Apparently the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers by the Hezbollah in the south of Lebanon has prompted such a "disproportionate" reaction on the part of the Israelis. The extend of the Israeli government's aggression has evoked strong condemnations not only by the Lebanese people as the immediate victims of this war but also by the ordinary people all over the world. In contrast the so called "International Community" shamelessly sides with Israel and condones her actions. Apart from the US which has always backed the Israeli's state fascism to other members of the G8 countries, the UN and Kofi Anan and the European Union and Xavier Solana have all endorsed the Israeli's horrific assault and its atrocities against the people of Lebanon in the name of the "right to self-defence". Considering all these hypocrisies it is high time that the humanity too exercises its right to "self defence" and denigrates the so called "International community"

Why this war? Why now?

The official world media in line with their paymasters in the "international community" are hard at work to convince people that in this war the state of Israel are not at fault and it is merely responding to the Hezbollah's attacks. The Hezbollah's attacks on Israel and the exploitation of this situation by the Hezbollah and the Islamic Republic is a fact, or to be more precise, a part of the reality of the war and the current crisis. To assume that the kidnapping of the two Israeli soldiers is the cause of the war is far from the truth. For Israel the Hezbollah's attack was just an excuse. Previously Hezbollah had launched similar attacks against both the army and civilian population but never had encountered such a heavy response. Hezbollah and the Islamic Republic were fully aware that such an attack on the eve of the G8 gathering will invoke a heavy handed reprisal by the Israeli government and by doing so reminded the G8 countries of their capacity to create yet another crisis in the region. Israel embraced this development and found an opportunity to flex its military mussel to realign the balance of power in the region, something that in this juncture was desperately needed. For Israel *Continued on Page 9*

First Congress of WPI-Hekmatist

On 21^{st} and 22^{nd} October 2006, the first congress of the WPI-Hekmatist will convene in Germany.

150 delegates, representing different sections and organisations of the Party will participate in this congress.

The congress is open to all and those who wish to attend as observers are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the Hekmatist Party and meet with the cadres and leadership of the Party.

All the political parties, organisations and the media are invited to attend the congress. For further information and details please contact:

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