

Communist Party of Iran (Marxist - Leninist - Maoist)

Humanity needs a new and radically different world!

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Building a communist world, a world free from exploitation, oppression and discrimination is possible!

Living in today's world is suffocating, is unbearable. The share of vast majority of people in the world is deprivation, misery and no future because, the fate of billions of people is determined by capital accumulation and profit making. Super-exploitation in sweatshop, in the informal economy, under austerity and precarious jobs, has spread everywhere. Millions of children in countries dominated by imperialism die as a result of malnutrition or easily curable diseases. Thousands of people from Africa, Asia and all over the world are moving around the globe in hope of survival, but they face hard realities of early death or gradual one. Thousands of broken and poverty-stricken peasants, unable to pay their debts commit mass suicide. Millions of toilers are permanently thrown out of production cycle and are plagued by poverty, unemployment and forced-labor. The oppression of women has taken unprecedented dimensions. Sex- slavery and honor killing, forced veiling and pornography, prostitution, discrimination and social injustice is rife. Environmental crisis, life on the planet earth has faced the threat of extinction. Forests are being destroyed and ecology is unstable. The imperialist powers and the Islamic fundamentalists are lording over wars and occupations, enslavement, mass killings, brainwashing, superstition, religious and chauvinist propaganda and making people to fight and kill each other. Each of these two outmoded forces, has its own way and style to enslave people and condemn them to death. For the majority of people there is no safe place on this planet earth.

The source of the problem is the ruling imperialist capitalist system. All different sorts of capitalist powers (including the Islamic Republic of Iran) are parts of this oppressive worldwide system. The great imperialist powers are sitting at the top of this system. They are the top guardians and gate keepers of this system. They consider it their “natural right” to dominate and control life and work and thinking of the whole world. This system must be taken down and a fundamentally different world must replace it. But how and in what way?

The world capitalist system is not all mighty, it is not a sealed secret not to be known and understood how it works. This system is full of contradictions. The logic of profit prevails and it moves blindly. More than 150 years ago Karl Marx revealed its secrets. He described the system’s contradictions and revealed its dynamics. That in this class divided society a small group of people has monopoly over the means of production and the wealth produced by the working people and controls every aspect of society and the people on this basis. The ideology and culture of the ruling class is the dominant ideology in the society. Capitalist economy functions based on exploitation of labor and competition among the capitalists. Through its workings it produces unemployment, poverty, inequality, sexism, nationalism, racism, crisis and wars. Marx pointed out the fundamental contradiction of capitalism as being between socialized production and private appropriation. Based on a scientific analysis of the capitalist mode of production, he showed that the overthrow of this system based on its contradictions is possible. He discovered the proletariat as a class which due to its objective position in society has the capacity to lead a communist revolution. A radical revolution which would bury forever all kinds of exploitation and oppression. It would set humanity free from the chains of the class society and replace it with a new world with new relations among people: A communist world.

The Paris commune of 1871 was the very first attempt in doing this. But it did not last so long enough and it was drowned in blood by the bourgeois state. Marx and his lifelong comrade Engels, summed up this short but very important experience and drew an overall picture of the kind of state which would be needed to carry through the communist revolution: the dictatorship of the proletariat. Based on Marx’s revolutionary and scientific theory and approach, the conscious effort for changing the world began.

The twentieth century witnessed two great socialist revolutions with tremendous achievements and experiences for humanity on its march to bury capitalism. It happened first in Russia with the October revolution in 1917 under Lenin’s leadership and then it happened in China with another October revolution in 1949 under Mao’s leadership. Lenin and Mao, with their theoretical breakthroughs and advances of science of Marxism were able to navigate class struggle through tremendous odds and uncharted waters to victory and began the tortuous process of uprooting the old and building the new economic base and political and cultural superstructure of the new society. This was the beginning of what Marx called rupturing from the traditional relations of ownership and traditional ideas which are produced and conditioned by that.

The revolutions in Russia and China did not last longer than the Paris Commune but not long enough. The revolution in the Soviet Union was defeated in the mid-1950s, capitalism was restored and a new bourgeoisie that had grown within the socialist state and the Communist Party came to power. The socialist revolution in China continued till 1976. Mao developed the science of Marxism through solving the riddle of why under socialism a capitalist restoration happens? And how it should be prevented. A second revolution was carried out in China in order to prevent restoration: the "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution". But this too failed to prevent capitalist restoration. Following the death of Mao in 1976, capitalist roader's made a coup and seized power and with help of imperialists. With this defeat an historical period, the first wave of communist revolutions in human history came to an end.

An era of counter revolution ensued in the world over. Revisionism which means a bourgeois vision, line and program under the guise of Marxism became strong. Instead of revolutionary communist movements and emancipatory movements, reactionary political movements such as Islamic fundamentalism became popular among desperate and deprived masses. When the Islamic Fundamentalists seized power in Iran (1979) this regression intensified throughout the Middle East.

In those days, there were few revolutionary communist movements which resisted this general trend. Those few gathered under the flag of the highest peak of the evolutionary science of communism which was Maoism and endeavored to overcome the crisis in the International Communist Movement and open a way for beginning a second stage of communist revolutions. Soon the Soviet Union which itself had become an imperialist capitalist power and along with the Western imperialist block led by the US had taken the world to the brinks of a nuclear war, collapsed. This was used by the international bourgeoisie to claim the so called "Death of communism". But USSR was merely another capitalist imperialist with a socialist mask.

Capitalist imperialism moved to a more globalized capitalism. Capitalist greed and wars of aggression, racism, rape of women, killing babies and killing the environment found new life in this period. If a second wave of communist revolution does not begin this nightmare of capitalism will continue its bestial existence.

We can see that all over the world there is resistance and struggle against all kinds of oppression that capitalist system dolls out to people. Yes people fight back but they fight back while having the same ideologies and horizons that the capitalist system have produced. Many people fight back while holding the religious illusion of taming wild forces of the world. They are attracted to religious fundamentalism of Islamic or Christian or Hindu etc types. Many fight back while holding the illusions about the possibility of reforming capitalism. We can see it in Syriza (in Greece) and Podemos (in Spain) types of movements. And the only emancipatory movement—i.e., revolutionary communism, is absent in the scene. Its history and experience have been buried and actually this ONLY solution to capitalist nightmare is hanging in the balance.

In this tumultuous scene, in this world that experiences earth shaking political, social and economic turmoil every day, where is the International Communist Movement standing? What is called Marxism Leninism Maoism and once was the highest level of development of the science of the proletarian revolution, like any other science, has been divided into two. This development, has been carried out including through the identification, review and setting aside the non-scientific aspects of communism which were in contradiction with the mainly scientific and correct body of communism. The importance of criticizing these secondary shortcomings, despite the fact they are secondary faults, would manifest in harmful theories and policies and mislead the communists. Even more importantly through the history of communism and especially today, currents of revisionism, have turned these secondary shortcomings to a "verse" to justify their revisionism. The process of keeping the scientific aspect of communism and advancing it into higher levels was conducted over forty years of hard work by comrade Bob Avakian and the product of this endeavor is called: the New Synthesis of Communism.

The New Synthesis of Communism, is the fruit of Avakian's deep and scientific summation of the experiences of the first wave of socialist revolutions and the materialist dialectical synthesis of what has been learned from the outside of communist movement in different fields of human society in the sphere of thinking and doing. Avakian's New Synthesis of Communism has a world-historic significance because it provides a framework for a new stage of communist revolution. The revolution which in today's world is urgently needed. The New synthesis of Communism, in the areas of methodology and epistemology, political economy, proletarian internationalism, socialism and the dictatorship of proletariat and strategy of revolution in the current world has taken new qualitative leaps forward. New synthesis offers an emancipatory alternative, a vision and a practical strategy for building a radically different world which has a basis in the material reality and that we can and should open the new stage of communist revolution. This evolutionary process like any other science, is still advancing and deepening, and so should it be.

The communist revolution and the full abolition of the capitalist mode of production, the relations, and the way of thinking and the cultures which correspond to that mode of production is a huge, heavy task to fulfill. By only relying on class emotions and hatred of the existing conditions, we cannot change the world. In this way without relying on the highest level of science and application of the scientific method with discipline, we cannot even take one step forward. The valuable struggles and sacrifices which have gone on all over the world, without being armed with a clear and deep understanding of the future society will run into limitations. They would be susceptible to become a reservoir and leverage for the reactionary forces in their contention for power; they would become pawns in the hands of anti-people groups and imperialist forces to be used for their ambitions. The potential of billions, regardless of their color, gender or language can be flourished only under the light of revolutionary scientific consciousness, and by that they will have the possibility to travel through the long and complicated path of revolution victoriously. This is our message on the Red May Day!