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Euro and Dollar

For many years the dollar has been used for exchange in international trades, and the market value of every commodity sold internationally is determined in dollars. The dominating role of dollar for exchange in the international market and especially in the market of fossil energy is declining.

The USA has a large deficit in commerce and has dropped 30% of the value of its dollar in comparison with other exchanges especially with the euro in the last four years. The US government is trying to shift the economic burden to the other countries. The USA appears more like a country that expends more than

it earns, that faces an unbalanced budget, and that has to live on borrowing money from other countries. The USA must pay more dollars for the commodities it imports and has also decreased the value of dollar for its export. The export to USA of the countries dealing mainly with the euro has decreased due to the weakened dollar, and this has further weakened the economy of the US. By devaluing the dollar and creating a huge deficit in commerce and by increasing its debt, the USA is trying to live on the expense of the creditors and even on the expenses of those countries that have large reserves in dollars, the reserves that cannot be exchanged now with the same volume of

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On the Ahmadinezhad's Appointment to the Presidency of Iran (Excerpt)

The hidden hands of the "Supreme Leader" skillfully and according to a calculated plan appointed the Hezbollahi mayor of Tehran, Ahmadinezhad, as the next president of Iran. Ahmadinezhad is a former member of the Islamic military force of Pasdaran (Guardian), a devotee and a loyal lackey of the Supreme Leader. Through fabricating votes and a clear election fraud, Ayatollah Khamenei appointed Ahmadinezhad to serve the interest of Islam and of the Islamic Republic.

In this presidential election the real candidates' competencies were not the issues, but the degrees of loyalties to the Supreme Leader were. During the regime of the Shah the shadow of God on the earth, AryaMehr, a criticism was raised that why Assadollah Aalam who could hardly read and write had been appointed as the chancellor of Shiraz Pahlavi University. Amini, the Shah's Prime Minister of the time, responded that the competency is determined according to the degree of loyalty to the Shah and not according to the level of knowledge and expertise. Aalam was a lackey of the Shah and one of the agents of the British Intelligence Agency in Iran who could serve the Shah very well. In the era of the Ayatollah Khamenei, the same rule applies.

By appointing Ahmadinezhad, the Supreme Leader hit two birds with one stone. From one side, he got rid of Rafsanjani-Karroubi's faction and from the other side, he put one of his loyal disciples in power. The Pasdaran and Basij military forces (Guardian brigade and Mobilisation forces) along with the fanatic and terrorist Islamic organisations such as Moatale Islami (Islamic Coalition), Anjomane Hojatieh (Hojatieh Association) are trying to unify the regime of the Islamic Republic.

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commodities as before. By this financial policy, the US imperialists have reduced the price of the oil that is determined according to the value of the dollar. Though the price of oil has apparently increased, the value of the dollar is decreasing at a higher rate. This policy is designed to further plunder the resources of the other nations.

The world press reports that China and Japan have invested 200 billion dollars in state loans of the USA, and Japan in particular has a large dollar reserve. To invest this money in the stock market will reduce the value of the dollar more, and it will hurt the economy of the countries with large reserves even further. The news that neither China nor Japan wants to invest capital in the USA, capital that reduces the US deficit, has resulted in worsening the economic conditions of the countries where the international exchange is based on the dollar.

Any country that tries to change its reserves from dollars to euros faces US threats and is forced to sell its oil (if it has any) in dollars. We saw this US practice in Iraq where the regime of Saddam Hussein was punished for the actions it took independently. From the time when the regime of Iran spoke about changing its reserves from dollar to euro and took some small steps in this direction, we have seen repeatedly the usual noises of the US imperialists. The US wants to kill the bird before it hatches.

Invasion of Iraq

Before the US-UK invasion of Iraq, the regime of the Saddam Hussein had signed lucrative contracts with the French, German, Russian, Italian, and Chinese imperialist companies. The illegal and colonial invasion of Iraq gave the USA the opportunity to nullify these contracts through the US ruler in Iraq, Viceroy Paul Bremer, first and then through the puppet premier Iyad Allawi. Then the US signed contracts with the American companies such as Bechtel, Halliburton, Motorola, etc. From the first day they set foot in Iraq, the US imperialists have been loading the Iraqi oil into US supper tankers for free. The policy of the US imperialists is to privatise the oil industries in Iraq. Nothing is gained from the Iraqi war

booties by the European imperialists with big appetites. There is a reason why the European authorities show their appetite for "humanity"! During and after the first Gulf war against Iraq, the committee to pay war reparation paid many American companies, for example, Halliburton \$18 million, Bechtel \$7 million, Mobile \$3.3 million, Shell \$1.2 million, Pepsi \$3.8 million, and Sheraton 11 million dollars. The list of American companies that received compensation is long. The committee itself had a very big budget.

It is obvious that contrary to the lies of the "civilised" bourgeoisie the goal was not to establish freedom and democracy or fight against terrorism of the Islamic fundamentalism or fight for human rights. The goal was to plunder the Iraqi resources for several generations. We are talking about the aggressive occupying forces that want to plunder a nation, to destroy the hard-gained achievements of a people, and to condemn a country to poverty and hunger.

The locations where the inter-imperialist contradictions tangle have been moved to the oil-rich regions and foremost to the strategic and determinative oil region of the Persian Gulf. It was in the inhuman and barbaric invasion of Iraq carried out under a flood of lies and fabrication of documents and deception that the contradictions between the US, European, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese imperialists came to the fore. The German and particularly the French imperialists had the leadership of the faction opposed to the US position. Despite all the sabotage in the European Union by the US and all the assistance the US received from Spain, Italy, Portugal, Netherlands, Denmark, Britain, Poland, etc, the French and German imperialists succeeded in exposing the sinister faces of the US imperialists and to rouse the public opinion against them and to gradually weaken and loosen the US alliance in Europe. Naturally, Russia and China that had and have long-term interests in Iraq could not have stayed indifferent in this conflict and have expressed their oppositions to the war in Iraq. Japan, despite its apparent support for the US imperialists, avoided a serious involvement in the war. The countries that

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participated in the war under the pressure of the US imperialists are now gradually leaving the war. Poland, with its historical fear of Russia and Germany and due to its appetite for lucrative contracts, followed Bush like a trained pet. However, Poland realised that the contracts had been already divided between the American companies before the invasion of Iraq had started and that the USA does not want to throw even bare bones to the Polish lackeys to lick. We should mention that the clique in power in Poland who authorised the Polish participation in the war were all members of the "communist" party who apparently changed their positions over night.

The US invasion of Iraq was a planned and conscience action and was an attempt to implement a part of US strategic policy. The US imperialists made the theory of "pre-emptive strikes" acceptable through the invasion of Iraq and prepared the ground for the future implementation of this theory. By invading Iraq, the US imperialists told the world that they would implement their plans using pretexts and through lies and deception and falsification and that they have no fear or shame whatsoever. The conscience choice of this style of confrontation is made for the purpose of creating fear and intimidation everywhere. The imperialists have politically, militarily, and economically seized the strategic regions of the world and would not leave these regions by choice or by a soft spoken request. The US imperialists already consider the oil resources of the world as their own resources that are used by them in the service of "civilisation", "democracy", and "American life style and values". The plundering of the oil resources is the award the US imperialists get for their fight against "terrorism", and in this process, they provide security for their lackeys and other imperialists!

The plundering for free of oil of a nation, which apparently should be immoral and contradictory to the religious beliefs of George Bush, is justified as a compensation to the US for its sacrifice to rescue the world, and it is a price the Iraqi people have to pay for gaining "democracy, freedom, and free

elections"! For maintaining these values, the energy resources of the region must be seized in the interest of the US imperialists and of the "progressive" regimes and against the "barbarism" and "savagery" of the East! The oil-rich regions of the Middle East are the security borders of the US. One must conclude that the demand for the unconditional and total exodus of the US forces from Iraq is a progressive demand.

Naturally, the "free elections" under the rule of the occupying forces in Iraq remain sham elections even if they are accompanied by the UN approvals and cheered by the imperialist news media. The results of such elections are clear, as the results of the elections in South Vietnam were clear, and no revolutionary or progressive force can recognise these elections. The Shiite authorities or the organised Shiite forces in Iraq can play an important role in the events in their country. Their call to the Iraqi people to participate in the colonial elections is a national treachery, is indicative of the participation of religion into politics that serves the interests of the US imperialists, and shows the alliance of the Shiite religious leaders with imperialism, Zionism, and reaction. This alliance must be strongly denounced and opposed by the progressive forces of the world. This alliance also shows to what extent the clergy is reactionary, counter revolutionary, and unreliable.

Any contract or treaty that the present or the future governments of Iraq, the governments formed as a result of colonial "free election", will sign with any real or legal individual or company is considered to be colonial contract or treaty and will be rendered void. The struggle of the Iraqi people, in any form or shape, to expel the criminal occupying forces is legitimate and understandable. The defeat of the US imperialism in Iraq will be a strategic defeat whose consequences will not be restricted to Iraq. This defeat will break the back of the US imperialism. In this defeat, the proletariat of the world will manifest its power, the working class of the US will intensify and sharpen its struggle, there will be an upsurge in the democratic and revolutionary movement of the people of the world, and the

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The Supreme Leader is aware that the interest of the whole Islamic Republic is at stake here and that whoever makes a hole in the boat of the Islamic Republic will sink the boat and all those aboard. For the Supreme Leader, the criticism and exposure of the Islamic Republic may cause crises whose direct responsibilities lie on the shoulders of those who are active on the scene and trying to protest and to criticise the regime.

The "Reformist Faction", "National-Religious Group", "Founders of Reconstruction", "Tudeh Party", and the others who have strengthened the regime of the Islamic Republic have to end their opportunist political games. They now have to become obedient to the Supreme Leader. The real power in the regime of the Islamic Republic is in the hands of the Supreme Leader, the Ministry of Information and Security, Pasdaran, Basij, and some other security forces. In the arena of today's Iranian politics, it is the force that speaks, and attention is paid to those who impose power. Neither Rafsanjani nor Karrubi nor others can use their relatively smaller power they have in the country because their chance to win is very little and they also endanger the life of the whole Islamic Republic. This is why they have become pawns in the hands of the Supreme Leader. The Supreme Leader uses them whenever he needs them and disposes them whenever their mission is over. Using the experience of the previous two elections, the regime of the Islamic Republic made extensive preparation for cheating and rigging the elections. The Supreme Leader needed to buy legitimacy for the elections for which the result was predetermined. . In this election, the issue was the legitimisation of the regime of the Islamic Republic and not the free choice between bad and worse. The extensive fraud in this elections shows that the Islamic leaders are not concerned with the exposure of their roles in manipulating the result of the elections. For them, it was not important that the world would know about their election fraud. Weren't the elections in Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan Egypt, Saudi-Arabia, Libya, and the USA rigged? Tribute, submission, and giving concessions to the imperialists wash off the crimes from

the face of the Islamic Republic overnight and make the Islamic authorities harbingers of human rights! It was important for the Islamic authorities that a simple majority of people participate in the elections so that the regime could have an open hand to manipulate its result and to present itself as a legitimate regime that has the support of the people. Imagine what would happen if the active boycott movement were so powerful that no one went to the polls. Then it would have become clear to the entire world that the Iranian people would have declared illegitimate the Islamic Republic in its entirety. The regime knew about the boycott movement to make the Islamic Republic illegitimate. The institutions of the Islamic regime became active in election campaign to legitimise the regime. The authorities spent enormous amount of oil money on election campaign. Money and power are twin brothers. Joining together, money and power perform miracles not only in Iran but everywhere in the world. The mobilisation of a section of intellectuals to serve the regime's policy of legitimisation was part of regime's plan in the elections. These intellectuals were mobilised to promote the election with the theory of "choice between bad and worse" and, pointing to the bugbear of the extreme right Ahmadinezhad, encouraged the people to participate in the elections. The regime has forced the bankrupt intellectuals to understand and accept that the circle of choice between bad and worse is endless, that they must wander in this circle forever, that they must fall from well to well and from well to ditch, that this is the destiny of people, and that this is the law and they must obey the law of preservation of the Islamic Republic.

A group of intellectuals such as Dolatabadi, Kiarostami, Makhmalbaf, Baghi, Soroush, Eshkevari, kadivar, Mohajerani, Amouie (Tudeh Party affiliate), Amirkhosravi (Tudeh Party affiliate), and others who have accepted the mission to deceive the people assisted the regime to legitimise its existence. Apparently for these intellectuals, Rafsanjani is not responsible for the "Chain Assassinations", or the murder of Mr. and

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Mrs. Forouhar. To them, Rafsanjani is not responsible for privatisation of industries, for implementation of neo-liberal policies of the imperialists, and for privatisation of long-ago nationalised Iran Oil Company. To these intellectuals, Rafsanjani is not internationally indicted, is not responsible for the slaughter of thousands of youths when he prolonged the Iran-Iraq war, and is not responsible for the assassination of hundreds of leaders of opposition abroad. The state corruption and embezzlement had reached its maximum during Rafsanjani's presidency. Rafsanjani is worse than what the Supreme Leader would have us to believe. Rafsanjani is more infamous than whom Ahmadinezhads are trying to expose. Rafsanjani's exposure by the Supreme Leader was in fact an acquittal of Rafsanjani and a cover up the real truth about Rafsanjani's crimes. Not yet elected, Rafsanjani declared that he would continue the policy of privatisation and that, with the hope that the imperialists and their mass media assist him in his election campaign, he would compromise with the US and European imperialists. Rafsanjani declared also that the crisis of nuclear development would be resolved in the interest of the concerned states. As a matter of fact, Rafsanjani needs the declarations of his traitorous goals for the day after he flees to Canada!

Rafsanjani's support is from the sector of society that has accumulated wealth during the past two decades. In order to preserve its security, this sector is now talking about the security of the society and about the respect for civil rights and the rule of law. This sector complained about lawlessness and hoped Rafsanjani would create a good condition in which it continued its exploitation of the masses. This sector is totally opposed to the formation of an independent force as an alternative to the Islamic Republic. While Rafsanjani had relied on the well to do and wealthy sector of the society, Ahmadinezhad had relied on the poor section of the Iranian society and had exposed Rafsanjani and his family's bribery and embezzlements. Ahmadinezhad ridiculed at the giving away 30-60 US dollars to the voters by his rivals and stated that he had

no quickly-gained money, and that if he had money, he would give it to the poor. He used the same known method used by the Islamic fundamentalists everywhere who form networks parallel to the government under the cover of "assisting" the needy and, in fact, for the purpose of attracting the people's attentions. Inspired by this policy, Ahmadinezhad set up free kitchen in southern Tehran (the poorest section of Tehran), put emphasis on social justice and petty-bourgeois egalitarianism, and tried to use the mobilisation power of these social concepts. He, who is a fanatic Hezbollah, relied on the national pride of the Iranian people and declared that he would not bow down to the pressure by the US and Europe and would not accept the permanent suspension of Iran's uranium enrichment activities. He talked about the crimes of the US imperialists in Iraq also. Due to the US crimes in the Middle East, these statements resonate among the masses. This is why Ahmadinezhad, while he is a representative of the extreme right faction of the government, gathered some section of the society around himself through petty-bourgeois "left" assertions.

Anyhow, the Supreme Leader sunk his own rivals who were running in the presidential elections, but it would be naïve to think that the wave of protests, either from above or from below, will subside. Our Party did not believe that Rafsanjani's entrance to the second round of elections is for electing him in "free and democratic" elections or for forcing the people to choose between bad and worse. We, in the statement on "Presidential Elections in Iran", dated June 21, 2005, said that:

"Some political commentators believe that it was agreed upon from the first day to put Rafsanjani in power as the next president because his presidency would be a slap in the face of the people who did not even allow him and his family to enter the Sixth Islamic Parliament, would be the confirmation of the crimes committed by this internationally indicted official of the Islamic Republic, and would be a confirmation of the Chain Political Assassinations. The commentators believe that the Islamic

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regime has put a detestable individual like Ahmadinezhad to compete with Rafsanjani so that the people will vote for Rafsanjani out of fear in the second round of the elections. We believe that the contradictions among rivals and the disputes among the authorities are too strong to allow such a scenario".

The type of the electoral activity in Iran was indicative of the regime's desire to seek legitimacy through attempts to involve the people in the elections. For those who participated in the first round of elections and who accepted Ahmadinezhad's selection to the second round, it did not matter if the Supreme Leader selected Ahmadinezhad as the President. Those who accepted the frauds in the first round of the elections could not condemn the frauds in the second round. The task of military coup in the condition of martial law after revolution, in which the class lines and group interests are determined according to the balance of power and in which the influence and the power of ruling blocks are clarified, has ended now in this fight. Of course, the regime bases itself in these calculations without considering the forces of the people. Eventually, the forces of the masses will set the final account. The Mafia groups in the regime of the Islamic Republic cannot rely on or mobilise the people. The fear from the masses and the attempts to deceive them influence the directions of the activities of the Islamic Republic's authorities.

The imperialists' calculations

The imperialists preferred Rafsanjani as the president of Iran. Rafsanjani was known as an internationally indicted criminal and the imperialists could activate his Mykonos files whenever they wished. The imperialist powers could blackmail Rafsanjani and control and freeze his wealth that he has stolen from the people and has deposited in the foreign banks for the "day he may need it for another Islamic revolution". The imperialists will treat Rafsanjani the same way as they treated Marcos of the Philippine and not as they treated the Shah of Iran whose heir benefited from the wealth he had stolen. Rafsanjani would be under imperialist pressure from both these directions, and it would be easier for the imperialists to gain

concessions from him. On the other hand, Rafsanjani promised the imperialist an easy access to Iran's oil, promised to privatise all the production and service industries, and promised to join the World Trade Organization. Counting on his probable chance, the imperialists gave Rafsanjani two months to fulfill his promises. The imperialist had declared that if Ahmadinezhad were elected, they would draw their swords and put more pressure on Iran. The imperialist support for Rafsanjani and the threats on Iran were fruitless.

The imperialists' policy of cooperation with "liberals" has faced a defeat at this stage. They now must prepare themselves to conciliate with the "Conservative" Faction of the regime of the Islamic Republic. The policy of the Conservative Faction is clear too: the imperialists must confirm the security of the regime and must cease all hostile activities to change the regime of the Islamic Republic, and if these were fulfilled, then the Islamic regime opens the doors for the official negotiations.

The Choice between Bad and Worse

The theory of choice between bad and worse, if it is separated from the ongoing political struggle and from the historical situations, if it is not accompanied with the attempts to create an independent revolutionary alternative, and if it is applied blindly and without a revolutionary vision will always remain a tool in the hands of the reaction to continue its rule. It may be possible, under an exceptional and historical circumstances in which the development of the events is unpredictable, to justify the surrender to such a "shame". However, under the present situation in Iran, the application of this theory does not help the revolutionary and democratic forces, but it deals a blow to the people's movement. It is with this theory that for decades the progressive forces in the USA have been forced to prefer one party over the other in the apparently two-party US system. The application of this theory is in the service of the continuation and survival of the reaction and of the preservation of the existing condition. For one to support this theory

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means for that person to throw himself nakedly into the dangerous water with the hope of reaching a safe bank. For one to support this theory means for that person to be in the service of and to secure the domination of the ruling class, to burry the task of the revolutionary teaching of the masses, and to become an intellectual who feeds from the establishment and whose wish is to have a chance to continue his vulture-like life and get a bone from the dining table of the ruling elites. This is why the majority of the people of the capitalist countries have realised that their votes have no positive effects, and they do not participate in the elections. In the USA, the percentage of the participants in the presidential elections hardly reaches 50. This indifference towards destiny is the effect of the choice between bad and worse. The Tudeh Party of Iran has defeated its rivals in regard to choosing between bad and worse, and it will have to answer to the people's questions the day after the future revolution.

Getting out of the Vicious Cycle

The vacillating intellectuals who were beating their chests for the participation in the elections and were recommending the people to vote for Rafsanjani are now despondent, secluded, have contempt for the people, remain pretentious, and are not ready to accept the moral responsibility of their traitorous activities.

The Iranian society is pregnant with significant events. The international and domestic situations have gone through significant changes. The revolutionary forces of Iran must gather around the party of the working class and must become a powerful force in Iran's future development and transformation. Only force and power can be effective and significant factors in the future developments. It is only through force that one can play an important role and seise the initiative. It is only the independent political worker-party, the communist party, that can show the people the correct path forward on the basis of its program and political line, and that can rescue the people from the Islamic vicious circles by breaking the chains of the present reactionary system and lead them to the safe shores. The crises, contradictions, and disputes within the Islamic Republic are endless. The cheers of the opportunist political dancers and of the vacillating individuals are endless. The howling of the not-tortured penitents and the support for this or that rival candidate are endless. To become a toy in the hands of and to be deceived by the enemy of the people will

continue. To put an end to this nightmare, we should put an end to the ideological un-clarity and dispersion. One must put an end to the enmity with building the party of the working class and with doing organised work. One must come to the scene with the choice of socialist alternative under the leadership of the party of the working class and attract and mobilise the communists around this source of inspiration. One must learn from the experience of this fraudulent election. One must pay attention to the fact that the people can be deceived or rendered inactive time after time in the condition that the presence of a powerful working class lacks. The insistent activation in the streets of the masses and putting an end to the vagueness of destiny are only possible through the activities of the working class. We must learn from this experience and take steps to strengthen the party on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. There is no other path except sinking into the Islamic or non-Islamic capitalist quagmires or becoming dependent on imperialism and repeating the already repeated history.

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The monopolisation of the food products is another tool for dominating the world and for threatening the nations. It is in the context of this strategy that the two imperialist blocks are quarrelling, and interestingly enough, one accuses the other of making the peasants of the dominated countries destitute. The flag of fight, for further exploitation and for achieving superiority, between these two bloodthirsty monsters is hypocritical sympathy and support for rights of the farmers and peasants of the dominated countries. These days time acts in the interest of the imperialists. The imperialists can continue their sham fights for years, organise conference after conference, discuss new "democratic" proposals and reach new understanding, and continue the "democratic and free" discussions in their press for ever until the last Indian, Zimbabwean, and Argentinean peasant falls apart and hang himself and until the agriculture of each of the dominated countries become appendix of the agricultures of the powerful countries. Then the imperialist powers, in rivalry and collusion, can re-divide the huge markets of hungry stomachs among themselves and raise the shares of their stock markets in this lucrative market. But the power of the masses will destroy this nightmare the bloodthirsty imperialists have cooked up for the people.

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other imperialists will use the US weaknesses to intensify their contradictions with the US and make further efforts at re-division of the world. Thus, the demand for immediate and unconditional exodus of the US occupying forces from Iraq is a revolutionary and strategic demand. Furthermore, the US tries to legalise and legitimise its colonial invasion through formation of a "democratic" puppet regime that comes to power as a result of "free elections". The mission of this puppet regime is to confirm the necessity of the invasion and of the continued occupation. The European imperialists who see the danger hardly express their satisfaction from the elections in Iraq.

Europe disagrees with the US not only over the occupation of Iraq that has endangered its interest, but also over the question of Iran. Iran is one of the rare countries that sits on a sea of oil and gas and does not submit to the dictates of the US imperialists. Iran, as long as is not under political domination of the US, is a window of hope for providing the energy needs of the European countries. The aggression against Iran, regardless of its unpredicted consequences for the region, will be a serious danger for the economic interests of Europeans, Chinese, and Russians, and thus is opposed by them. The US is formally for the overthrow of the regime of the Islamic Republic, and this is a major barrier for the regime of Iran to establish close ties with the US. The US disagrees with Europe that wants to compromise and to continue its economic relations with Iran.

On the question of the occupation of Palestine, the European countries do not approve the bullying policy of Israel and disagree with the US on its unconditional support for Israel that has caused insecurity for the entire region. The Europeans are also suspicious of the US "democratisation" of the Middle East.

On World Trade Organization (WTO)

Although the US is a member of WTO and is bound to open its doors to the goods of the other member countries, it does not allow the European steel to reach the US markets and has recently put restrictions on imports from China also. The US imperialists do not implement the treaty they have signed but are requesting the other WTO-member countries to implement it! Even the decision made by the WTO court, that has condemned the US and that has allowed the European countries to use the right to "revenge" and to ban the import of similar US goods, has not changed the US policy. In its decisions, the WTO has considered the European punishment of putting trade barriers especially on US steel

sheets necessary and recommendable.

In the US, the government gives indirect assistance to the steel industries in order to make their products competitive in the world and especially with the European steel commodities. This US act violates the rules of WTO which the US has signed.

The US and Europe have disagreements over granting state subsidiary to empower the farmers to compete on the international scale against the rival countries or against the farmers and peasants of the dominated and "Third World" countries. According to the approved documents of the WTO, the member states are not allowed to hinder the free competition between the farmers and between commodities by granting subsidiary, or interfering into, or influencing the economic affairs of their respected countries. The imperialists and their allies make a loud noise that "The state is not a good manager" in order to justify and implement their policy of privatisation and thus to rule over the life of the people. The bourgeois statesmen play the role of the managers for the imperialists. Contrary to the prescription they issue for the people, the US imperialists give subsidiary to the US farmers. This is a direct involvement of the government into the economic affairs and a violation of the rule set by the WTO. Neither Europe nor the US has followed the rule they agreed upon by joining the WTO, but both of these two imperialist blocks ask the other WTO members to cordially follow the rule. The acceptance of this rule has become a condition of admission to the WTO. We have seen the implementation of this rule in Iran in the form of "The Principle of Economic Adjustment" during Rafsanjani's presidency. To subsidise the agricultural products of domestic farmers in the imperialist countries, especially in the powerful economic states and in the two imperialist blocks, means nothing except to make the farmers and peasants of the countries not supported by these blocks poorer and ruined, especially in a world without trade borders or economic tariff and in a world ruled by international capital. No Asian or African or Latin American peasant can compete with the farmers of the imperialist countries who are involved in mass production using state subsidiaries and technological advancement in genetics. These two blocks violate all "international agreements" that are not in their own interests. The quarrel between the US and Europe is about controlling the food production in the world. They want to monopolise the food production and, alongside with energy resources, seize the control of essential necessities on the people, water, air, and food.

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Seventeen years have passed since Shahrivar of 1988 and the regime's thirst for torturing or shedding the blood of political prisoners has not diminished. The regime of the Islamic Republic has no plan to cope with the political and economic crisis except to appeal to the bayonet and bloody suppression of the masses and opponents. The regime has reached a dead end and lives in total isolation and is fearful of the protesting people. To overcome this fear and as an attempt to unify the regime and to overcome its crises, the Islamic Republic had to appoint to the presidency one of its most backward and fanatical political figures who was directly involved in the execution of opponents and intellectual dissidents.

recent weeks to challenge the Islamic Republic is indicative of both the growth and expansion of the struggles of the masses and the weakness and declining power of the regime. The regime that responds with bullets to the demand for bread and freedom is bound to be destroyed.

The massacre of Shahrivar of 1988, in which thousands of political prisoners whose only crimes were to strive for a better life for the masses were slaughtered, is a dark stain on history. The people of Iran will never forget this horrific tragedy and are impatient for putting the perpetrators on trial.

Our Party comrades, along with families of the political prisoners and revolutionary forces, commemorate the memory of the fallen comrades of Shahrivar of 1988



The promotion of Ahmadinezhad to this post and in fact as the pen of Mafia in power Khamenei is not the sign of power or stability of the regime but is an expression of fear from the growing movement of the people and is an indication of the weakness of the Islamic Republic in its entirety in confronting the domestic and international pressure.

On the seventeenth anniversary of the massacre of Shahrivar of 1988, poverty, destitution, randomness, pressure, and despotism have reached an intolerable level. The people's disgust for all small or big authorities of the Islamic Republic is deepening every day and the struggle is expanding. The struggle of all sections of society, workers, students, nurses, teachers, women, youth, and political prisoners have persistently continued.

The heroic struggle of the Kurdish people in

Through organising various political and cultural meetings. Our comrades should put their utmost energy in exposing the perpetrators of this inhumane crime. We must also expose the crimes that are currently committed by the Islamic Republic and mobilise public opinion against the authorities and for unconditional release of all political prisoners.

Our Party salutes all those comrades who made the supreme sacrifice and did not submit to the regime. The people of Iran will never forget the memory of their sons and daughters who lost their lives for the freedom and well being of the labouring and deprived masses.

Glory to the Memory of the Fallen Comrades of Shahrivar of 1988!

Shame on the Capitalist and Fascist Regime of the Islamic Republic!

The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan)

**On the Occasion of the Massacre of the Iranian Political Prisoners in
September 1988**

The People of Iran Are Impatient for Putting the Perpetrators of the Tragedy on Trial!

The Month of Shahrivar (September) reminds us of the brutality, cruelty, and the fierce nature of the regimes of the Shah and of the Islamic Republic. In Shahrivar of 1978, by the direct order of the US puppet Shah, thousands of Iranians were machine gunned in Zhaleh Square in Tehran and lost their lives on the path of liberation from despotism and colonialism. Despite this brutality, the Iranian Revolution marched forward on its path and eventually toppled and sent the Shah's regime with all its glory to the garbage heap of history.

In the Month of Shahrivar of 1988, the regime of the Islamic Republic led by Ayatollah Khomeini, who had to drink the chalice of poison after admitting formal defeat in the 8 years of destructive war with Iraq, flew the demon of death over the heads of the political prisoners in order to intimidate Iranian society and to stabilise its reactionary rule. Tens of thousands of political prisoners were brutally and with indescribable cruelty sentenced to death by hanging or firing squads in trials that lasted no more than a few minutes. The regime of the Islamic Republic perpetrated a blood bath that is rare in Iranian history. The Islamic regime's offence was so cruel and fierce that one can only compare it with the crimes committed by Mussolini and Hitler.

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Khavaran, one of the many mass graveyards in Iran

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