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The Imperialist Theory of "Absoluteness of the Human Rights and the Relativity of Rights of Nations and of the Independence of States"

The communists and revolutionary forces know from experience to what extent the imperialists and the dictators backed by them have violated and continue to violate the very same bourgeois human rights declarations they have signed hundreds of times. We know that the imperialists have trained and continue to train torturers in many corners of the globe. The dungeons of the Shahs, Suhartos, Pinochets, Singman Rhees, Videlas, Mobutus, Tshombes, Ian Smiths ... were full of tortured prisoners and witnesses to that torture. The imperialists confess to these crimes, but they justify them as necessary for and fit to the political conditions of the days. They claim that it was not a mistake to resort to these sorts of crimes during the Cold War. To them, the theory of Cold War justified crime.

One must ask:

- Did tortures in Abu Ghoraib, Guantanamo, in Kabul and Kondus of Afghanistan take place in prehistoric era? These tortures are applied long after the Cold War was over. Imprisonment, torture, and execution are the rules in the capitalist and imperialist world.

- Aren't the regimes of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of the Israeli Zionists capitalist? Tens of thousands of Palestinians are imprisoned in their own country by the

Zionist occupiers and are tortured in Israeli cages.

- Aren't the bourgeois ideologues theorising that torture is permissible provided that it saves the lives of some, and by this they mean the torture of revolutionaries as "terrorists" should be legalised?

- Isn't it true that the dignity of a human being is inalienable as is the respect?

So, why is it that the rights of individuals are violated whenever the interests of capitalist reaction necessitate?

The imperialists do not question the torture itself, but they justify its necessity on the basis of their interests. To the imperialists, torture and human right are divided into good and bad categories. History has shown that the imperialists have violated and continue to violate human rights. Their concerns about human right issues in Iran, China, Russia, Islamic countries, and North Korea are not sincere and are based on seeking concessions and carrying out ideological propaganda. This is why their demands of observation of human rights have no influence. The people are rightly suspicious of imperialist "humanitarianism". The imperialists' demands of human rights is for brain washing the public because if the principle of human rights is universal, then one cannot adopt one policy in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan and a different policy in Iran, Syria, Russia, China, etc. One with a uniform policy on human rights cannot criticise the murder in detention of Iranian-Canadian **Continued on page 2**

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freelance journalist Ms. Zahra Kazemi but close his eyes on the murder of peace-loving journalists who were targeted or run over by Israeli bulldozers in the occupied Palestine, or close his eyes on the targeted assassinations of Arab or non-Arab journalists in Iraq who were opposed to the US occupying forces and who were exposing the US crimes in that land. In order to exempt themselves from following the international rules and regulations that protect a country from threats and aggression, the US imperialists find it sufficient to charge the regime in power with the violation of human rights. Then the imperialists give themselves the right to occupy the country under the false banner of defence of the human rights, to plunder the national resources of the country, and to extend their sphere of influence there. The theory of "absoluteness of human rights and relativity of rights of nations" is a fabricated theory to plunder the resources of the nations. This theory is hidden under variety of deceitful shades of defence of human rights in order to violate the rights of the citizens of the dominated countries. One must look at the situation in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Palestine to better see the reality of the nature of this theory. The attitude of the communists towards human rights is clear. The UN Human Rights Declaration is a bourgeois declaration which respects and sanctifies the principle of the private ownership of the means of production. This ideological declaration negates the system of socialist production and principle of socialist ownership. In this regard, naturally communists cannot have respect for this declaration. This is why the socialist countries in the UN abstained from adopting this declaration. However, the communists take the side of the Declaration as long as it is a banner of defence of the human rights. The communists use the Declaration to expose the imperialists' lack of respect for and the violation of these minimum principles of the human rights of the nations. Aren't the ruling elites of the world defending the

capitalist system? Why don't they implement even the minimum principles of the human rights? People see that the communists are the ones who are demanding the full implementation of these principles and who are exposing the imperialists who violate them. The communists adopt this bourgeois declaration to the extent that they can use it as a base for the development of the rights of individuals freed from the chains of exploitation. Their attitude towards the Declaration is its dialectical, not nihilistic, negation. The communists desire the ownership of the means of the production by all of humanity and not by the private individuals as the bourgeoisie has declared it in the UN Human Rights Declaration. The communists recognise the right to work as a right for every individual and consider the exploitation of one by another inhumane. The communists recognise the right to use the natural resources as the right of all people and do not reduce it by using the pretext of "individual freedom" to the rights of only a few individuals or corporations or economic blocks or powerful financial centres. The communist human rights are not only formal but are established on their material bases. The human rights of which the bourgeoisie are raising their banners are pretexts for threatening and invading "rouge" nations and are tools for the imperialist intentions. The imperialists' human right is for confirmation of private ownership and violation of the right of public ownership of the means of production. The communists look at the question of human rights from this point of view. In a class world that has borders, the question of human rights is used by the imperialists as a tool to violate the rights of human kind. One must fight against the imperialist interpretation of human rights. One must fight against the imperialists' deceits and their attacks on universal human rights. In the classless society that the communists are fighting to establish, there will be no room for violating the rights of individuals. In that society, there will be no need to talk about human rights or the protection of the borders. In such a society, there will be neither absoluteness nor relativity. The imperialists

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vehemently oppose the establishment of such a humane and borderless society in which the violation of human rights is a myth and belongs to the history of barbarism.

The Imperialist Pretext of Fighting against "Dictatorships" and of Defending of the Establishment of "Democracy and Free Elections"

Contrary to the deceitful claims of the bourgeois ideologues, the concept of democracy is not and has never been only the numerical support for or the numerical strength of a system. Democracy is a class concept and has either liberal or socialist content in general. Pure democracy is a lie fabricated by the bourgeoisie. Whenever their interests are threatened, the bourgeois will set aside their fabricated definition of democracy and will implement its real meaning. The governments of Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan and of direct puppet Iyad Alavi in Iraq are examples of the imperialist democracy. The US imperialists overthrew the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile, on September 11, 1973. They murdered Allende and put General Pinochet into power. The memory of the CIA coup in Iran in 1953 is not yet forgotten, the coup that overthrew the democratically elected government of Mosadegh and returned to power the criminal Shah and General Zahedi. The imperialists did not recognise the results of the free elections in Algeria where the Islamists won. The Iranian monarchists do not recognise the decision made by the Iranian people to send the monarchy to the garbage heap of history once and for all. There are plenty of these historical examples. In the capitalist world, no election takes place without being accompanied by the brainwashing the people. In the capitalist world, no labourer can have a free will or freely elect his choice because the media of the bourgeoisie, by using lies and deceits, by long term planning, and by using religion or by pandering to the most backward human instincts, control the public opinion in such a way that marginalises the campaign opportunities of the

revolutionary and progressive forces. Let's look at the elections in the USA. The electoral victory of President Bush in his first term was the result of a fraud in the US elections. An imperialist country that desires free and fair elections for other countries of the world cheats in its own elections! The reason for this is that the imperialists' goal is not to respect the numerical superiority of the vote counts of the candidates but to respect the strength of their economic powers and the influences of their concerns. Despite the fact that George Bush lied, deceived, fabricated documents, sent the American troops to a "pointless" war, has caused billions of dollars of expenses for the American tax payers, has created a massive deficit, has increased unemployment, and has introduced himself as a religious devout, he got the majority of the votes in his second presidential term. One must ask: what kind of votes are these and how were they obtained? Can one talk here of free will or determination of the voters? The fact is that "the fights against dictatorship" and "carrying out free election" and "respect for democracy" are nonsense expressions that the imperialists gargle. These class subjects are tools used to dominate nations. This "free" election or that "democratic" action that results in issuing Green Cards as compensation for the slaughter of the people of other nations are for having free and democratic hands for committing crimes and are examples of class democracy of imperialists' style. If a nation consciously agrees with such a democracy or free election, it will be a fascist and murderous nation. One cannot use his victory won by receiving majority votes as an excuse to resort to massacre and to negate the values of the human history that forbids the ethnic and mass killings. Today, this slaughter is taking place in Iraq and, ironically, is carried out by a state that "wanted to eliminate" the weapons of "mass killings". This "contradiction" stems from the fact that freedom and democracy are class concepts and are the imperialists' tools of ideological struggle. Let us look at the following statements by Jane Kirkpatrick, President Reagan's appointee as the US ambassador to the UN.

'As long as a

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government acts in the direction of the US interests, we must support it, and if necessary, it should receive military assistance from the US. Of course, sometimes these governments have to impose martial law in their country in order to arrest and imprison their opponents who are barrier to establishing order. It is conceivable that these governments have to torture their opponents, as is repeatedly claimed.' Paraphrased.

One can find many similar statements made by the imperialist representative. These statements do not need any interpretation.

Recently, the deputy of the police of Frankfurt in Hessen, who had threatened an individual accused of hostage taking with torture, was acquitted "in the name of people" by a German court. He had ordered a police officer to carry out the threat and to torture the accused in order to get confession out of him. The politicians and the father of the victim who is a German banker supported the threat of torture. Furthermore, the credibility of the one of the oppressive German security organs was at stake here. Therefore, the deputy was acquitted and the public opinion that was cooked up by brainwashing the people washed off one of the judicially valid and undeniable human achievements. The court argued that the intention of the torturer was humane because he tried to save the life of the hostage. So, torture is not indecent by itself but its decency depends on the intention of the torturer! And using this logic, the "democratic and humane torture" was authorised. As if the dictators carry out tortures with "bad" intentions? This is the same logic that claimed all torturers and political murderers of the Cold War era should had been acquitted because they intended to prevent "anti-human catastrophe". Even General Pinochet proudly declared that he had to carry out the slaughter of thousands of Chileans because of the fear of communism and of the fifth column of international Bolshevism. The former editor of KeyhanLondon, a pro Iranian monarchy

paper, who used his pen to justify the torture of the Shah's political prisoners and of the murder of Salvador Allende by Pinochet, used this logic too. If the torture of the political prisoners that was carried out by SAVAK occurred during the Cold War, isn't it that therefore the case that the US imperialists are using the same logic today to torture the prisoners in Abu-Ghoraib and Guantanamo? Isn't it the case that the Zionists use the same logic to justify torture in Israel? Don't the intentions have class content?

Obviously, the ideological tools the imperialists use are innumerable. Every once a while, they invent a new ideological tool to deceive the masses. It is important to gain knowledge about some of these tools in order to see and to expose the nature of all rusted tools that are invented by the imperialists.

At the present, the US imperialists dream of the expansion of their influence in the Middle East. Some political lackeys insist that the imperialists wish to establish democracy in the region. One wonders why the imperialists do not start the democratisation of the region from Israel or Saudi Arabia. Did free elections to decide about the type of political system take place in the kingdoms of Jordan and Morocco where the kings were puppet of Britain or France or USA? These kingdoms are imposed on the people, and any insurrection to replace them with republics will be responded to by bloody violence of the kings and of the imperialists. The imperialists have not changed the essence of their policy. To plunder the countries, yesterday the imperialists installed despots who resort to naked violence, and today when less violent and more hidden aggression are desirable, they support the so called "democratic and moderate" dictators. For the imperialists, any rotten and despotic regime that can protect their interests is a democratic regime. The imperialists justify the dictatorship of their allies by using diplomatic word mongering and stating that: "Despite some short comings, the election was free and fair." or "For these countries, we must not use the same criteria that are used in our country".

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and Zionists' mills. These two organisations are the fifth column of the US in Iran.

- our participation in the movement and our cooperation with the revolutionary, democratic, progressive, communist, humanitarian, and freedom loving forces has already strengthened our political stands in these forces, has boosted their relations with the progressive Iranians, has underlined their legitimacy and rightness of joining the front, and has seised the initiatives from the fanatic Islamists who will show up in the case of the US invasion of Iran. We must declare our presence in the movement to the public. The presence of the Iranian expatriates and those who are persecuted by the Islamic Republic must be visible to the participants in the anti-war demonstrations.

- the statements by Our Party, independent from the joint statements, that will be issued and distributed in the demonstrations must condemn the aggression against our country Iran, expose the US and Israel as aggressors, support Iran's undeniable right of non-military use of nuclear energy, respond to the accusations of the "democratic" media of the West, expose the French President Chirac nuclear bomb's threats against Iran, expose the Israeli Zionists' repeated threats to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, expose the nature of the imperialists' support for human rights and democracy, expose the imperialists' demagoguery and their sly use of two criteria in the world.

- we must demand the elimination of the world's weapons of mass destruction. The Non Proliferation Treaty must be observed by all those who signed it including the USA, Russia, France, etc. We must demand Israel to inform the public about its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction and to open its nuclear facilities to the IAEA's inspections.

- we must demand the USA to stop its support for the nuclear activities of India, a country that has not signed to the Non Proliferation Treaty.

- we must expose the regime of the

Islamic Republic of Iran that has been violating the human and democratic rights of the people, that has suppressed the demands of the workers and labourers, that does not allow the formation of independent labour organisations, that has brutally suppressed the women's movement, and that has established a despotic and medieval rule in Iran. We must explain the necessity of overthrowing the Islamic regime in Iran. We must explain that the regime in Iran should be toppled by the movement of the Iranian masses and not by the foreign imperialist aggressive forces. The slogan "We believe that the overthrow of the regime of the Islamic Republic is the task of mainly the Iranian people," must be among our explanatory and agitative slogans. However, our anti-imperialist slogans must be in forefront of our propaganda. It must become clear that the overthrow of the regime of the Islamic Republic in the midst of the struggle against foreign aggression is possible and is a real demand.

- we must make it clear that the imperialist-Zionist aggression against Iran strengthens the regime of the Islamic Republic.

- we must make it clear that the "fight against terrorism" of the imperialists is nothing but a big lie because the imperialists strengthen terrorism through their own terrorist actions and suppress the progressive movements after labeling them terrorist.

The interests of the Iranian people demand that all the anti-imperialist and progressive organisations of Iran keep in close contact with each other while they work in the international peace movement. They should coordinate their anti-imperialist activities and make their anti-war arguments stronger. The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) is ready for this task.

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for "free elections" that secure their interests. Their "free elections" are totally different from the free elections the people wish to have and by which they want to eliminate the imperialist influence in their country.

To be continued.

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the US imperialists and Israeli Zionists, those organisations that do not demand the unconditional exodus of the occupying forces from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine, those forces that are counting the days for the return of the Pahlavi monarchy to Iran, and those who get financial support from the reactionary forces of the Middle East region and of the world and who are for dividing Iran into pieces and are all aligned at the reactionary pole.

Our comrades who participated in the traditional Peace March in Germany, Ostermarch, report that the protest against the US threats against Iran constituted a significant portion of the March activities. The people have risen against the imperialist-Zionist threats that want to violate Iran's undeniable rights to developing nuclear technology. At the same time, the presence of the Iranian pro-imperialist and pro-Zionist agents in the Ostermarch was evident. These provocateurs argued that since the Iranian president Ahmadinezhad has denied the Holocaust, Iran has no right to develop technology for uranium enrichment. The fact is that the imperialists wanted to violate Iran's right of developing nuclear technology even when Khatami, who talked about the "dialogue of civilisations", was president. These provocateurs are concerned about what Ahmadinezhad says but have no concerns about the US, or Israel, or French President Chirac's threat of using nuclear bombs on Iran!

The Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran has officially declared its support for the US invasion of Iran. This sellout organisation wants to open a new front in the service of Zionism and imperialism in Iran. The Arab spying organisations in Khuzistan province of Iran have come to the US assistance and are preparing the ground for the US invasion by planting bombs in the public locations. The Iranian monarchists, the Organisation of People's Mojahedin, the Worker-communist party of Iran, and the followers of deceased Hekmat did not condemn or evaluate as treacherous act the seeking of financial aid from the US or

Israel despite the call from several progressive organisations to do so. These organisations do not participate in the anti-war or peace demonstrations. The former SAVAK agents and the SAVAK-made "National Front" organisations that support the 1953 -CIA -coup in Iran come to the peace demonstrations in order to identify the progressive Iranians and to convince them not to participate in the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist movements. These agents argued that Iranians must leave the peace movement alone and organise their own demonstrations. The intentions of the SAVAK agents are clear but they cannot publicly raise them due to fear of further exposure. Their attempts are to strengthen the pro US positions by forming a united front with several forces such as Mojahedin, the Worker-communist party of Iran, Azerbaijani national chauvinists, and the Shah-lover constitutionalists. However, the powerful peace movement will crush these cowards who put themselves in the service of imperialism.

Our Organisation, using the experience of the past peace movements, recommends the following guidelines to the activists and to the progressive and patriotic and freedom loving individuals.

- participate vastly in the anti-war movement where the central slogan is the condemnation of the aggression by the US and other imperialist countries against Iran.
- call on Iranians to participate in the peace and anti-war movement and to strengthen this world-wide, united front. Our comrades should issue and distribute leaflets in Farsi, English, Deutsch, and other necessary languages in the demonstrations organised by the front. We must continuously keep contact with the chapters of the front in as many countries as possible. Large numbers of progressive activists of different lands have joined the front. We must encourage all strata of society to support the front.
- expose the dubious organisations such as the Worker-communist party, and Mojahedin that try to sabotage the anti-war movement and, by using the policy of "neither the Islamic Republic nor the anti-war movement is good, no to both of them", add water to the imperialists'

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Let Us Rise Up against the Barbaric Imperialist Threats against the Iranian People!

There is a huge and world-wide wave of solidarity and sympathy with the Iranian people to oppose the US threats now. Opposite alignments are forming in Iran, in the Middle East region, and in the world. These alignments will play decisive roles in further developments in the region. The imperialist gangsters and their domestic lackeys in Iran who are fed by the CIA and the MUSAD constitute one of the poles of the realignment. The heroic people of various nationalities of Iran who have accumulated the experience of two revolutions and of eight years of war, and who are inspired by the historical anti-colonialist struggles of the people of the world, are standing at the other pole. While some lackeys of imperialism are trying to sabotage the anti-imperialist movement by arguing erroneously that "the US-Iran problems are quarrels between the Islamic regime of Iran and the US," and "do not get involved in the dispute," millions upon millions are throwing themselves into the peace movement. This movement will expose and uproot the pro imperialist and pro Zionist forces in Iran. In every movement, you will find Ahmad Chalabis and Hamed Kartzais who try to protect the interests of the imperialists. No Iranian democrat or freedom-loving patriot can endorse the destruction of Iran or the massacre of its people. No progressive Iranian can give a "revolutionary" call to invite people to stay home in the face of

the US threats. Any force with these characteristics plays the role of the fifth column of imperialism and Zionism.

The imperialist-Zionist policy in the psychological war is to promote the false idea that the conflict between Iran and the USA is the conflict between the US and the "political Islam" and that this conflict has no relation with the people. This policy promotes the line that no one should defend the territorial integrity of Iran. The promoters of this policy say that the existence of a corrupt, murderous, and despotic regime in Iran suffices for their collaboration with imperialism and Zionism and for selling out the national interest of the Iranian people. Under a difficult condition in Iran, the leaders of the Islamic regime will abandon the country, leave the people unprotected, and escape to the same countries that want to invade Iran. By mobilisation of the masses and direct participation in the anti-imperialist and anti-war movement we must not allow the dark scenario that the enemies of the Iranian people have cooked up to play. Trotskyites, national chauvinists, and the hate-monger tribalists have joined the imperialist forces in campaign against the Iranian people. Our Party will expose the faces of these traitors as it exposed the supporters of the invasion of Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Those who have not, even today, evaluated as the betrayal of the Iranian people the seeking of financial aid from **Continued on page 6**

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