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Israel and America beat the war drum!

What is to be done?

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The assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, in Iran by Israel following a series of assassinations of Hezbollah and other Hamas leaders sent panic waves through the region. Politicians, diplomats, political analysts agree that the extension of war in the region is imminent. The question is when and how.

3 weeks have passed and Islamic Regime has not taken any actions, only words of revenge. There have been secret and open diplomatic negotiations, between Western and IR's leaders to try to appease IR as not to attack, or not attack destructively. Tension is high and mounting. It was said that the Islamic regime has apparently agreed to give ceasefire a chance, as ceasefire talks, was going on in Doha. However, the happy positive statement of the end of the talks soon turned grey. Netanyahu has not agreed.

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The world is waiting to see if war spreads into the whole region, and whether this war would lead to WWII, or will Islamic regime swallow its pride and not add fuel to the provocative tactics used by Israel and the US. The Islamic Republic is in a very sensitive situation. If it does not react, not only its reputation and credibility will be severely damaged by the movements that consider the Islamic regime as the defender and supporter of Palestine; but also its awe as a regional power collapses in the eyes of the international community. It has to react to save its reputation. Israel is also aware of this dilemma and therefore it keeps provoking the Islamic Regime to engage in war. The question is will this reaction, like the previous one in April, be a military exercise, or a real war with concrete results? This is the problem that the Islamic regime is dealing with: preserving its reputation but not at the cost of collapse. This is a narrow rope that the Islamic Republic is walking on.

By now, the bloodshed and slaughter in Gaza which has for more than 10 months been carried out in the cruelest way possible, should have convinced all those optimists who thought and stated that the war will not last, that the plan all along was and is to depopulate Gaza of Palestinians, that is, total ethnic cleansing. Those who superficially accepted the Israeli narrative that the Gaza genocide was Israel's response to the October 7 operation by Hamas, must by now have been awakened and seen the truth behind all these

fake stories. Those who still naively think the slaughter is continuing because of Netanyahu's political ambition must see through all the lies and diplomatic shows. Israel and the US are set to ethnically cleanse Gaza, regardless of how many more deaths and destruction is involved. In fact the total ethnic cleansing of Palestine from Palestinians and its complete occupation by Israel is the order of the day in order.

The gas field off the coast of the Gaza Strip, which has been the subject of conflict between Israel and the Palestinian "leadership" for more than two decades, is another serious and decisive factor in the ethnic cleansing project. At the same time, this war is a new chapter in the continuation of the destruction of the Middle East, which has been carried out by America, Israel and NATO in the last thirty years.

It is time to see behind the diplomatic games and lies of western politicians and mainstream media. Israel, America and the West not only do not want to end the genocide in Gaza, rather, they want to expand the war. Kamala Harris' diplomacy and election games should not be taken seriously. Austin, the Secretary of Defense and Blinken, the US Secretary of State, immediately after the assassination of Fuad Shukr, the military commander of Hezbollah, and Mohammed Deif, the leader of Hamas in Beirut, the military leader of Hamas in Khan Yunis, and Ismail Haniyeh in Iran, announced that they did not want to escalate the tension, but if the war spreads, they will be behind Israel. Kamala Harris agreed to 20 billion dollars worth of weapons to Israel. Moreover, US has sent several thousands of armed forces to a base in the Middle East to defend Israel in the event of war.

It must be added that the head of the Russian Security Council visited Iran and Putin has asked the Islamic regime to be cautious in its



attack on Israel so that civilians are not harmed. This is the scene of a war that is being set. Middle East and indeed the whole world are in a dark situation. The danger of war in Lebanon and Iran sends shivers down the spine of every human-loving, conscientious and justice-seeker. The consequences of such a war for the people of these two countries, for the people of the region and at the international level will be very devastating. The spread of war in the region does not remain in the Middle East. This is the beginning of World War III.

Humanity must stand against this killing and destruction that the West and Israel are promising to the world. Class struggle has become very tense. Unfortunately, the voice of working class, the horizon of workers' revolution and socialism is very weak in this battle that is going on in the framework of countries and worldwide.

The international bourgeoisie has pushed a lot of boundaries to its advantage; the killings in the Middle East, Africa, Ukraine, and Russia are one dark side of this advance, the suppression of political and civil liberties, control of the mainstream and social media, the banning of protests and demonstrations, the emergence of the extreme right and fascism, the growth of racism and anti-Muslim hostility, the rise of crimes against Muslims and refugees in the whole of Europe with different degrees and occurrences, is another scary aspect of this bitter reality.

We must build and empower the voice of freedom, justice and a better world in the heart of building a broad international resistance against genocide, massacre and crime, oppression and occupation, destruction and displacement that capitalism promises to the world.

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Gaza

Triangle of death!

“History will tell who stood up against this genocide, against this apartheid system, against the slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza!”

Transcription of a YouTube video presented by Dr Mads Gilbert. In this video, Dr Gilbert explains the true number of Palestinians killed by Israeli army.



Dr Mads Gilbert:

I am talking to you from Norway. How many people have the Israeli occupational forces killed in Gaza? Until now, from 7th October? It is really hard to find that number and I'll try to explain briefly to you why this is such an important thing to discuss because by enlarge we are getting misinformed and the numbers we are presented to are far too low. The Palestinian author, you know the lady who wrote the “mornings in Janin”, Susan Abulhawa, she recently posted an insta

video going through the different sources the material that we have to estimate the number killed and dying people from disease. Now the main source is actually the UN OCHA, which is a United Nations organ and you can see the chart here on the screen. This comes three times a week. This is the web page where you can find it. (http://www.ochaopt.org/sites/default/files/gaza_casualties_info-graphic_3_july_2024).

It is very saturated with information. I am not going to take all the details. Look at this here. It is the main field here. These are the number of reported killed casualties: 37953 as of July 3, 2024. These are the numbers of wounded from the bombings and terror attacks: 87266. So these are the people who have been killed, martyred from the military attacks from the bombing and the shooting from all of that, and wounded. Very important number. But these people who are counted here are only the people who had come to hospital. Before the 7th October, the Palestinian ministry of health who also reports numbers, has a very good health information system. I know it because I've been using the data from the system in our research in Gaza. However, the Israel occupation army destroyed the whole health information system, the computers, the central drivers, everything. So now it's been sort of counting by taking down the numbers, but the numbers are only those who have arrived to one of the hospitals, and by the way, more than half of the hospitals have been destroyed or closed down because of the Israeli terror bombing and the siege of Gaza.

Now this number is the number of casualties, martyrs who have come to a hospital and being counted: 37953. And it actually now also subdivided so it's 25000 who have been completely identified and of them there are 10000 men, 4900 women and 7797 children. These numbers are of course higher than written here because it takes time to identify people. In addition to these killed there are the ones who are buried under the rubble of the houses, the bombed houses because the majority of the targets in Gaza, are not military targets. It is, you know, where people live, apartments buildings, houses, refugee camps and many, many, may be as many as 10000 are still remaining under the rubble of their homes and the shelters. And then, in addition to that you have thousands of missing people who are neither known to be in the rubble or in a hospital record, or buried. And then you have people who have been buried by the family.

So if you add all these ones up you get a much higher number than 38000. Now that is one of the problems of course with the ongoing slaughter in Gaza. It is the relentless terror bombing and shooting at civilian targets by the Israeli occupation army. But there is another big problem.

This is my good friend, the minister of health in Gaza, Dr Yousef Abu Al-Rish. Brilliant doctor. He is a paediatrician and he has been the staunch extremely brave leader of the civilian health care system in Gaza during all these attacks and for many years before. He told me in November last year, listen Dr Mads it is not now mainly the bombing and the military attacks that is killing our people in Gaza. **It is the triangle of death.** And he called it the triangle of death with starvation due to the lack of food entering Gaza and the destruction of the food basket in Gaza.

The agriculture, the fisheries, the poultry, the dairy farms and so on. And then it is the lack of water which leads to dehydration and infections because we knew before this attack that as much as 90-95% of the water in Gaza was unfit for human consumption because of the contamination from



sewage, because the Israeli occupation also destroyed the sewage cleaning system.

And then you have a third part of the triangle of death. It is common diseases. You know there are maybe as many as 10000 or more cancer patients in Gaza. The Israeli army bombed the Rantisi hospital for children with cancer and the Turkish Friendship hospital for adult cancer patients. They do not allow cancer drugs to come in, so that is another important group of diseases. And you have all the infections.



Rantisi Specialist Hospital in Gaza, following Israeli attacks on November 2023

Now you have more than 2 million people who are being infected because of the bad hygienic conditions because of lack of water, lack of hygiene stuff like soap and sanitary pads and everything you need to have a clean family. And in addition to that, it is burning hot in Gaza and when with all the collection of the garbage that can not be removed because the garbage collectors are being attacked and killed, and the sewage pumps being destroyed so the flooding of the swage in the streets of course in 38-39 celsius, it makes a hell of flies, mosquitoes, rats all of these parasites that can spread diseases.

So we have a very high number with diarrhoea, vomit, skin diseases, hepatitis and other communicable diseases, extremely dangerous for public health. And then you have of course the cardiovascular disease, brain strokes and myocarditis infarctions. You have at any given time maybe as many as 50000 pregnant women, you have 180 deliveries per day. There has been born more than 50000 children in Gaza since 7 October. And all these women who are lactating and breastfeeding their children they need clean water, they need good food in order to take care of their kids. So it is a massive mortality among

those who are pregnant, who need deliveries, Caesarian section, and the postpartum program. Then you have of course the psychiatric diseases who are in a very difficult position. Because they also bombed the one and only psychiatric hospital in the north of Gaza. And then you have a magnitude of cervical diseases, gallbladder, gall stone and hernia repair. So all of these diseases that would normally have a good chance of surviving, which are basic diseases. But because of the destruction of the health care system in Gaza, they now have a much more rate of mortality. If you add all these numbers and you make calculations from mortality from these diseases and conditions. My good friend Susan Abulhawa has calculated that the actual number of killed or martyred and of people dying of excess mortality in Gaza sums up to a number between 193000 and 514000 Palestinians killed or dying from avoidable diseases. It is a colossal number and behind every number there is a human being like you, like me, family, parents, children, grandparents grieving their losses. There has been a systematic attack and wiping out of complete families in Gaza. This is a horrible situation where the Israeli occupation army are committing three crimes at the same time: ethnic cleansing, collective punishment and genocide. Now these numbers are therefore extremely important. Not at least to respect a human Palestinian life as much as a human life in Norway or United Kingdom, Argentina or United States or Japan. Every human life counts. We need to do more. We need to stop this now. As we are speaking, people are being killed in Gaza by bombing, through starvation and diseases that should have been treated. And the world is sitting and the leaders are sitting with their hands on their laps, doing nothing. We need concrete action against Israel; boycott, divestment, sanctions just as the West has had for a long time against Russia because the occupation of Ukrainian. You need to do more. You need to do more. I need to do more. Everyone of us needs to do more. We are living in the history books now. History will tell who stood up against this genocide, against this apartheid system, against the slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza. Who turned their back on them, and who supported Israel. You have to decide for yourself. Which place do you want to have in history?

Thank you very much.

Britain:

Fascists and racists must be defeated!



Susan Lari

Anti-fascist demonstration in Walthamstow, London

Tommy Robinson, with numerous criminal and corruption cases, is one of the leaders of the British right-wing and anti-Muslim movement. Tommy Robinson is a supporter of Israel and has proudly posed for photos with criminal Israeli soldiers. During the ten months of Israel's genocide in Gaza, a large mass movement in support of the Palestinian people and condemnation of Israel and its western partners has been formed in Britain. Large demonstrations have been held regularly in defence of the Palestinian people. Therefore, it is not surprising that the pro-Israeli Tommy Robinson has come to the field and has the cooperation of right-wing pro-Israeli figures such as Katie Hopkins.

According to the Middle East Monitor report, the pro-Israel organization "Middle East Forum" paid the expenses of Robinson's trial. The head of this organization (Greg Roman) used to work

in the Ministry of Defense and Foreign Affairs of Israel. The organization also paid the fees of the lawyer Geert Willers (in 2010 and 2011, now the Prime Minister of the Netherlands) who was accused of inciting racist hatred.

A promising point in the recent weeks in Britain has been the massive protests by many humanitarian, freedom-loving and justice-seeking people to condemn fascism and racism and defend refugees and immigrants. The anti fascist protests took place in many cities such as London, Bristol, Liverpool and Hastings. Some banners read "fight fascism", "stop the far right", "will trade fascists with refugees", "refugees welcome: stop the far right". Only the fighting ranks of humanitarian, revolutionary, socialist and freedom-loving forces can stand against these fascists and racists. The demonstrations against fascists has pushed back the far right. United, we will win!



Fascists setting fire to a refugee shelter



Anti fascist demonstration in Bristol

Tommy Robinson & Katie Hopkins in full support of Israel!

Not surprising!

The genocide of Palestinians by Israeli government and IDF has given the green light to fascists and far right forces to show their ugly faces on the streets everywhere, mainly in Europe. However, they have been confronted by a resolute opposition organised by pro refugee organisations, trade unions, left and humanitarian organisations.





Report:

This report by Buthina Khoury has been sent to Homa Arjomand.

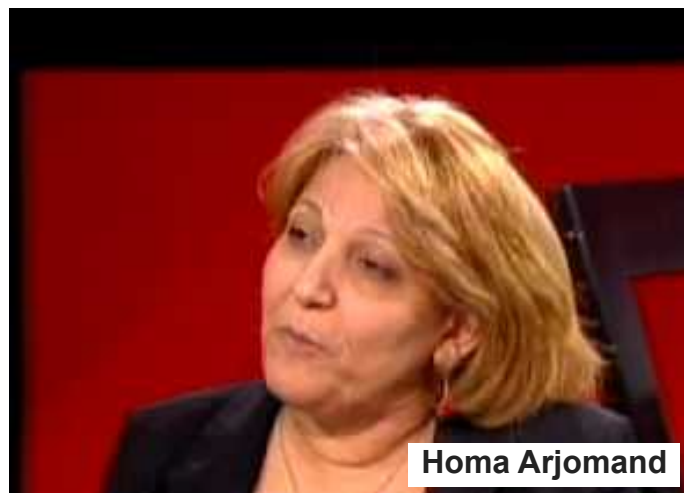
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While the genocide in the Gaza Strip continues for the tenth month, the situation in all of Palestine is in severe deterioration politically, economically, socially as well as health wise. All aspects of life amongst Palestinians has been affected badly both in Gaza as well as in the West Bank.

300 days of an escalating genocide have resulted in a severe humanitarian crisis. The humanitarian truckloads into the Gaza Strip, which was already insufficient to meet the soaring needs, dropped to less than half after Israel invaded and seized control of the Rafah border crossing. This has increased and doubled the suffering from famine, especially in the north of Gaza Strip. It has caused many children to face malnutrition. It has also led to an increase in the spread of diseases.

So far, more than 85% of Gaza's population have been displaced,

The number of killed has been increasing on a daily basis, if not hourly. It has nearly reached 40,000 of which 17,000 children and more than 11,000 women. About 100,000 injured and more than 20,000 missing.

165 journalists were targeted directly. Only today, 5th of August, the occupation forces had released 89 Palestinian corps that they had confiscated from Gaza as part of the 2000 corps that they confiscated at earlier times of the genocide. The list goes on and on and does not stop.

Also, in the recent months there have seen significant increases in settlement activity, a drastic shift in Israeli planning powers in the West Bank. There is an increase in the

expansion of Israeli authority over Palestinian archaeological sites throughout the territory. It all of contributes to the erosion of Palestinian land and rights while imposing a de facto annexation of the West Bank.

The number of detainees from the West Bank since the beginning of the genocide reached more than 9500, and more than 600 killed in the West Bank since October 7 were. More than quarter of them are children less than 16 years old.

Not a single refugee camp in the West Bank has been spared several attacks since the past ten months. Many of them destroyed, no electricity no water and no streets left, particularly in the north of the West Bank as Jenin, Nablus and Tulkarim.

The aggression of the occupation had its brutal impact on the resistance's leadership, Ismail Hannia the number one leader of what

is so called ceasefire negotiations was assassinated earlier this month while visiting Iran. Since that moment, the people are in a state of anticipation, waiting for a response. Hoping it will be worth the losses.

People need a lot of urgent and essential help. The urgent needs are things like medicine, food, water, and electricity. The essential needs are hygiene supplies or women and families such as cleaning detergent, (soap, shampoo and washing materials), baby diapers and formula milk. Do note that all factories producing goods were completely destroyed.

17,000 children have become orphans, where they have either lost one or both parents and even some were the only survival from their entire family. The psychological situation for the entire population especially orphans and widows are tremendous and unbearable to deal with.

Report from Lebanon

Evelyne Accard

Evelyne Accard is one of the human rights activists in the Middle East, especially on women's rights. She has written many books and has been awarded many prizes for her invaluable work. Evelyne has spent all her life to support and provide aid to misplaced people as the result of war. She has founded refugee centres and shelters. Evelyne was born in Lebanon and after spending many years in USA for studies and work as a university professor, returned to Beirut.



In a discussion with Homa Arjomand (from Tribune) Evelyne has reported the very dangerous situation in south Lebanon. She reports that, bombardments in south Lebanon by Israel has increased since the beginning of the genocide in Palestine. This has led to the displacement and homelessness of more than 100 thousands of civilians.

Today's explosion happened on the same day as the military court was considering the case of Israeli soldiers who had raped the Palestinian prisoners. Following the publication of the images of this horrendous act in social media, the Jewish population in the village attacked the officials in order to



These attacks in the southern villages of Lebanon has destroyed many agricultural lands. As a result, farmers had to leave their farms. Nearly half of the farmer population has fled to Beirut in search of safety. However, today 6 August, Israel attacked Beirut again. As the result of the missile attack, one person was killed and 68 injured. The condition of 5 of the injured is critical.

These attacks are constant. Genocide continues. People of Palestine are killed in the most horrendous manner and do not have any safety or security. This genocide has destroyed even the little security or safety that the people had in the region.

free the soldiers. On the other hand, people in Israel staged a demonstration demanding the prosecution of the soldiers.

Evelyne Accard emphasises that the world is in a terrible state of affairs. Israel and its allies pretend that ICC (International Criminal Court) and ICJ (International Court of Justice) are unable to contain Israel and claim that the ICC and ICJ intend to line up all the armies of different countries and armed groups in order to destroy each other.

However, they know and we know that our struggle is not ineffective.

Conference on “Liberation of Palestine, the way forward in the Middle East and the world”!

As the genocide continues in Gaza by the apartheid regime of Israel, the crisis and the tension in the Middle East has become deeper and wider. Hence the expansion of war in the Middle East has become a serious threat. The Campaign “Women’s Rights Movement Against Genocide -for Palestine” will hold a conference entitled, “Liberation of Palestine, the way forward in the Middle East and the world”. The conference attempts to present and examine what is happening in Palestine and the region.

The conference is scheduled on Saturday September 7th on Zoom.

Liberation of Palestine, the way forward in the Middle East and the world,

Date: September 7th.

Time: 11:00 AM Toronto; 4:00 PM London/ England; 5:00 PM Paris/France; 6:00 PM Gaza/Palestine

Speakers:

Susan Bulhawa:

Palestinian Writer, human rights activists, animal rights advocate and Founder of non-governmental organization Playground for Palestine. She is known as a political commentator and a novelist.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Abulhawa

Evelyne Accad:

A Lebanese-Beirut-born educator, Professor, writer, songwriter, poet, singer, anti-war and women’s right activists. She is known to be the one of first scholars to speak out against genital mutilation and crimes on women (honour killing). She survived the Beirut airport blast and witnessed MED airline burning to the ground by Israel bombardment.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evelyne_Accad

Azar Majedi:

An Iranian communist activist, political activist for Women’s rights, writer, chairperson of the Organization for Women’s Liberation.

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Tahani Abu Daka

A women’s rights activists and advocator of environment. She built the first greenhouse project in Gaza. She was one of active participants on “Women, Peace, and Security” and how to promote stability in Gaza.

Buthina Canaan Khoury

A women’s rights activist, Independent Palestinian Filmmaker. She established Majd Production Company in Ramallah city in 2000. The objective is to produce documentary about various crucial Palestinian issues, focusing on Women’s social and political problems.

www.womeninstruggle.net

www.majdproduction.com

Maria Hagberg:

Activist, author, participated in many panels regarding the issues regarding violences against women.

Homa Arjomand:

Political, social activist, and defender of universal children’s rights, Coordinator of the international Campaign for One Secular School System

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Is Western Civilisation breaking down?

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We've been told over and over again about the magnitude of Western civilisation, its glory and greatness in history books, literature, cinema, by Hollywood, by fashion industry, by medical industry. We've been made to believe that Western civilisation rose over all other backward civilisations to bring a better world, humanity, moral values, reason, rationality and science.

We were lied to. It is true that the rise of capitalism in the West gave rise to revolutions and cultural, political rebellions, such as the renaissance, enlightenment and more importantly the hope and vision of a better world, a free, equal and just world. Capitalism in its birth gave birth to its gravedigger, the working class whose true voice of liberation Karl Marx analysed and exposed the flaws of capitalism and the way to replace it. These vibrating and progressive voices and trends have had a great impact on the whole world.

In fact Western civilisation has embodied two phenomena; if we want to put it simply, these can be described as a positive and a negative force. The negative is an immense force of destruction, brutality and inhumanity over many centuries in the entire world that has created many genocides, slavery, extreme

exploitation, hunger and destitute. The positive force is the force that has promoted a better and a more humane world, a freer world. This has been packaged as democracy by the Western ideologues and sold to the world. The West has given itself the medal of champion of democracy; a championship that has long been fading away.

The West after the WWII portrayed itself as the icon of democracy, humanity and freedom, after defeating a genocide-al evil inside its own clan, the fascists, and while getting on with coup d'états around the world (Only US has organised 72 regime changes during the cold war). UN was created in the image of the West and has been ruled by the west. The West became the refuge of the tiny portion of those who fled torture and executions in the prisons of the coup d'état regimes, and those who were lucky to flee the Western bombs.

The Emperor is Naked

One didn't need to look too deeply to see the inherent paradox of western civilisation: What it said about itself and what it did daily. However, all the truth was never out and the western world did enjoy a better life, more civil rights and freedom, less poverty and

destitute, thanks to plundering the rest of the world and super-exploitation it imposed and super-profit it pocketed. Things changed more rapidly after the cold war. The Soviet block was the main reason for keeping up the image of a “welfare society”. The end of the cold war unleashed a more fierce brutality and destruction by the US with the cooperation of the West.

Crimes committed by the West in the past 30 years in the Middle East and Africa alone have cracked the tower of civilisation, particularly after part of its crimes was exposed by Wikileaks. However, nothing tore the whole edifice down as the 10 months long genocide by Israel in Gaza. The complicity of the West in these crimes is so obvious that even the most brainwashed can see.

During these past 10 months there are thousands of moments when one thinks that things cannot get any worse or more surreal. However, there are two moments that completely expose the naked emperor without a shred of doubt. Netanyahu’s speech in the US congress amid standing ovations and applause of the rulers of the most powerful state in the world; the second, when it was declared at the Israeli Knesset that raping Palestinian war prisoners was according to the word of Torah and therefore legitimate; so the detainees for crime of rape were set free. And all these happened in front of the world to see. The West has lost any grain of credibility, legitimacy and superiority.

The End is Near

What will anyone who believed in this fake and falsified narrative, feel when they hear and see that Israel, the bastion of western civilisation in the Middle East, rules that raping a Palestinian in prison is a right and a duty. (We don’t get into how that poor child or youth got in the prison in the first place.) This is the civilisation Netanyahu talked about in the congress amid cheers, proudly declaring that Israel and the West are the beacon of

civilisation fighting against barbarism of the Islamic regime and its 4 arms.

It is ironic that Netanyahu out of everyone should claim to be the flag bearer of civilisation. He pompously aggrandises the Western civilisation vis- à-vis what he calls “axis of Evil” and declares the clash of civilisation against barbarism, amid applause in Washington. It’s more like a satire. In fact, both sides of this equation are barbaric; rape, torture and execution of prisoners are part and parcel of the ideology and political power of both sides. They both resort to the word of god and their holy book to kill and rape. In fact they’re very similar. There is no surprise when you know that the “axis of Evil” (in Netanyahu’s words) is the illegitimate child of the West.

The fake and false narrative of western civilisation is falling into pieces. How the slaughter of Palestinians opened millions of eyes around the world to the truth; how the flying shrapnel of bombs thrown at the babies and children of Gaza hit the tower of lies of western civilisation; how the imposed famine and thirst on Palestinian children took away any nutrition left in the western civilisation narrative; and how the applause of the rulers of the biggest power on earth vibrated through the bodies of people with any shred of decency and broke the brainwashing apparatus. Western civilisation has lost all credibility. It’s broken.

US ruling class not only supports the war financially, militarily, morally, but also applauds all the brutality, cruelty, inhumanity that it commits and promotes. Western civilisation supremacy is in shatters. Force is the only defence. We are at the last chapters of the “Clash of Civilisations.” Expansion of war and destruction seem to be their only response. How far will they go? This partly depends on us, we the people who want a humane, a free and just world. We must rise to oppose this war of extinction. The stronger we become, the brighter the future will look.

The following statement has been issued and sent to us for publication by some students from different universities in Iran. We are pleased to have received it. We hope to see the rise of such humane trend within the students' and workers' movement and the development of the movement for liberation and equality. We urge all to help with the spread of this message and statement.

July 2024

Statement of students in Iran in support of people in Gaza

On the eve of the tenth month of genocide committed by Israel, more than 40 thousand Palestinians have been killed. The propaganda of the world's leading media and human rights activists, who are one-sided only for their own interests, shape the psychological atmosphere of the society, in such a way that the reality remains hidden from the majority in the absence of social media. For the first time in human history, we are witnessing a live genocide and there is no justification for silence.

Our enmity with the Islamic Republic should not prevent us from seeing the truth and condemning the genocide. We want the overthrow of the Islamic Republic, and just as students around the world have responded this genocide and have not been silent, Iranian students came to the streets with the slogan of justice and freedom in the past years and died. This same student movement in Iran, like that of international student movement fulfils its duty in supporting the people of Gaza who have no voice in the world's media.

Some short-sighted people who think that supporting Gaza is the same as supporting the Islamic Republic may not like such an approach, but this shows exactly the difference in the way the enlightened people of a society look at issues, who are able to disregard the dense atmosphere created by Israel and USA media, and make a decision based on rationality and freethinking.

We, the students of Iranian universities, along with other freedom-loving students of the world, unequivocally condemn the killing of the people of Gaza, as we also condemn the interference of the Islamic Republic in the formation of the Palestinian state. And these two condemnations are based on the same basis, and that is seeking justice and freedom for everyone in the world. We continue to give this prompt to other organisations that human rights should not be a tool and toy for business and they should not ignore the oppression of the people of Gaza or any other group. Otherwise they will be humiliated in any judgment over their human values.

Iranian students ask the international institutions to actively intervene to end the genocide in Gaza and use all their power to establish a permanent ceasefire and save the lives of innocent people.

Tehran university, Allameh university, Art university, Art & Architecture university, Polytechnic university, Tehran university-central Pardis, Shiraz Noshirvanu university, AmirKabir university (Polytechnic), Oromyeh university, Neyshapoor Art, Bandarabbas Medical, Kerman university, Gazvin International, Tabriz medical university, Shamsipur Technical university, Semnan University, Teacher training University, Sahand university of Tabriz, Isfahan Medical Sciences, Kermanshah University

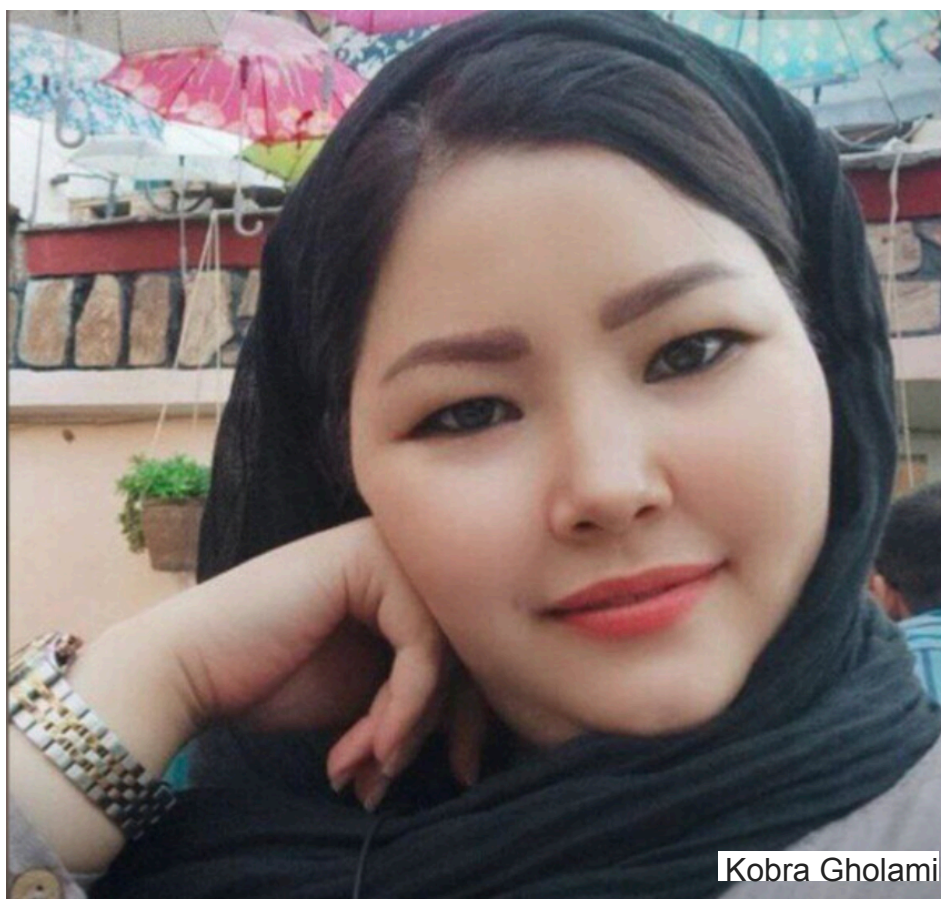
Islamic Republic's suppression of Afghan people in Iran

Azar Majedi

The Islamic regime in Iran has always suppressed the Afghan residents in Iran. It constantly spreads anti Afghan and racist propaganda against Afghan communities in Iran. This pressure and oppression has lately been intensified by many deportations. The latest is that of Kobra Gholami who has been handed over to Taliban. Kobra has been living in Iran for 25 years and arrested several times for not observing the Islamic Hijab. Such crime must be condemned.

The Islamic regime resorts to this kind of violent measures in order to divert attention from real political and economic issues. It is drowning in a deep crisis and creates divisions within people to distract attentions from real crisis.

We urge all to condemn this horrendous act and support people of Afghanistan in Iran. Suppression of any section of the society is an attack on all. This is not just a slogan, it is the bitter historic truth!



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Iraq to complete barbarism!

Bill to legalise pedophilia

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A bill submitted to the Iraqi parliament aims to reduce the marriage age of girls to 9 years. This is degenerate and retrogressive and must be stopped. However, we should not forget that this degeneration is the result of barbarism that more than thirty years of war and sanction has been imposed on the people in Iraq. State terrorism by bombarding Iraq to the Stone Age has opened the gates for Islamic mafia movements to inflict a bitter and sinister fate on the people of Iraq. In fact, degradation and barbarism have been imposed on the entire region.

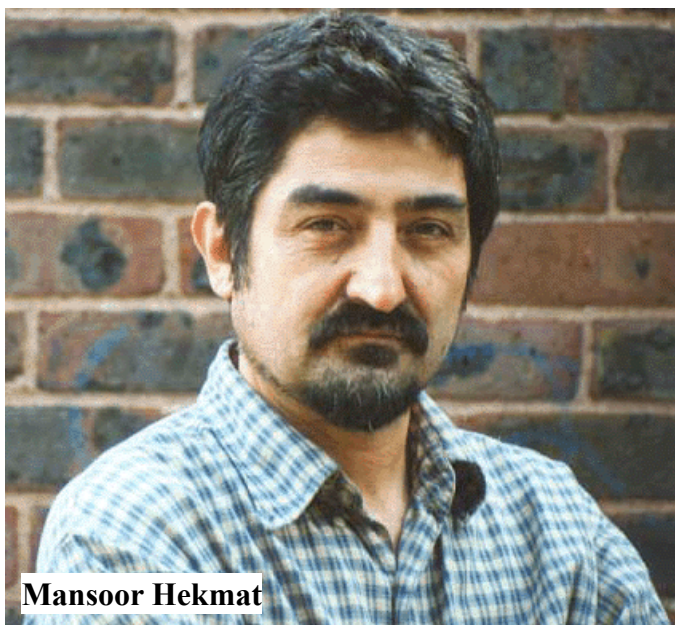
Enemies who fight each other, one refers to the words of the Torah and gang-rapes Palestinian youth in prison and calls itself the hero of Western civilisation, and the other relies on the words of the Koran to confine the society in the hands of pedophile gangs. It terrorises the society and deprives people of peaceful living.

From Iraq to Syria, from Iran to Afghanistan, from Libya to Palestine, from Jordan to Lebanon and Yemen, people are living in poverty and disarray, destruction and constant threat and have suffered extensive cultural and socio-political setbacks.

Only by organising a massive progressive, movement for freedom, equality, justice and socialism, will the people of the region be able to save themselves from this fate of war and disarray, terror, repression, and reaction. The situation is deteriorating. While barbarity of killing and crime prevails in the region, any kind of boundary is distorted. The giant of reaction has come in all forms. When the clocks are turned back, no exceptions remain. We must force back reaction, crime and repression in the region.

“A Better World” was written by Mansoor Hekmat. It was adopted by the First Congress of the Worker-communist Party of Iran, July 1994. Its first edition was printed in December 1997. The following is the main principles of Marxism outlined at the beginning of the manuscript.

Mansoor Hekmat’s analysis of the world and his way forward for changing the world is even more relevant and applicable than before. The dire situation for millions of people in the world, specially in the Middle East urges us to remind ourselves of the tasks ahead.



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A Better World

Programme of the Worker-communist Party

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Social and Intellectual Basis of Worker-communism

A better world

To change the world and to create a better one has always been a profound aspiration of people throughout human history. It is true that even the present-day so-called modern world is dominated by fatalistic ideas, religious as well as non- religious, which portray the present plight of humanity as somehow given and inevitable. Nevertheless the actual lives and actions of people themselves reveal a

deep-seated belief in the possibility and even the certainty of a better future. The hope that tomorrow's world can be free of today's inequalities, hardships and deprivations, the belief that people can, individually and collectively, influence the shape of the world to come, is a deep-rooted and powerful outlook in society that guides the lives and actions of vast masses of people.

Worker-communism, first and foremost, belongs here, to the unshakable belief of countless people and successive generations that building a better world and a better future by their own hands is both necessary and possible.

Freedom, equality, prosperity

Clearly, everyone's image of an ideal world is not one and the same. However, throughout human history certain ideas have always come to the fore as the measures of human happiness and social progress, so much so that they are today part and parcel of the political vocabulary worldwide as sacred principles. Freedom, equality, justice and prosperity are the first among them.

Precisely these ideals form the intellectual foundations of worker-communism. Worker-communism is a movement for changing the world and setting up a free, equal, human and prosperous society.

Class struggle: proletariat and bourgeoisie

However, worker-communists are not a bunch of utopian reformers and heroic saviours of humanity. Communist society is not a fantastic design or recipe conceived by well-wishing know-alls. Worker-communism is a social movement arising from within modern capitalist society itself, a movement that reflects the vision, ideals and protest of a vast section of this same society.

The history of all societies to date has been a history of class struggle. An uninterrupted, now open and now hidden, struggle has been going on between exploiting and exploited, oppressor and oppressed classes in different epochs and societies. This class struggle is the chief source of social change and transformation.

Earlier societies were built on a complex hierarchy of classes and strata. Modern capitalist society, however, has greatly simplified class divisions. For all the variety of occupations and the extensive division of labour in it, the present society as a whole is organised around two main opposing class camps: workers and capitalists, proletariat and bourgeoisie.

The opposition of these two camps is, at the most fundamental level, the source of all the multiplicity of economic, political, intellectual and cultural conflicts going on in the existing society. Not only society's political and economic life, but also the cultural, intellectual and scientific life of humanity today - areas which appear to be independent domains standing above and independent of classes - bear the imprint of this central alignment in the modern capitalist society. The camp of the proletariat, of workers, for all the variety of thoughts, ideals, tendencies and parties in it, represents the will to change the system in favour of the oppressed and the poor. The camp of the bourgeoisie, again for all its various strands of thought, political parties, thinkers and leaders, stands for the preservation of the status quo and the protection of the capitalist system and the economic and political power and privileges of the bourgeoisie, in the face of workers' drive for freedom and equality.

Worker-communism emerges out of this class struggle. It belongs to the camp of the proletariat. Worker-communism is the revolutionary movement of the working class for overthrowing the capitalist system and creating a new society without classes and exploitation.

Worker-communism

However, not only freedom and equality, but even the ideal of abolishing classes and exploitation are not unique to worker-communism. These goals have been the watchword of other movements and other oppressed classes in earlier societies too. What distinguishes worker-communism as a movement is the fact that it emerges in opposition to capitalism, i.e. the latest and most modern class system.

Worker-communism is the social movement of the proletariat, a class that is itself a product of capitalism and modern industrial production, and the main exploited class in this system. It is a class that lives by the sale of its labour power and has no other means of making a living but its labour power. The proletariat is not a slave, not a serf, not an artisan; it is neither owned by anyone, nor does it own its means of production. It is both free and forced to sell its labour power in the market to capital.

The principles and social ideals of worker-communism derive from a criticism of the economic, social and intellectual foundations of capitalism. This is a criticism from the standpoint of the wage-earning working class in this society, and thereby thorough and revolutionary. The working people's conception of freedom, equality and human happiness is, and has always been in previous societies, inevitably a reflection of the existing social relations and of their own position vis- a-vis production and property. The slave's conception of freedom did not go much beyond abolition of slavery, and the serf's and urban artisan's conception of equality could not be anything more than equality in property rights. But with the rise of the proletariat, as the great mass of producers free from any form of ownership of means of production, a class whose economic

bondage and exploitation is precisely based on its legal freedom, the concept of freedom and equality changed fundamentally. The proletariat cannot set itself free, without society as such being set free from class divisions and private ownership of means of production. Equality is not just a juridical notion, but also, and fundamentally, an economic and social one.

With Marxism the proletarian criticism of capitalism and the worker-communist movement and social outlook which had emerged with the Industrial Revolution, attained immense coherence clarity and theoretical vigour. The worker-communist movement has since been inseparably linked with Marxism and the Marxist critique of political economy of the capitalist society.

Worker-communism is a social movement that came into existence with the rise of capitalism and the wage-earning working class, and represents the deepest and most universal working- class criticism of capitalism and its ills. The objectives and practical programme of this movement are based on the Marxist critique of the foundations of contemporary capitalism, i.e. the last, most modern and most advanced form of class society.

Worker-communism is not a movement separate from the working class. It has no interests apart from those of the working class as a whole. What distinguishes this movement from the other workers' movements and parties is that, firstly, in the class struggles in various countries it champions the unity and common interests of the workers of the entire world, and, secondly, in the various stages and fronts of workers' struggles it represents the interests of the working class as a whole. Thus, worker-communism is the movement of the most advanced section of the working class which understands the ultimate goal and the conditions and pre-requisites of victory and tries to rally the various sections of the working class.