

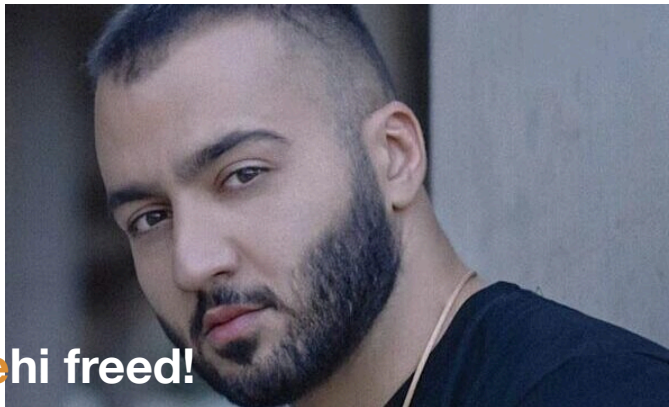
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All political prisoners in Iran must be freed!

Varisheh Moradi, a political activist and women’s movement activist, was sentenced to death by the criminal Islamic regime in November. She was sentenced to death for the “crime of rebellion,” meaning participating in armed activity against the Islamic Republic. Execution, torture, and murder have always been the Islamic Republic’s policy.

Varisheh and all political prisoners must be released. The Islamic Republic has been hated by the people and the balance of power has shifted in favour of the people. Female political prisoners, labor activists, and political activists have protested these sentences. The Islamic Republic needs executions to survive. But every death sentence only fuels the people’s anger. Let’s strengthen our ranks against the criminal Islamic regime by protesting in solidarity and unity.



Iran Toomaj Salehi freed!

Toomaj Salehi was sentenced to death in April for supporting anti-regime protests and backing the Women, Life, Freedom protests. He was freed on first December 2024. He is one of many protestors who were arrested and tortured. International pressures helped to free him. All political prisoners must immediately be freed. The Islamic regime intimidates, imprisons, tortures and executes its opposition. Its survival depends on suppression and silencing protests. Down with Islamic Republic of Iran!

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The outbreak of war in Syria

A step towards the "New Middle East"

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The regime change in Syria was launched in 2011 by Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton. But this project did not go as well as they had hoped, like Iraq or Libya. Hundreds of thousands of deaths, millions of displaced people, a semi-destroyed country and an impoverished society due to war, economic sanctions and the occupation of the oil-rich region and the theft of oil by the US are the results of this criminal US project. Throughout this period, Israel has bombed Syria. US-Israel have created terrorist organisations, such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda, who have been used to traumatise the society, kill people and destroy any civility. Kurdish nationalists are also fighting on America's side.

As Israel is exterminating the Palestinians and expanding its war of annihilation and occupation, the war in Syria has erupted. The terrorist movement, Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham, which originated from Al-Qaeda and is supported by Turkey and America, has attacked and captured Aleppo. The Turkish government has repeatedly attacked Syria by land and air over the past thirteen years and has occupied parts of it. Apparently, the

occupation and cleansing of Syria is also part of the plan. Recently, Israel officially annexed the Golan Heights after years of military occupation. Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia have supported this operation.

In past years, with the continuous war of the destruction of the Middle East, America has been promoting the Gulf countries as its regional power play; the gendarmes and agents of the United States in the region. From the Middle East to Sudan, we see the footprints of the sheikhdoms in any war and destruction US is leading.

This attack and the rapid victory of the Islamic terrorists came as a surprise. Commentators spoke of the unexpectedness of such an operation. The Islamic Republic has not reacted due to the dangerous situation it is in. Hezbollah is collapsing. There have been several reports of bombings by Russia. Overall, the Syrian government's defence has been very weak. Both sides boast and spread propaganda; independent reports are also very scant. But it seems that a general agreement has been reached behind the scenes and

important compromises have been imposed on the Assad government. The fact that the Emirates is standing by Assad in this war, itself indicates that there are indeed some agreements behind the scenes.

On the surface, they maintain the face and language of diplomacy and talk about negotiations between the forces involved, but these negotiations do not seem to make a significant change in the current situation. The situation in the region has changed dramatically; the balance of power has completely changed. Israel is rushing towards implementing the plan of Greater Israel, the map Netanyahu showed in the UN general assembly. The attack on Aleppo is also a chapter of this plan.

On Saturday, the statue of Hafez al-Assad was toppled in Aleppo. A moment that has historically been marked by jubilation and joy became a reminder of a wider and never-ending slaughter and destruction. 21 years ago, the statue of Saddam was toppled, but the fall of the criminal dictator did not bring freedom and justice, but a darker, more inhuman and backward society. Just as the fall of Libyan dictator Gaddafi did not make Libya freer or more just. It plunged the society into an abyss



of destruction and tyranny, turning it into a slave market.

In 1990 the United States, as the leader of the West, began implementing a plan to completely change the face and structure of the Middle East. The main elements of the project have been the defeat and destruction of every progressive and leftist movement and voice, the complete defeat of Arab nationalism, the creation of Islamic terrorist groups, the expansion of Israel, and exercising complete political power and control through the creation of failed states and torn societies and the establishment of puppet regimes.

The first attack on Iraq was the beginning; then the imposition of sanctions that led to the killing of several million Iraqi citizens, then the attack on Afghanistan in 2001, Iraq in 2003 and the next phase in what became known as the "Arab Spring" in Syria and Libya and a regime change in Egypt. The final chapter has begun on October 7, 2023 and is still ongoing.

The face of the Middle East has completely changed. A large part of it is in ruins. Civil structures have been destroyed. Every sign of ancient civilization in the region is being



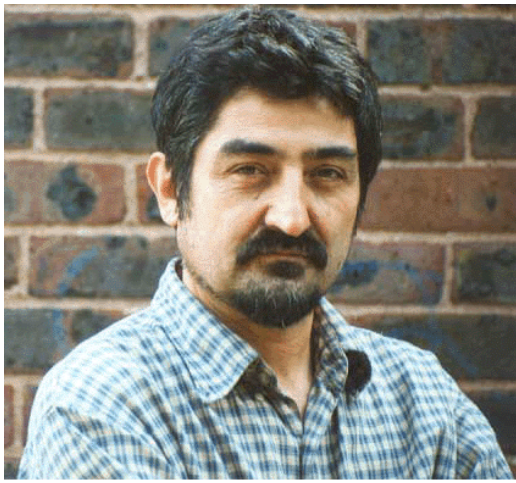
wiped out. People are displaced in their homes. Every night they fall into silence in fear of bombs. Life in the Middle East is dark and cruel.

This is the new order that America promised thirty years ago. This is the result of the Clash of Civilizations that America created between the West and its self-made Islamist groups. All the Islamic terrorist groups that have endangered the lives of people in the Middle East and Africa are the creations of America, Israel and the West. For thirty years, America has thrown these terrorist thugs at people, endangering people's lives and poisoning the society, creating a total chaos; then, it has, under the pretext of eliminating the terrorists, bombed people to Stone Age, and organised regime changes.

What happened in Aleppo, Syria, is part of this plan, the creation of a Greater Israel and a new Middle East. Apparently, decisions have been made, negotiations have been concluded, and agreements have been reached. The only hope for the two million Palestinians who are displaced by Israeli bombings, tanks and bulldozers, and in famine and thirst, and the hope of all the unfortunate people of Lebanon, Yemen, Syria and the entire region, is the million-strong movement that has risen up in the world for freedom and justice. After 14 months, this movement is still tirelessly defending the rights of the Palestinian people against Israel, America and the West. The suffering people of Palestine have millions of compassionate and humane people by their side. We need to strengthen our solidarity and intensify the struggle for freedom and justice.



The map of Israeli expansion on IDF soldiers' uniforms!
"the promised land" in Hebrew



The War in the Middle East

Statement by the Communist Party of Iran

Mansoor Hekmat
20 January 1991

This statement was written by Mansoor Hekmat, in January 1991, in the wake of the first bloody war on Iraq. He warns that this war and the resulting "genocide" is the birth of a new order which will be by far more brutal, backward and oppressive than the previous imperialist order, known as the Cold War. He warns of the dark future, of destruction and death that US imperialism is promising the world.

In the early hours of 17 January the nightmare which had for five months made the world hold its breath became a reality. With a wave of cruise missiles and a massive air bomb attack by the US and its allies on Iraqi cities and installations, a bloody war began in the Middle East whose destructive and reactionary consequences will change the face of the world.

The mass media, politicians and spokesmen of the US bourgeoisie and its allies now openly declare that, contrary to all their hitherto propaganda, demagoguery and provocations over Kuwait's sovereignty, the battle of democracy against dictatorship, the defence of international law, etc., Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was a pretext for their setting up an imperialist "New Order" following the collapse of the Eastern bloc.

The thousands of tons of bombs dropped round-the-clock on the working people of Iraq are paving the way for this New Order. Anyone even slightly acquainted with the history of capitalism and the record of imperialist militarism, would clearly see through this war the rise of a new era of naked domination and aggression by the imperialist powers. The world after the Cold War and the new balance that is to be created following the elimination of the Soviet bloc from the scene is being defined through this war. What

this New Order will look like can well be seen from the bodies of innocent people covering its track. The responsibility for the invasion of Kuwait and its resulting hardships lies with Iraq. But the war today is entirely a product of the US. It is the result of world-domineering by a power which sees in this war an opportunity to avoid its decline and disintegration in the face of the realities of the contemporary world.

The crisis and the war in the Middle East have set yet another stage for a show of hypocrisy by capitalism and its politicians and media. They hid from the people the truth about this blatant aggression. Within months they prepared the world for this genocide. States which hail Israel and its crimes against the Palestinian people every day, those who give protection to the racist South African regime, the invaders of Grenada and Panama, the perpetrators of the genocide in Vietnam and the only ones in history to have actually used nuclear bombs against people suddenly took the pose of defenders of humanity and international law. In the name of standing up to aggression, they organized the biggest military aggression of recent history. In the name of standing up to dictatorship, they dropped thousands of tons of bombs on the working people of a country. In the name of destroying weapons of mass destruction, they turned millions of innocent

human beings into guinea pigs for the latest and most devastating missile systems and guided bombings.

This war is a war against humanity. It is against every expression of civilization, freedom and progress. It is a pre-emptive war against the oppressed mankind that is emerging from the apathy of the '80s. It is a war against all those who through the disintegration of the previous imperialist world order saw a way to freedom, equality and humanity. This war is the prelude to tomorrow's suppressions. It is an ultimatum the architects of the new reactionary order are issuing against workers and justice-seeking movements throughout the world.

With this war the world awakens to the realities of the '90s. The façade of "democracy" and "humanity", raised by the Western bourgeoisie to contend the rival bloc, is being trampled under its own feet. The propaganda designed to mobilise the dim-witted intellectuals in the West and East and deceive the workers is rapidly revealing itself for what it is. The naïve dream of "peace under the market" is shattered, and capital once again lays bare its true nature. The "European identity" proves its first application: denial of universal human identity, turning a blind eye to non-European suffering and pain, dividing the people of the world into first-class and second-class human beings. The world of the '90s is to be the world of the revival of colonialist values and ethics, of militarism and generalised terrorism, of censorship and bootlicker journalism. This is the "New" Order that is being shaped by this war.

The hardships of this war are not confined to its immediate victims in the Middle East - to its dead, wounded and homeless. Nor are the practical political consequences of the war limited to the opening of a period of naked militarism and domination by the imperialist powers. This war pushes the world back in every respect. If they are not stopped, the world will turn into the scene of ignorant religious and patriotic prejudices, of blind terrorism, and racism. Political regression and cultural-moral degeneration on a world scale will be the inevitable result of this war.

The Communist Party of Iran emphatically condemns this war and the attack by the US and its allies against the people of Iraq. Neither the

Iraqi occupation of Kuwait nor any other regional crisis justifies such a horrendous and antihuman act. The problem of the occupation of Kuwait must be settled within a regional framework and by non-military means. We call for an immediate end to the war and the withdrawal of foreign forces from the area.

This war must be ended. The activists of the Communist Party of Iran must find their places in the forefront of the anti-war protest movement of the people of different countries - in particular in Europe and the USA. The truth of this war, its capitalist and reactionary nature and the sufferings by its immediate victims must be explained to the people, against the hypocritical and biased propaganda by the official press and mass media. At the same time, efforts should be made, in Iran and in other countries, to prevent the protest against the war and against the aggression by the US from being exploited by anti-working class, reactionary forces such as Islamic and nationalist currents.

A powerful political and social manifestation by the working class in different countries, in particular in the USA and Europe, is the key both to putting an immediate end to this war and to foiling the perspective which the bourgeoisie has put before the world today. The very fact that such a war can be initiated, the fact that capital can mobilise the public opinion for such an action, and that the heads of the European and US bourgeoisie dare draw such a bleak prospect of suppression and aggression for humanity at the end of the twentieth century is itself the result of the absence of this united and active workers' camp. As part of the international working class movement, the Communist Party of Iran is committed to working to build a powerful workers' rank against this war and the grim future conceived by the bourgeoisie for the world.

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As a human rights lawyer for Croatia at the International Court of Justice, Starmer argued the case for genocide in a dispute in which Croatia and Serbia accused each other of violating the 1948 Genocide Convention.

Starmer: "Serbian forces carried out a sustained campaign of shelling, systematic expulsion, denied of food, water, electricity, sanitation and medical treatment. Bombing, burning, brutal killing and torture which reduced the city to rubble and destroyed its Croat populations. What evidence before this court reveals is genocide."

During question period in the House of Commons recently, Starmer was asked to define "genocide" in the context of Israel's war on Gaza, but suggested there's no comparison.

Question: Will the Prime Minister share his definition of genocide in this House and will he state what further action he's prepared to take to save lives of desperate and starving men, women and children given that we now hold the presidency of the United Nations Security Council?

Starmer: "It would be wise to start a question like that by reference to what happened in October of last year [with Hamas]. And I'm well aware of the definition of genocide and that is why I've never described this [war on Gaza] as .. and referred to it as genocide."



Jalil Behrouzi

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The Middle East crisis, the spread of war in the region and the possibility of a military attack on Iran!

With the onset of the Israeli military's massive attack on Gaza, aimed at genocide and complete ethnic cleansing, the historical and chronic crisis in the Middle East has once again unfolded in broader and deeper dimensions.

For a long time, the issue of Palestine and the oppression and disenfranchisement of its people has been a deep wound in the body of oppressed societies across the Middle East. This issue has had both direct and indirect effects on a series of decisive developments in the region, including political conflicts and polarisation.

Now, with the merciless slaughter of the people of Gaza, the displacement of more than two million people, and the transformation of Gaza's cities into mountains of rubble, the imposition of hunger and dehydration on all its inhabitants, followed by increasing repression in the West Bank—where thousands have been killed or imprisoned, settlements expanded, and Palestinian homes destroyed—the crisis in the Middle East has reached new and more deadly proportions.

The ongoing crisis, largely driven by the failure to resolve the Palestinian issue, has escalated into a genocide and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians right before the eyes of the world. As a result, it was predictable that the war would expand beyond Gaza and the West Bank, drawing in Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, and

potentially Iran. The missile launch by the Islamic Republic into Israeli territory has provided Israel with the justification for a violent and bloody retaliation. However, this issue is not just about a war between the Islamic regime of Iran and the Israeli government. The people of Iran will also face devastating military attacks from Israel, with the full support of the United States and its allies.

So far, the positions and actions of the Islamic regime suggest its unwillingness to engage in an all-out military conflict with Israel, largely due to its lack of credibility and influence both within Iran and across the region. Furthermore, Iran lacks the financial and military power that Israel and the United States possess. As a result, the Iranian regime is not capable of engaging in a full-scale war with Israel and the U.S. It is therefore highly probable that Israel, relying on America's unconditional support, will launch a comprehensive attack on Iran. The consequences would be catastrophic, leading to enormous human and infrastructural destruction.

The dark history of American and Israeli governments in this regard, along with their powerful war machines, confirms this possibility.

It is clear that October 7 provided a historic opportunity for the U.S. and Israel to defeat the Islamic regime of Iran and political Islam. At the very least, they seek to weaken its

power. The Islamic Republic, which once suppressed revolutionary movements and opposed the rise of a leftist and socialist revolution in Iran, has now lost its value to the capitalist powers of the West. For years, the Islamic regime of Iran has been asking for a greater share of influence in the region, causing friction with these powers. As such, a military invasion of Iran to crush the Islamic regime is now a real possibility.

For the people of Iran, however, a military invasion under the guise of "crushing the regime's military and offensive power" or even overthrowing it would mean bombing, massacres, and widespread killing. It would lead to the disintegration of society's foundations and the displacement of millions who have not been involved in the politics or actions of the Islamic regime, nor its interference in regional affairs.

The future of the Iraqi people after the U.S. invasion, or the Syrian people after the U.S. and its allies sparked a civil war to overthrow Assad, provides a clear preview of what may happen in Iran. The belligerence of Western governments and Israel, following a military invasion, would bring the same fate to the people of Iran—a grim and tragic scenario. Right-wing, nationalist, ultra-right, and monarchist groups, who are already preparing the ground with propaganda and brainwashing, will be the real players in this

scenario, acting alongside the U.S. military. These groups should be seen as the true enemies of the people, just as the Islamic regime is. The people of Iran and society as a whole must be prepared to confront these forces.

At the same time, there must be no tolerance for any compromise with the regime's war policies. The struggle for the rightful and libertarian demands of the people must continue, working to shift the balance of power toward the people.

If a military invasion by Israel and the United States takes place in Iran, it is crucial to completely boycott the regime's army, Revolutionary Guards, and Basij, and avoid any cooperation with government institutions. Local and national organisations should work to ensure the safety of all people, managing society's affairs in a cooperative and humane way.

The global community—civilised, humanitarian, and freedom-seeking individuals—recognise the warmongering, anti-human brutality of the U.S. government and its allies. They continue to protest the genocide of the Palestinian people. The people of Iran can join this global movement and help build a unified front against war, warmongering, and the invasion of Iran.

"Israel is testing weapons on us that we do not recognize. They drop bombs with terrifying sounds, and when a person gets within 200 - 300 meters of them, they vaporize." The Director of the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza, Dr. Munir Al-Bursh, told Al Jazeera.

The collapse of democracy in the West

The media is manufacturing lies!

Azar Majedi

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In recent years, especially over the past year, the level of lies and censorship in the mainstream media has been astonishing and unbelievable. The media in the West, with the exception of a few government agencies, is owned by billionaires and large corporations. The narrative that is being fed to society is the narrative that the ruling class has agreed to. During more than a year of Israeli genocide and extermination of the Palestinians, news about Israeli crimes has been completely censored concealed ; Israel has been portrayed as the victim and Hamas as the criminal and terrorist; all Israeli crimes have been whitewashed and justified under the guise of “the right to self-defence” and combating “anti-Semitism.” Anti-Muslim, anti-Arab, anti-refugee and immigrant propaganda (targeting mainly immigrants from the Middle East and Africa) has become widespread. The level of lies and propaganda that these media feed the public is unbelievable. Fascism is rising faster than anyone can imagine.

CNN and War Propaganda

More than a month ago, i.e. on the anniversary of the genocide in Gaza, CNN published an article that sparked much criticism, disgust and protest. *‘He got out of*



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Gaza, but Gaza did not get out of him’: Israeli soldiers returning from war struggle with trauma and suicide” is the headline of the article.

A week after the anniversary of a historic genocide in Palestine at the hands of Israel, and with the full and comprehensive cooperation and support of the United States and the West, CNN is for the first time mentioning the war crimes and butcheries of Israel; but not from the perspective of the victim, not from the perspective of the Palestinian woman, man and child, not from the perspective of war crimes, butchery and genocide, but from the perspective of the negative effects of this genocide and butchery on Israeli soldiers!

Even when Israeli soldiers bulldoze over the dead and half-dead bodies of Palestinian children and elderly people to bury their own crimes, it is still the Israelis who are the

"victims". Compassion and sympathy must be shown to the Israeli soldiers. The goal of this reportage is to change the image of the Israeli army in the world; The West tried so hard to spread the image of "the moral army" of IDF; all that fake image has vaporised through the rubbles in Gaza; A re-imaging has become necessary. The "always Israel, the victim" narrative is re-branded in this notorious article.

They have no shame. Insolence knows no boundaries. This imperialist entitlement, covered under the veil of race and religion, is not a new phenomenon; it is just that its dimensions and depth have expanded. The only way the American people have been informed of the crimes of the United States in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria over the past 23 years has been through the trauma and PDST of American soldiers in the war. (Hollywood movies are the pinnacle of this approach.) Compassion for the American soldier who has been forced to commit so many crimes! This inverted narrative of war and killing and butchery and genocide is not new, but the dimensions of Israel's crimes and genocide in the past year have exposed this chronic problem in an acute issue.

Trauma and PTSD are serious mental disorders. Most soldiers returning from war suffer from this condition. Many commit suicide; become addicts. This phenomenon itself reflects the crimes of oppressive and bullying governments. But what CNN is doing here is trying to distort the truth: Israeli soldiers have committed war crimes; but it is Hamas that is to blame for forcing Israel to commit genocide, this is the narrative that has been pushed down people's throats.

No further explanation is needed. The text itself is clearer than any exposé. The story is about:

"A 40-year-old father of four, Eiran Mizrahi deployed to Gaza after the deadly Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. Where does the inverted comma finish?"

The Israeli military reservist returned a different person, traumatised by what he had witnessed in the war against Hamas in the strip, his family told CNN. Six months after he was first sent to fight, he was struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) back at home. Before he was due to redeploy, he took his own life.

Israeli soldiers who fought in the enclave told CNN they witnessed horrors the outside world can never truly comprehend. Their accounts offer a rare glimpse into the brutality of what critics have called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "forever war" and the intangible toll it takes on the soldiers who participate.

For many soldiers, the war in Gaza is a fight for Israel's survival and must be won by any means. But the battle is also taking a mental toll that, due to stigma, is largely hidden from view. Interviews with Israeli soldiers, a medic, and the family of Mizrahi, the reservist who took his own life, provide a window into the psychological burden that the war is casting on Israeli society.

Guy Zaken, Mizrahi's friend and co-driver of the bulldozer, provided further insight into their experience in Gaza. "We saw very, very, very difficult things," Zaken told CNN. "Things that are difficult to accept."

The former soldier has spoken publicly about the psychological trauma endured by Israeli troops in Gaza. In a testimony to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in June, Zaken said that on many occasions, soldiers had to "run over terrorists, dead and alive, in the hundreds." "Everything squirts out," he added.

Zaken says he can no longer eat meat, as it reminds him of the gruesome scenes he witnessed from his bulldozer in Gaza, and struggles to sleep at night, the sound of explosions ringing in his head.

“When you see a lot of meat outside, and blood... both ours and theirs (Hamas), then it really affects you when you eat,” he told CNN, referring to bodies as “meat.” He maintains that the vast majority of those he encountered were “terrorists.”

“The civilians we saw, we stopped and brought them water to drink, and we let them eat from our food,” he recalled, adding that even in such situations, Hamas fighters would shoot at them.

“So, there is no such thing as citizens,” he said, referring to the ability of Hamas fighters to blend with civilians. “This is terrorism.”

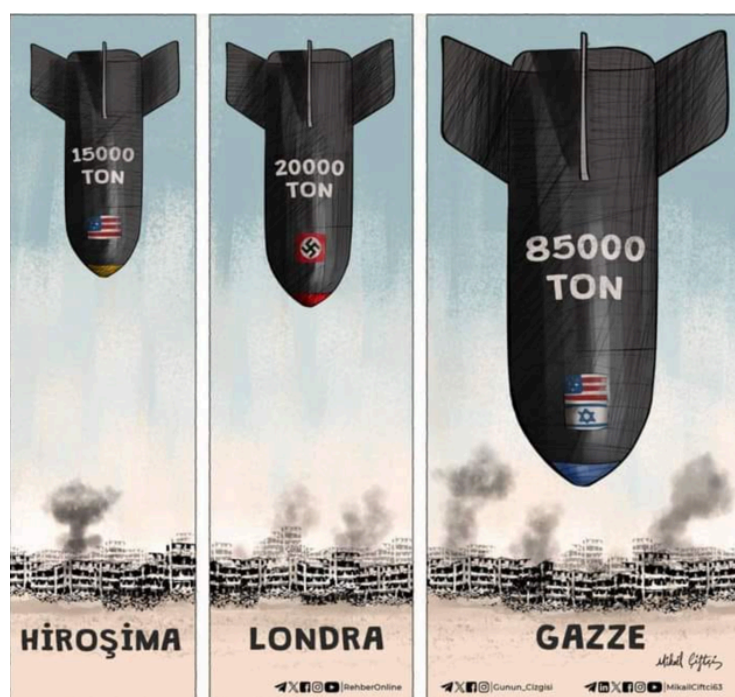
(Note! It is Hamas's fault that the Israeli army is committing these unimaginable crimes. Hamas must be condemned for these Israeli crimes and the psychological distress of the Israeli soldiers!)*

Democracy, even at its best, is not freedom, but an illusion of freedom. However, in recent years, the deepening crisis, the growth of poverty and war, the suppression of civil rights, freedom of speech and protest, have torn the veil off the edifice of Western democracy. The mainstream media are

completely censored and officially deliver lies and propaganda to the people. Censorship on social media has also become more severe.

What is being broadcast on television screens and radio loudspeakers is a big lie. It presents the facts in reverse and upside down. False narratives to disturb society, create fear and anxiety, and as a result, hatred and hostility. These reek of fascism. As we see, ultra-right and fascist parties have become very strong; extreme right parties are in power in many European countries. Fascism is rapidly rising. The events in Amsterdam and the way it was portrayed by the European and Dutch officials and the media (in and around a football match between an Israeli club and a Dutch one) confirm this concern. Maintaining vigilance and organising to push back this destructive tide must be the order of all leftist, socialist, progressive, and freedom-loving forces.

* <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/10/21/middleeast/gaza-war-israeli-soldiers-ptsd-suicide-intl/index.html>



Genocide in Sudan

Susan Lari

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"I don't know if I'm alive or dead"! This is part of the words of a 21-year-old girl (Omia) from Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, who lost 5 members of her family in the brutal attacks of the military and terrorist RSF (Rapid Support Forces). Like many people who are victims of this war, Omia talks about corpses being left in the streets, where vultures and stray dogs are rooming. Omia, tearful and not believing that she is still alive, describes these images.

RSF is a terrorist force that has turned Sudan into hell with massacres, rapes and burning houses. This is another genocide in the region. About 16 months have passed since the war between the RSF and the Sudanese army started. The extent of RSF crimes and killings

cannot be imagined. So far, 150,000 people have been killed and 10 million have been displaced inside Sudan. 2 million people have also sought refuge in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Chad and Ethiopia. Hunger and killings are rampant.

What power supports RSF? The United Arab Emirates which is the slave of America is a full supporter and trading partner of the RSF.

RSF provides the UAE with gold deposits and agricultural land. Sudan is the third largest producer of gold in Africa. The coast of the Red Sea is 60% of the international trade route. The UAE, which is America's arm in the region, has gained more control over Sudan's

resources and political hegemony with supporting the RSF in Sudan.

In addition to the UAE, Chad, Libya and South Sudan too support the RSF. (The Libyan regime itself is the product of the US and NATO's dark scenario). Russia is arming the Sudanese army and the Islamic Republic has provided it with drones. Three weeks ago, the RSF downed a Russian military aircraft carrying military weapons in the airspace of Darfur. All passengers, including three Sudanese and two Russian personnel, were killed. On November 19, 2024, Russia vetoed a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in Sudan.

The US vetoes a resolution on a "ceasefire" in Gaza and Russia vetoes a resolution on a "ceasefire" in Sudan. The futility of this institution has become completely apparent. While the resolution is being discussed,

thousands of people are being killed in Sudan, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria!

The mainstream media has remained silent about the genocide in Sudan. It is the duty of all freedom-loving and justice-seeking people in the world to expose the truth and stand up to stop these crimes.

The war in Sudan must stop. The killing in the region can only end with international solidarity and determination. The global movement for the defence of the Palestinian people has shown that people no longer accept the narratives of governments, the United Nations, and the mainstream media. This consciousness must create its own revolutionary organization and stand against genocide and destroy the capitalist system, the source of all these crimes.



On the 13th of November, Saudi Arabia celebrated its new position as a big power play in the region along with announcing its new image: A modernised Islamic state.

A fashion show and concert took place in Riyadh. A few famous singers came to the stage. It was announced that the show was the birthday celebration of a Fashion company owned by a Lebanese designer. Western media tried to downplay this historic moment as ordinary events under Ben Salman. They all admired him as a progressive who is modernising the strict Islam in Saudi Arabia. However, what shock the world was the way the concert unfolded; films and pictures of half naked Jennifer Lopez on the stage in front of the image of Kaaba, the holiest and most sacred place according to Islam, went viral.

This scene astonished everyone; some happy over the defeat and humiliation of Islam, some angry for the same reason. This concert is supposed to break boundaries or "taboos"; heralding a new era. Is this the symbol of reconciliation between Western civilization and Islam? Is it the birth of a new Saudi Arabia? Perhaps the new Middle East, the Middle East that Netanyahu promised in the UN? All these questions come to mind.

This event is significant because it voices an important message and declares a new era. In the international political situation and especially in the region, this event is very meaningful. One must ask why this event has become necessary under the current circumstances; in the catastrophic situation in the Middle East. 13 months of genocide and extermination of Palestinians, among bombs, death and destruction? Why should a famous Lebanese fashion designer, Eli Saab, celebrate his company's birthday in Saudi Arabia as bombs fall on Beirut? How should this be interpreted? A shred of conscience, compassion, humanity or care for fellow country-men/women, or even pretending to one or all of the above, would prevent such a celebration to take place.

Jenifer Lopez the ticket to modernism

A new Saudi Arabia in a new Middle East



Renaissance according to Saudi Arabia

The concert did not celebrate the anniversary of the Fashion Co., but rather heralded the beginning of the new Middle East. Unbothered with and aloof to the killing and extermination of Palestinians, the bombing and occupation of Lebanon, the bombardment of Syria, they danced and celebrated. This is the political message of the event: standing with Israel and the United States and their plans and the genocide of the Palestinians.

Another important aspect is cultural and ideological. The dance and singing of a half-naked woman in the arms of several men on the stage, against the digital image of the Kaaba, the highest symbol of Islam, it is the height of blasphemy and heresy. Why such blasphemy has become necessary? To change the image of Saudi Arabia, as the symbol of the most extreme and restrictive Islamic rule. The event promises a renaissance in the Gulf Sheikdoms.

For several years now, the western media have been praising Ben Salman for his "reforms and modernism". It doesn't matter if he kills a journalist at his embassy in Turkey and then let him melt in acid; it doesn't matter if he is among the record holders of execution; Islam is going to be reformed in Saudi Arabia. (The same Islam that the West, Britain and the United States planted.) The presence of a half-naked woman in front of

the Kaaba is apparently the height of reform and advancement in Islam.

This act coincides with the naked women movement that has grown in the past 10 years in the West, claiming that it defends women's freedom and rights. Contrasting woman's naked body to the veil, this movement known as FEMEN* is being portrayed and presented as an anti-Islam movement. In the same period, modernisation of Saudi Arabia has been pushed by aiding Ben Salman against all traditional and formal rules of the country to gain power. The Western media shamelessly praise this criminal.

Is this the end of the clash of civilisation which officially began in the 1990s, West against Islam? Is this the beginning of the end of the Islamic terrorist movement as we have witnessed in the past decades? America and the West will never sideline Islam. Religion has completely proven its importance and effectiveness in the suppression and exploitation of the people. In the rise of capitalism in Europe, there was a hope that religion could and would be stripped of its power completely. But history has shown for over two centuries that religion can be the most powerful tool for submission and suppression. However, the packaging needs to be changed.

If Israel and USA's plan for complete destruction and occupation of the Middle East goes ahead, the Islamic movement must reshape. It has already become significantly weakened. Islamic terrorism can no longer be the giant that was painted to be. A new version of Islam has to be created. In the absence of a power vacuum by regional states, as they are all destroyed or made obedient, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries present an ideal place for this renaissance as they are so integrated in the international world order, complete obedient to America, and a huge centre of Business and money.

What captures the mind is how come Saudi Arabia followed the path of nudity (half nudity for the time being) for its reform? Is this a response to the nude movement of the past decade? The dominant feminist narrative in the West has been presenting the female nudity as an antithesis to women's

subjugation; a very superficial line between the veil and the naked body. Naked protests have become commonplace in opposition to Islam.

It's ironic that Bin Salman, the Western media and ideologues, feminism, and Femen share the same view of women's freedom and reformed Islam: nudity. There is no doubt that every human being should have the right to dress and to protest as they wish. This is not about freedom of choice. This is about a movement with a certain agenda, message and misconception.

This question, the fetishism of female body for feminists must be discussed and analysed more thoroughly in a different article. However, we refer the readers to an article and an interview about the question of nudity from 10 years ago. (Links below.)

*Femen is originally a Ukrainian organisation which has moved to France in 2013. It was created by a man; it was active in the political movement aimed at regime change in Ukraine. Femen has close ties to the French government, it's leader has received a national award from President Holland and one of its branch leaders has been awarded by Holland's prime minister. There have been questions about the source and amount of money it receives, from some of its ex-partners as well. It's action, both while in Ukraine and now in Europe has been in close cooperation with the Western governments policies, be it in Ukraine or otherwise. In France it's said that Femen's provocative protests against Moslems have intensified anti-Moslem sentiments. The reason given for why they have chosen naked protest is that it attracts more attention.

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Only socialism can end Violence against women

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I have been asked to speak for 5 to 7 minutes on the occasion of banning violence against women, war, systematic violence, sexual apartheid. I am honoured to respond to these questions in the short time that I have.

I must state here that in order to destroy systematic violence against women, gender apartheid, war, and genocide, the capitalist system must be overthrown, simply because the basis of capitalist governments is the division of society based on culture, religion, nationality, ethnicity, race, language, and gender.

To maintain this segregation, the capitalist system makes the tools of repression and increases its prisons. The basis of these divisions means that the citizens of a country or in one geographical area are not equal. Any attempt by people for freedom, equality and prosperity is answered by suppression and as we currently witness, by bombs and murder. In Iran, in order to segregate men and women and maintain gender apartheid, the regime uses the force of Basij (another ultra

right wing force created by the regime consisting of trained men and women to violently attack women without hijab). In the Western countries too the relative equality between men and women, freedom of expression which was gained after hard struggle will be totally destroyed by war or pushed back. A clear example of that is "the rights of abortion in America which was approved in 1973 and this right has been taken back from women in 2023; or freedom of expression that is taken away since genocide started in Gaza. the demonstrators are arrested, jailed, fired from jobs and banned from education.

The question is, how to stop violence in the family, sexual violence, hate crimes, racial violence, police, Basij, Islamic regime, violence, ethnicity war, and genocide?

Truthfully, it is only by replacing capitalism with socialism that equality and prosperity for all can be achieved regardless of people's religious beliefs, which part of Iran they live, whether they

are men or women , gays, lesbians. whether they are Kurds or Baloch, whether they are from Tehran or Khuzestan or from Afghanistan who live in Iran. Equal rights for all. In such a society there is no need for repression by the police, the IRGC, the Basij, the army, and the intelligence agency.

But what should be done today in Iran despite the existence of the Islamic Republic? The fact is that the Islamic Republic's law is based on the Quranic rulings of the seventh century. A time when baby girls were buried alive. A time when there was a harem and a man could have several women. Now, in the 21st century, IR wants to implement these laws by force. Women's liberation movement refuted it from the first day the Islamic regime came to power in 1979. Despite all the Islamic laws and regulations imposed on women, people have managed to intermittently shift the balance of power. The veil is not observed in many public palaces.

It should not be forgotten that the hijab is the symbol of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Any

refusal to wear it, although faces "punishment" by the regime, is also the weapon of women to defy it. But these are not enough for freedom, equality and prosperity for all. We need to have assemblies and councils at world places, at universities, and areas we live. we need to be the decision makers of our own future and establish socialism. Let's not allow US imperialism and its allies to replace this regime with another rabid regime.

The right wing oppositions in Iran and abroad are doing their best to hijack any protest in Iran for their own aims. During the revolutionary upsurge of "Women, Life Freedom", their prince, Reza Pahlavi, hijacked this slogan and came forward with the "Mahsa" manifesto, which was defeated. And now Netanyahu, this genocidal creature, whose hands are stained with the blood of more than 200,000 Palestinian people, has come forward with the slogan "woman, life, freedom" and we must respond to him with the slogan "freedom, equality, and prosperity for all". This is the slogan that no capitalist leader delivers or dares mentions. It is with the establishment of socialism that violence can be eradicated for good.



Cry of desperation!

The Islamic regime in Iran has recently passed a law, after long arbitration and procrastination, to re-enforce the veil on the society and to defend and preserve “chastity”. They are promising more force, heavier and more organised attacks on the unveiled, or as the regime says, “bad-veiled”. The aim is to bring the whole society behind this law, forcing taxi companies, bus drivers and other sections of the working people or business behind this clamp down.

This is only cry for help. Islamic regime knows it only too well that women in Iran, the women’s liberation movement in Iran have already overcome this senseless law. We have witnessed the de facto overthrow of the veil in Iran. Women’s liberation movement have surpassed the laws and measures of forceful veil. These are last attempts, like a drowning man who by his survival efforts, expedites his drowning.

Islamic rule and laws have no place in the society. People know that, Islamic regime knows that. This is a lost battle for the Islamic regime. Women’s liberation movement and all progressive, freedom-loving and justice-seeking people in Iran have sent their message loud and clear: No to Islam, no to oppression. Yes to Freedom and equality. We need to organise and strengthen our movement for freedom, equality and justice against all reactionary forces.

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Long live freedom and equality!

Down with the Islamic regime!

Organisation for Women’s Liberation

