## Condemn the recent wave of executions in Iran!

The capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic has begun a new wave of executions in Iran. In the past two weeks, more than 10 people were hanged publicly and many more were sentenced to death.

The reactionary regime of the Islamic Republic is unable to provide the basic needs of the society. Poverty, economic misery, and lack of hope for a better future have intensified in Iran. At the same time, the leaders of the Islamic Republic live like kings! They have accumulated billions of dollars in their foreign bank accounts. Embezzlements and scandals of unimaginable magnitude by the Islamic authorities are exposed on a weekly basis.

The so called Reformist Faction of President Khatami has shown its true nature. After 6 years of demagogy, President Khatami has allied himself with the Conservative Faction of the government. Both factions of the Islamic regime agree on the executions and suppression of the mass movement in Iran. If the Reformist Faction of Khatami had some credibility among some section of the society six years ago, it is totally discredited now. The reform movement from above has faced a disgraceful defeat and has come to a dead end.

The discontent of the Iranian people has increased rapidly, and the protest movement has gained momentum. The workers strikes, the protests by the youth, the student movement, etc have all expressed the desire for the destruction of the political power of the regime of the Islamic Republic.

The US imperialism's military aggression in the Middle East, the US preparation for military invasion of Iraq, and the US threat against the regime of the Islamic Republic have made the Iranian regime nervous at the possibility that it may lose the control of the growing mass movement.

It is in this situation that the regime of the Islamic Republic is resorting to a new wave of executions in Iran in order to impose more pressure on the people and to create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. But the Iranian masses have responded to this barbarism with anger and disgust. The Iranian people are determined to push their revolutionary movement forward and pave the way for the overthrow of the medieval and despotic regime of the Islamic Republic.

The Party of Labour of Iran condemns the Islamic regime of Iran for the recent executions. We call upon all revolutionary organisations, our fraternal Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, and all progressive minded individuals to condemn the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the recent executions and for its past 23

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