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## One Million-strong Demonstration in Tehran against the Ruthless Regime of the Islamic Republic! **Long Live the General Strike!**



Nearly a million people staged a demonstration in Tehran today and expressed their anger and disgust over the deceitful and hypocritical regime of the Islamic Republic. The participants in the demonstration spit on the sham election and its "elected" president and on the Supreme Leader Khamenei. The Iranian people have reached the conclusion that the regime of Islamic Republic has no respect for their opinions and that the president, despite the public charade, is appointed by the "Guardian Council", the "Expediency Council", the "Supreme Leader", and a mafia of power.

The Islamic reformers who have put on sheep's clothing today were yesterday's wolves who had a significant role in the execution of thousands of Iranian revolutionaries and in the suppression of the 1979 Revolution. They were and continue to be devoted to the system of Islamic rule with a supreme leader at the top. The quarrels between the factions of the Islamic Republic of Iran are not about democracy, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and organisation, the rights of workers and women and youth, etc. Their fight is about who can seize **Continued on page 2**

## Confiscation is a Class Action!

We have heard about the scandal on Wall Street managed by US financier Bernard Madoff. The size of the scandal is over 50 billion (50,000,000,000) US dollars, more than the total state budget of ten African countries combined.

The ponzi scheme used by Mr. Madoff to manage the scandal was known for many years. The Wall Street managers and the US regulators had concealed the swindle from investors. The scheme was used in Albania more than a decade ago. After the imperialists took Albania under their control and installed the puppet regime of Sali Berisha, the companies and the banks used a pyramid scheme to loot the Albanian's meager savings by promising high returns. The government-endorsed pyramid funds in Albanian were distributed to early investors by the assets collected from the later investors. Nearly two thirds of the entire Albanian population invested in the pyramid **Continued on page 3**

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ments. The owners of the bankrupt companies want to shift the burden of "national" crisis onto the shoulders of their former "allies and friends" in other countries. The import of the ills of "globalization of capital" to the "national" country must be stopped by closing the geographic borders. This is inevitable by the "national" governments even if it brings major damage to the capitalist system of the rivals (former allies). The administrators do not want to use the term confiscation or to question the sanctity of private ownership of the means of production since to do so might emphasise the role of the state. The states were considered bad capitalists by the World Trade Organization and International Monetary Funds and World Bank, and were supposed to put into motion the engines of privatisation. How could the administrators talk about confiscation of the wealth of individuals now? State involvement in the management of the capitalist order was mocked as socialism. Now that the capitalist crises have gripped society, the role of the state is given prominence. Now the capitalists need the state to loot the peoples' tax money and to suppress any disturbance to their order. The capitalists need a state that exposes the personal activities of the working people without revealing their own gambling ways. Now the states come on the scene as the harbingers of humanity, security, and peace. But the entrance of the capitalist states to the scene will disturb their propaganda against socialism and planned economy. The Marxist theories on political economy are revitalised and their implementations are considered. The capitalists are fearful of the peoples' reaction to the crisis, and therefore, they disclose the depth of the crisis gradually and prepare the public psychologically for the gradual lowering of their living standards. All the state-controlled machineries are used against the people in order to rescue the capitalist system. All those "genuine" promises about the security of the investment are dishonoured and changed to how capital can be secured and preserved. And as it was expected, the new rules and regulations become tools to suppress the protest movement of the masses. Madoffs are rescued everywhere because they are family members of the capitalist system.



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power and grab a bigger piece of the pie. The just struggle of the people of Iran would be fruitful if the class demands and class lines become transparent in the movement. The people can achieve freedom and social justice by their organised, planned, sharp, and targeted struggles.

The power of the regime of the Islamic Republic is slipping away, and the authorities are unable to react to the mass movement. In this situation, the people should be vigilant and must not become cannon fodder in the quarrel between the two factions of the regime. We are vigilant and will not be deceived by the Reformist Faction's filing electoral complaints and engaging in correspondence with the office of the Supreme Leader. Even if Khamenei voids the result and calls for new elections, the result will be nothing more than replacing Ahmadinejad with another pawn.

The presidential candidate Mussavi has been part and parcel of the Islamic rule. He was the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic during the mass executions in Iran. Mussavi agrees with the slogan "Down with the deceitful government" but strongly opposes the people's chant of "Down with the deceitful order". He tries to bring the movement of dissatisfied masses under his control by using the religious sentiment of the people. Mussavi asks the people to be patient, silent, and peaceful. The people demonstrating on the streets of Iran cannot listen to these mollifying sermons.

The fascist Security, Intelligence, Paramilitary, Police, and the plainclothes Police of the Islamic Republic have attacked the peaceful demonstrators, and dozens of civilians have been fatally shot. These government forces have carried out the most vicious attacks on the people in the past and will certainly do it again. This brutality of the regime shows the young demonstrators that they cannot have any illusions about the repressive nature of the Islamic Republic and that freedom, radical change, self-determination, and the rights of workers and women and youth cannot be achieved through peaceful demonstrations and sit-ins. In order to minimise loss and maximise gain, we must build and strengthen the party of the working class. Country-wide protests and general and political strikes of the all strata of society, especially of the working class, will ring the death bell of the regime of the Islamic Republic.

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investment funds. Once the number of investors reached its maximum, the funds could no longer make payment. The looting net tore apart, the fraud became public, and the economy of the country went bankrupt. The size of the scandal was nearly 1.5 billion US dollars, in a country of 3 million people. The Albanian masses took their anger to the streets and protests and riots broke out. People attacked the police stations and army barracks and seized weapons as armed insurrection broke out all over the country.

In the USA, Bernard Madoff used the same scheme to defraud thousands of people. Mr. Madoff, a former NASDAQ Stock chairman, and a Wall Street financier for forty years, has even caught a number of charitable foundations in his con. He, with the help of his wife and others, has transferred the investors' money to his wife's accounts or to hidden accounts in order to be legally protected. Well, in the capitalist order, private property is respected, and the confiscation of the property is banned. Mr. Madoff has been arrested and, to respect the law, his wife is free, but the investors have no idea about where 50 billion dollars have gone. In the US, cameras are installed at the corner of the streets to watch the criminals and "terrorists"; the information banks are set to watch and inspect the activities of individuals; telephone conversations and email communications are controlled, the news are censored "democratically", bank accounts are monitored especially when a large amount of money has been transferred, but the officials could not catch Mr. Madoff's illegal activities for over forty years! Well, a knife cannot cut its handle!

The banks and corporations operate officially more or less the same way as Mr. Madoff's investment securities. They gamble with the investors' money and, no matter what the outcome might be, they profit enormously. The foundation of the capitalist system is based on the principle that seeking maximum profit is a private matter. But when the corporations and funds lose the gamble, the reparation becomes the responsibility of the taxpayers, and they have to continue to respect the "respectful" looters! The compensation does not result in any gain for the taxpayers. It means the taxpayers pay the looters to enable those same looters to stand up and loot again. The public does not grasp this "anti-capitalist" argument. The capitalists do not honour their promises either. Their propaganda machine and their expert psychologists try to convince the people that it is in everyone's interest to make sacrifice and concession. The

working people make concessions, but the capitalists get fatter!

The task of preparing the ground for this legal looting is on the shoulders of the politicians who are trained and paid lavishly to rescue the capitalist system. The politicians together with their bosses form a minority in society but are an active force that has the backing of all three branches of government. This force stands up to the dispersed and inactive majority of the population in order to build happiness for the capitalists on the backs of the masses.

We remember that the US imperialists confiscated the Iranian assets soon after the 1979 revolution. In the past several years, we witnessed the plunder of Iraqi wealth and the confiscation of gold from its banks. We remember a few years ago when Marcos of Philippines was removed from his throne. The US disclosed his Swiss bank accounts and froze his assets in the US banks. We remember that the US imperialists froze the assets of "terrorist" organisations and companies and groups that did not fall in line with the US policies. Now, why didn't US administrators confiscate the assets of the economic terrorist, Mr. Madoff and his helpers? Apparently when the imperialists' interests demand, confiscation of the wealth neither violates their constitutions nor scratches the sanctity of private ownership nor threatens the foundation of the capitalist system, nor sets precedence for future confiscation. The "invincible" principle of the private ownership shows its class content right away. This principle can be violated only when the high expediency of capitalism justifies it. Otherwise; it is protected as the chastity of the capitalist system.

It is possible and history confirms that a state, while holding high the sanctity of private ownership, confiscates the assets of an individual or firm. The colonialists confiscated the wealth of the dominated nations. Why are they now quietly watching the continuation of the "defects" of the capitalist system? We think that the administrators do not realise the extent at which the capitalist system is damaged. This lack of knowledge is due to the fact that the capitalists keep their function secret in order to escape from facing the outrage of the people and not to give an opportunity to the capitalist rivals to expose them further. The looters are trying their best to survive by covering up their schemes. The banks, large industrial complexes, and insurance companies for example, are backed by their national gover-

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progressive forces should have formed a "third front". Of course, their "third front" with an illusive army would be left waging a Don Quixote war against the windmills! This deviated line is promoted as revolutionary by certain Iranian trends. A "revolutionary" force in Gaza that fires at Hamas while the Israeli army is slaughtering Palestinians can only be a spy and lackey of Israeli and the US, and not the ally of the Palestinian people. That force is counter-revolutionary and doesn't deserve the attention of the Palestinians. Fortunately, there is no such melancholic force in Gaza to cause more problems. The Iranians who promote this deviated line were the same who wanted to fight in two fronts in Iran at the time of imperialist-Zionist aggression. They wanted to form a "third camp" there as well with an illusive army. Some of these counter-revolutionaries who live outside Iran had a pseudo army stationed on Turkey-Iran borders and were waiting for the US invasion of Iraq to enter Iran. At present, the probability of invasion of Iran is lower than before and consequently their pseudo army is bewildered and wanders about and does not want to go to Iran to topple the regime of the Islamic Republic. They ostensibly fight on two fronts, but when the change in situation demands a fight on one front, they become impotent. If an organisation has the resources to fight on two fronts, it certainly can marshal the strength to fight on one. . But why don't we hear from these counterfeit revolutionaries any more?

Our Party has said often and for a long time, and it is confirmed now, that these people wanted to go to Iran as the entourages of the imperialists and Zionists. Those Iranians who "condemned" both sides at the time of the brutal Israeli invasion of Gaza were slyly supporting the Israeli side. These actions establish them as criminal as the Zionists themselves. The dangerous and counter-revolutionary nature of these Iranians, who claimed they were capable of undertaking any task, has been exposed by our Party during the Israeli war on Gaza. These people have become the followers of reactionary theories of Mansour Hekmat. Of course, their petty-bourgeois and intellectual pride will not allow them to be brave enough to confess to this charge. We continue to expose these super revolutionary and adventurous Trotskyites. If they do not abandon the quagmire they are sinking in, they will find themselves alongside the world reactionary forces.

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regime of the Islamic Republic for its attacks on the peaceful demonstrations. We demand the release of all activists who have been detained in the recent events. All those responsible for the killings must be brought to justice. We demand the release of all imprisoned political and labour activists. The equality of man and woman must be realised in all spheres of life. We demand the separation of religion from state and education. The freedom of expression, assembly, and organisation must be recognised by the regime of the Islamic Republic. All repressive forces of the Islamic Republic, Security, Police, Intelligence, Basig (mobilization), Pasdaran (guardians), plainclothes Police, etc must be withdrawn from the streets.

Our Party calls on fraternal Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organisations, all progressive and revolutionary organisations, and all freedom-loving individuals to condemn the regime of the Islamic Republic for its uncountable crimes against the Iranian people in the past thirty years.

Long Live the Protest Movement of the Iranian People against the Islamic Republic!  
 Down with the Regime of the Islamic Republic!  
 Long Live the General Strike of the Workers, Students, Teachers, Nurses, and Employees!  
 Long Live Socialism!

**The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan)**

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The people who cast the votes don't decide an election, the people who count the votes do.

### "Revolutionary" Allies of Political Criminals!

There is no doubt within the world community that Israel committed war crimes during the invasion of Gaza. The exposure of the Israeli crimes has forced even the imperialist countries to acknowledge the possibility of war crimes. They are trying to calm public opinion while pretending to adhere to strict moral principles.

The weak-willed UN Secretary General has become mute and, except for the early grumbles, has not taken steps to call a meeting of the Security Council to deal with horrendous Israeli crimes. Of course, the Israeli Zionists will ask how it is that the burning of Iraqis in Fallujah by phosphorous bombs is not a war crime but the killing of Palestinians of Gaza is considered a crime against humanity. This is a valid question with no valid response! The European imperialists dismissed crimes committed in Iraq by the US invaders because they themselves had bloody hands in Yugoslavia and had difficulties justifying their document fabrication on Milosevic and on crimes committed by Kosovars. The European countries have no valid response to the question. The scenes of the US-backed Zionists' crimes in Gaza were so shocking that even the Israeli soldiers who were in Gaza have registered complaints. The soldiers have confirmed in their journals and in public interviews that they had the order to murder, and that the Israeli phosphorous bombs targeted the most populated Palestinian regions. According to some of the soldiers, they were ordered to break into houses and kill the residents. The same policy to decimate the people of refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila was implemented in Gaza. The soldiers' statements confirm that, to serve the interest of the Zionist state, even Palestinian children were intentionally targeted. Some of the soldiers, emotionally and morally tormented by the crimes, have confessed that the Zionist

leaders invaded Gaza with the intention of slaughtering a large number of Palestinian civilians and destroying their residences. Their statements indicate the presence of orders to kill even unarmed men for their "own security". According to one soldier, his unit entered a multi-storey residential building and killed every human being in the building. He considered his own actions a crime against humanity. The same soldier has talked about the murder of an unarmed old woman he was ordered to kill. Another soldier has said that an order came to kill all members of a Palestinian family who, in the confusion of the bombardment, were running in the wrong direction. His conscience plagued him after he committed this murder. According to the soldier, the dehumanisation and murder of the Palestinians was driven purely by Israeli orders and government propaganda.

These are only a few examples of the Israeli crimes in Gaza, and the reports about them are published in many internationally-recognised presses. Some of the Israeli presses have reported these events, too. These actions remind us of the policies and methods used by the Nazis. Israeli Zionists have carried out a holocaust in Gaza. Here the talk is about ethnic cleansing and the annihilation of a nation. In this situation, all Palestinian fighting forces rose up in unity and fought against the Israeli fascists. This policy of a united struggle was a revolutionary policy stemming from the wisdom of a nation. The Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan) supported this policy but pseudo-revolutionary Iranians encouraged the Palestinians to fire at the Israeli forces once and at the Hamas forces three times. In the view of these army generals and commanders-in-chief, the

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