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The Reformists' Dead End in the Student Movement

Dr. Sadegh Zibakalam, a political scientist and a theoretician for the Reformists, was a speaker in the recent meetings of the Islamic organisations of the medical science students. Mr. Zibakalam was a leading figure in the Islamic Cultural Revolution and a team-member for "cleansing" the

universities at the beginning of the Iranian Revolution. He stated:

"The student movement is in crisis at the present time, and it is unlikely that an organisation which is in crisis can solve other crises of the society".

He was asked about what the student movement could do in

regard to the crises in the society. He responded:

"In my opinion, the student organisations cannot do that much because they are themselves faced with the political crisis of 'what is to be done', and because they are faced with a very new experience

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The Confession of an Anti-People Regime

Mr. Khazali, one of the "powerful" and extremely reactionary clergyman of the regime of the Islamic

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Demonstration in Tehran against the Islamic Republic

Republic, made the following statement on the practical nullification of the Iran's Sixth Islamic Parliament during Friday prayers in a mosque.

"The three branches of the government; Legislative, Judicial, and the Executive, must have the approval of the present Supreme Leader, Khamenei, of Iran. The Leader gives legitimacy to the President and his cabinet. Even if in a presidential election, 30 million people instead of 20 million vote for an individual, that individual will not be president until the Leader approves his presidency [He is referring to 20 million votes for President Khatami]. Thus it is clear that the Leader does not need permission to issue orders when the expediency of Islam and of the Islamic Republic requires it".

This nonsense, from top to bottom, is full of contempt for human beings. This rubbish is full of self-conceit, egotism, selfishness, and false vanity. When Mullahs needed the masses for consolidation of their power, they praised them as "brave and ever present people in the struggle". Now that the same "ever present" people have realised through their own experience the need to change sides and oppose the regime, they have become

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Today, Friday February 9, thousands of people majority of whom were youth demonstrated against the regime in Tehran. The demonstrators were carrying banners expressing their demands for freedom of expression and freedom of political prisoners, etc*.

The regime of the Islamic Republic, which celebrates the 23rd anniversary of the "Islamic" revolution tomorrow, equipped its forces with arms and clubs to attack the demonstrators. Many people were injured and hundreds were arrested.

According to the news, there were similar demos in Isfahan, Mashad, Arak, Sanandaj, and several other cities.

As we analysed in our statement on the 23rd anniversary of the Iranian Revolution, the regime is entering a deep crisis. The people's wrath against the regime is bearing fruit, and it can be formed only more determinedly and decisively.

Contrary to the advice of cowards and wavering Reformists who invite people to retreat into "active calmness", the masses are actively involved against the regime. The revolutionary struggle is increasingly accepted by the public every day. The regime of the

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and have not gained the ability to adjust to it".

Mr. Zibakalam finds the biggest difficulties of the student movement to be its lack of self-definition and strategy. He added:

"This movement should specify its direction. If it passes this stage successfully, then we could expect that it will roll up its sleeves to solve the crisis".

The crisis within the student movement led by its religious faction is the same crisis that the pro-President Khatami movement and the movement of the Second of Khordad (Reformists) are facing. The present crisis has roots in the movement's lack of ability to recognise that it is the will of the people in the country that should rule and that the nature of a republic has contradictions with a system that is dictated by a supreme leader. The present Constitution of Iran denies any democratic rights for the masses and has established organs of control and oppression such as the "Guardian Council" and the "Rule of Supreme Leader" in the society. The root of the crisis is in the fact that the movement has not yet decided whether to take the path of deepening democracy and thus gain more concessions from the ruling class or to confine itself to the present Constitution.

When Zibakalam talks about "adjusting to the new

within the student movement is the result of the contradiction between standing for revolution or standing for reform and groaning from the pressure of the dominant faction of the government.

The crisis within the student movement is the same crisis that has gripped the entire Reformist faction. The Reformists are realising how dangerous it is to play with the fire of reform. They want to carry controlled reforms from above, with microscopic gains, and without the people's involvement from below.

The Islamic university student organisations want to stop the student movement from expanding and moving forward. They stay with the movement as long as it serves President Khatami and its reformist faction. The fact is that the strategy of the Reformists has faced stiff resistance from the dominant faction of the government and is incapable of making any gains. This strategy has lost credibility among the masses. The reflection of this among the people, particularly among the middle class of the population, has its effect in the student strata, which mainly comes from the middle and upper class of the society.

A student movement cannot have an economic program and, at its best, it is a cry rising from the social injustice in the society. It is a protest against despotism that contradicts the students' curiosity and questioning

experience", he is referring to the practical dissolution of the Sixth Islamic Parliament by the Supreme Leader, a parliament of which the Reformists were very proud. The Reformists are facing the question of to be or not to be, to obey the Supreme Leader's decisions or to rely upon the power of the masses and to negate the rule of theocracy in its entirety. The fact is that their strategy of possibly carrying political and social reforms in the framework of the present Constitution under the control of Supreme Leader is dead. Now they are facing the question of whether to accept contempt and disgrace and concede their defeat or to rely upon the power of the masses and encourage the population to use force to impose retreat and perhaps overthrow of the dominant faction.

The Reformists cannot overcome their crisis when they are more fearful of the "bugbear of revolution" than of despotism and supremacy of the "Supreme Leader". We are talking here about whether one will step forward with the clear demands of overthrowing the regime of the Islamic Republic and remove all barriers to democracy, barriers that are the basis of theocratic rule, or to kneel down to the bully of the "Supreme Leader" from the fear of deepening the movement. The crisis

attitude.

The student movement in Iran can overcome the crisis provided that it realises what social goals its slogans and its tactics should serve. Its demand for freedom of the press is a just demand, provided that it is a demand for the freedom of all the press and not for the Reformists' press alone. Whenever the radical students try to take their protest to the streets, to make ties with the masses, to experiment with new slogans to advance the movement, and to define a clear strategy for their activities, the pro-Khatami students hold them back and prevent them from establishing ties with the masses and invite them to "Active Calmness". In order to overcome the crisis within this movement, the students must question the legitimacy of the government in its entirety and the rule of theocracy in general.

The revolutionary and communist students should rely upon the working class and organise their work of transition from the present government according to the socialist world outlook. The way to overcome the crisis within the student movement is to support and rely upon the working class that has the capacity and desire to seize political power. The demand to overthrow the

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The Regime of the Islamic Republic and the Farce Named "The Trial on Serial Assassinations"

It is obvious to the people of the alleys and streets of Iran that their struggles from below have imposed on the Regime a trial for the chain of political assassins. The regime of the Islamic republic wanted to suppress and stop the mass movement through assassination of several known political figures and writers. But the people turned this desire around and disgraced the Regime.

Now, the regime has set up a trial with the hope that it will release itself from the pressure of the mass movement for a while. At the same time, in order to avoid being further disgraced, the leaders of the Islamic Republic have turned the trial that the masses desired into a farce. This farce is so exposed that even the Regime has a hard time defending it. In fact, this is a trial behind closed doors for which the victims' families have no knowledge of the contents of the files or the method of investigations, and for which the lawyers of the victims' families are in prison. It delivers no better justice than the trial of the attackers on University of Tehran's dormitory. This farce has no legal credibility, much less the credibility to investigate the assassination of political

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We Support the Demands of Sari's Textile Workers

According to the news received from the city of Sari, the textile workers of Chokhai have assembled in front of the office of the Governor of the state of Mazandaran and are demanding the payment of their long delayed wages. This factory, which is related to the bank of Industry and Mine, has not paid the workers' wages for over four months, and the authorities are ignoring the workers' demands for their wages and benefits.

We support the just and human demands of the textile workers of Chokhai. We, together with all the exploited workers of Iran, condemn the capitalist and anti-worker policy of the regime of the Islamic Republic. The comrades of textile workers of Chokhai can force the capitalist regime of Iran to retreat and can free themselves from the miserable living conditions when they act unitedly with the other workers.

**Unity and organisation is the alternative
for the workers!**

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figures.

The people of Iran, in alleys and streets, in factories and schools, in lines for bread and busses, in homes and at workplaces, will change this farce into a real trial. They will turn the regime's trial into a genuine MICONOS (a trial in Germany in which the heads of the Islamic Republic were convicted, at least in word) in which the witnesses are millions of Iranians who have lost their sons and companions, their comrades and co workers, their sisters and brothers, in this criminal regime, either in front of mass firing squads or under torture or by hanging ropes. Our people, in order to analyse the depth of these crimes, will dissect the regime of the Islamic Republic and find that the roots of these crimes lie in the rule of capitalism on their lives. Our Party is with and in front of people in this matter.

Death to the Capitalist Regime of the Islamic Republic!

Long Live Freedom! - Long Live Socialism!

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Confession

redundant and have lost their ability to make decisions about their own expediency! What miracles Pure Mohammedan Islam does not perform!

No religion, including Islam, grants value to human beings. Islam considers the masses full of animal sensuality that should be herded by a reactionary mullah. For mullahs, the views and decisions of 30 million people is worth less than the personal views of Leader Khamenei.

In what Khazali has said there is the confession that the regime of the Islamic Republic is deceitful and anti-people, that it does not value the human beings, and that this regime is ready to walk on the dead body of millions to preserve its power. This is why this regime must be overthrown. We must propagandise the overthrow of this medieval regime without forgetting that the establishment of socialism is the only path to salvation. For this path, we need to strengthen the party of the working class. Forward to this path!

Rape

the captive women is part of the war policy of the imperialist armies. Just two years ago, educational videos made by the present army of the United Germany on how to rape the captive female enemies were exposed. Raping the women is part of the imperialist war strategy to break the resistance of the enemy at war. At the same time, the imperialists administer this "magic medicine" to soldiers who have lost their mental balance in order to make them reusable. The rape of women has been the part of war policy of all bourgeois armies and has not been confined to Japan. Here we are not talking about this or that soldier who has lost control and committed such a crime. This kind of soldiers can be found everywhere. Here, we are talking about the unofficial general war policy of the imperialist armies that train and educate their soldiers with rape mentality.

The communists have always condemned these crimes and have punished most severely those soldiers who have committed rape against the war captives. Some of the Red Army soldiers who violated the policy on this matter were executed. The enemies of communism attribute these executions to the "violent" nature of Stalin in order to cover up their own violence against the war captives. In a communist army, one may find

Turkey

could be named "humane execution" (!) in countries in which the capital punishment is officially abolished. The political prisoners can be tortured and mistreated in the individual cells without any witness to the crime. With the lack of evidence of human rights violations, the government of Turkey can pass the entrance exam to enter the European Union!

The Pan Turkish government claims that it want to transfer the prisoners from general dormitory rooms to cells with internationally recognised standards. Furthermore, they claim that prisoners do not recognise the standards set forth by the human rights organisations. How similar this argument is with the Islamic Republic's argument that tortures the prisoners according to the Islamic laws and then claims that the international human rights organisations have no understanding of Islamic culture and thus charge the Islamic republic with human rights violations.

The Turkish Government claims that the murdered political prisoners have committed suicide. Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit describes the suppression of the resistance of the political prisoners as "good news". Hikmat Sami Turk, the Minister of Justice, describes these barbaric acts as a "return to life", "successful", and he congratulates the military and security forces for

some soldiers who commit crimes. It may not be easy to put an end to these crimes. But what is important is the army's policy and the foundation it is based on. What are important are the conducts that have been recognized or tolerated and those that have been prohibited and condemned by the army. What is important is the basis on which the soldiers' education is founded. In the capitalist world, even in the most "democratic" capitalist countries, the rape of the captive women is an unofficial part of educational policy of the soldiers. History has uncovered this secret and has proven our claim.

Demo

Islamic Republic must be eradicated. The Iranian people do not want this murderous and medieval regime. Victory is ours!

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* The demos were continued on February 11.

a job well done!

There are 72,000 prisoners in Turkey of whom over 12,000 are leftists and Kurds. Truly horrific prison conditions are imposed on leftists and Kurds. Turkey has been known for the barbaric conditions in its prisons, including torture and murder of prisoners. The government intends to release half of them in order to attract the attention of the European Parliament with a shining report card. The fascist security forces in Turkey penetrate the prisons by using arms and bulldozers. They murder the political prisoners, and now the regime of Turkey seeks membership in the European Union. Why not? Didn't the EU members in NATO murder thousands of Iraqis and Yugoslavs?

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capitalist regime, a demand that the reformists dare to raise, is a demand that indicates the direction of the move that is the wholehearted desire of our people. This demand is, at the same time, the key to overcome the dead end and the crisis that has been created by the pro Second of Khordad (Reformists) in the student movement.

Rape

only unashamed of this criminal conduct but takes pride in it. The right wing forces in Japan deny the existence of brothel houses set up by the army. Those who cannot cover up the irrefutable documents attribute this crime to local pimps who forced the captive teenage girls to become prostitutes for Japanese soldiers. Even if this claim had any credibility, the military gentlemen who had the knowledge of rapes did not stop the soldiers from committing the crimes. To rape was a crime, wasn't it? The Japanese army committed this crime, didn't it? What difference would it have made who gave these female "presents" to the Japanese soldiers?

The "national pride" of Japan's bourgeoisie is uncovered in this conduct. Mr. Hideaki Kase, one of Japan's known bourgeois historians, writes that "This international tribunal is an annoying show but has no political value". The investigation of the fate of hundreds of thousands of rape victims of Japan's army is a "show" and has "no political value"!

After occupation of Korea and China, the Japanese soldiers took their captive women for sexual pleasure and did not even leave the 12 – year old girls alone. The female captives were kept in special stations, and they were used to free the soldiers from "loneliness." The

nauseating term!

Moon Pil-Gis, a captured Korean girl who is now 74 years old, tells the story of how she left her family to continue her education in Seoul when she was 15 years old. She tells the horrid tale of how she was captured and found herself and other young girls in a train going to the war front with china and how she was used as a "comfort woman" by the soldiers. She never returned to a normal life after her release. She has not continued her education and has not formed a family because no one wanted to marry a "contaminated" rape victim. She has never experienced the happiness of youth. She is now near the end of her life, a life destroyed under the boots of Japanese imperialism. One can live only once! Moon is poor, and her wish at the end of her life is that the government of Japan asks her forgiveness. She wants to make the burden of the "shame" less heavy and to let at least her soul live in peace. But the bloodthirsty Japanese imperialism that is the second economic power in the world does not want to fulfill her wish. The fulfilment of her wish is a confession to the savagery of Japanese capitalism. The confession of this imperialist power to its crime has an economic price that has to be paid to the victims who still live. The government of Japan does not want to pay

long lines of soldiers were formed in front of special rooms every day to rape the female captives. Some of the women who have survived these barbaric tortures, and now are witnesses in the unofficial international tribunal, state that they had to bear the rape by 20 soldiers every day.

For the Japanese imperialists who sent the soldiers to war with a racist and nationalist ideology, the people of other countries were worth nothing or less than the Japanese. For them, the captives were not humans but were prey. The army hung those women who resisted the brutalities.

Only a small number of 200,000 female captives survived, and they had never returned to a normal life after the war. Some committed suicide, some died from injuries and disease, and some have kept quiet even to today and could not break the "wall of shame". One can live only once!

To see the depth of this crime, imagine the fate of hundreds of thousands of captives in those days, captives who were cut from their families and loved ones. The soldiers and the Japanese army have named these women the "comfort women" in order to avoid the use of the term "rape". Comfort women? What a

compensation to the victims, but the revolutionary and the communists of Japan support the just demand of the victims. The people of the world should know that there are many Japanese who condemn the horrific crimes committed by the Japanese imperialism during the Second World War. There are Japanese men and women who have high ideals and fight for the interests of human beings and their freedom from capitalist slavery.

Today, the other imperialist press stress this crime of Japan's army in order to lessen the world's focus on crimes of their own bourgeoisie against Vietnamese, Algerian, Palestinian, Soviets, Jews, etc.

The use of (read: the rape of) captive women by the soldiers for pleasure is a general practice of an imperialist army. We can see this conduct of the French imperialist army by reading the biography of Jamila Bupasha and Jamila Boheirid. We can see this practice by studying the conduct of Wehrmacht of the Nazi army during the occupation of the Soviet Union. We can see this conduct of the U.S. soldiers by studying the history of the brothels they set up in Saigon, Seoul, Phnom Penh, Cuba, Philippines, Thailand, etc. To rape

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The Rape of War Captives, the Hideous Crime of Japan's Army

Recently, half a century after the end of the Second World War, a court has been set up to investigate the crimes committed by the army of the Japanese Empire. This court was not formed in The Hague, where apparently all the war criminals should be tried. The reason for this is clear. Japan is not like Yugoslavia that could be broken into pieces and swallowed deliciously bite by bite. The generals of the Japan's army are not the generals of the Serbian army who could be brought to trial for raping the Kosovar women. Japan is economically and politically powerful, but Yugoslavia is not. Here we can see clearly the principals ruled by the imperialist world and the nature of the deceitful imperialist democracy.

This court has been formed by the humanitarian organisations and the victims of the crimes of the Japanese bourgeoisie. This court wants to investigate the crimes that were covered up by all the imperialist

The Murder of the Political Prisoners in Turkey and the Silence of Liberals and Human Rights Institutions

At the threshold of the New Year and the Twenty First Century, 27 communist political prisoners were murdered in Turkey according to the official news. The mass media of the imperialist countries have essentially ignored this significant event. The reason the mass media gave even little attention to the crime was to protect themselves so that people did not doubt their liberalism or their stands on human rights or and their anti-communism.

The security and military forces of Turkey attacked 20 of the country's prisons in which the political prisoners were on hunger strike. Thousands of families of the imprisoned political activists were demonstrating outside the prisons for days, and the imperialists' media were quiet. The reason is clear. The regime of Turkey is the enlarged hand of imperialism in the Middle East, and the imperialist powers have given the Pan Turkish regime the right to murder the communists.

powers for decades. Obviously one must ask why this just cause is being investigated at this time. What factors behind the scenes and what controversies with Japanese imperialism try to stress this just and deliberately forgotten cause?

According to the documents released by the mass media half a century after the end of the War, the proud and resistant army of Japan under the command of Emperor Hirohito, the representative of God on the Earth, had captured 200,000 Korean, Chinese, and Philippine women and teenage girls after the occupation of their countries. Japan's army forced the captives to act as prostitutes for its soldiers. This bourgeois army is not

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This barbaric act of the regime of Turkey is similar to the order given by the Pan Islamic Khomeini to massacre tens of thousands of the Iranian political prisoners in the summer of 1988.

The political prisoners of Turkey were protesting the regime's plan to transfer them to isolated and insulated individual cells. This type of imprisonment was invented in the U.S. and Germany in order to isolate and break the resistance of prisoners. It is the nature of these individual cells that the prolongation of imprisonment will result in captives' mental imbalance and possibly suicide. This method of killing will not leave any sign of torture on the prisoners' bodies. This

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