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***Season's Greetings!  
Best wishes for 2010!***



***We wish you good health, happiness and success  
in the struggle for peace and progress!***

***Wishing all people campaigning for peace,  
democracy and social justice success in 2010!***

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## ***The Communiqué of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran***

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- ***“Down with the Dictator and Dictatorship”***
- ***The “Model Islamic Regime” is disgraced and desperate***
- ***Attack on large crowds of mourners in the month of Muharram (sacred month of Shiite Islam) was unprecedented even during the police state of the Shah’s regime!***
- ***Personnel of the Special Forces and Military are disobeying orders of their commanders to shoot the people!***

According to the reports received from Tehran and other cities, in an unprecedented act, the armed mercenaries of the Supreme Leader and agents of the regime of the coup d’état [*electoral coup d’état of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 when the regime fraudulently stole the election*] attacked large masses of people who had come to the streets to commemorate Tasoua and Ashora [*the event marking the martyrdom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Shiite Imam*], and arrested and wounded a large number of people. Also, according to the latest reports, following the shooting by the “Defenders of the Supreme Leader”, a number of our noble compatriots lost their lives.

The violent, bloody and unprecedented raid of the mercenaries of the despotism against the mass religious ceremonies of Tasoua and Ashora is unprecedented in the contemporary history of our nation. Despondence and disgrace of the mercenaries of the dark minded regime, who have driven our homeland into a deep and widespread crisis, in the recent days and especially following the magnificent demonstration of the masses during Ayatollah Montazeri’s funeral ceremonies [Monday 21 Dec], have entered unprecedented dimensions. Iran is in a state of martial law; Sepah [*the Guards Corps*] and Basij’s [Islamic paramilitary forces] garrisons are on the alert; and it is the Sepah, mercenaries of the Basij and plain-clothes personnel under the control of the Supreme Leader’s headquarters who are attacking the people.

According to the published reports, despite the complete censorship imposed by the regime and shut-down of the mass communications media, following Saturday’s intense clashes in Tehran, since this morning (Sunday) Tehran’s streets have been witnessing numerous large gatherings and clashes. The unprecedented presence of the military and anti-riot personnel in Tehran’s streets is such that one can compare Tehran to a military garrison. In some places clashes are very intense and outraged people have set motorcycles used by the regime’s mercenaries [for attacking protesters] on fire.

According to the reports by the Internet website of Mowj Sabz Azadi (Green Wave of Freedom): “Since this morning, in Qom, Isfahan, Najaf-Abad, Kashan, Shiraz, Mashad and other Iranian



cities, mourners had gathered in groups and are chanting slogans such as, “Shame on you Supreme Leader, give up the monarchy”, “Khamenei became Yazid, He has made Yazid look respectable” [*Yazid was the name of the killer of the Third Shi’a Islam revered Imam Hussein*], have raised their voice in opposition to the continuation of the despotic regime. According to the reports published by this same website: “reports received from Shiraz indicate that there has been a clash in the Ghoba Mosque, where Ayatollah Dastgheib was delivering a speech. Also, streets leading to the Shah Cheragh Mausoleum are in complete control of the military forces. Reports arriving from Qom also indicate that fights and clashes are occurring around the houses of Ayattollah Montazeri and Ayattollah Sane’i. It must be mentioned that firing tear gas, creation of a police atmosphere, attack on the mourners of Imam Hussein and tight control of all the mosques and places of mourning, are the last attempts of the despotic regime for suppressing the popular movement.”

Also, according to Jaras news website: "While the intensity of the clashes is increasing in different parts of Tehran and the police has lost control of many parts of the city, military commanders in central parts of the city have ordered their forces to use live ammunitions and directly shoot the people to disperse them. But many of the guard forces are disobeying the order and are shooting in the air or completely refusing to obey."

Events of the recent days, from the outstanding funeral ceremony of Ayatollah Montazeri, to events of the Tasoua and Ashora, more than anything are evidence of the weakness and extreme despondence of the theocratic regime in confronting the people's fury, and discontent of the overwhelming majority of the people in our country. The fact that in the month of Muharram, in world's so-called "model Islamic regime", they attack the mourning people in such a barbaric manner and injure hundreds of people and murder a number of our compatriots, on one side is a proof of the colossal strength of the people's movement, and on the other hand shows the despotic regime's barbarism and start of the count-down of the collapse of the regime of hypocrisy and totalitarianism in our country. All the progressive forces, including the Tudeh Party of Iran, consider themselves a part of this mighty human and revolutionary movement for the liberation of the nation, and will not rest a moment until the victory of this movement. It has been for a long time now that the anti-people regime in our country has been planting wind, and now the moment for harvesting the storm is approaching rapidly.

### **Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran**

**December 27, 2009**

## **Duress and Threats against the Press**

*(From "Nameh Mardom", Central Organ of the Tudeh Party of Iran No. 832, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009)*

**D**irected pressure on the press and independent journalists is one of the suppressive measures exercised especially after the election coup. Few weeks after the closing down of the paper "Sarmayeh", "Hayate Nou" was unlawfully forced to cease

publication under unfounded prettexts. Censorship, incarceration of the journalists, and shutting down of the papers have been routine acts of the ruling reaction and no day goes by without the rights of the journalists and freedom of the press and thought being trampled upon under trumped up charges. In this regard, the society in defense of freedom of the press called the state of the press as being under the "darkest and most arduous times for the freedom of the press in Iran" with a communiqué. The communiqué reads: "The daily duress and



numerous threats on the critical journalists and independent and outsider press in Iran following the June 12, 2009 elections in Iran have increased both in scope and the depth. This most unfortunate and sad situation, which shows itself most clearly in the presence of a group of journalists in jails, takes its toll on closing down of papers daily ... In addition to the closure of critical and independent papers, the press and information deputy director of the of the ministry of guidance, as the executive arm of the limitation on freedom of the press, resorts to unlawful measures..."

The society in defense of the freedom of the press finishes the communiqué by saying: "Raising our deepest objections against the continuation of the unlawful process of placing ever increasing limitations on the freedom of expression and thought and the press in Iran and the continuation of the incarcerations and direct and indirect threats against the journalists ... we call for the respect for the ... standards of the free press."

Ever increasing pressures on the journalists and

closing down of the papers and journals is an inseparable component of the reactionaries' suppressive plans and their confrontations with peoples' movement which should be confronted!

## **The Impassionate Struggle of the Student Movement against Tyranny**

*(From "Nameh Mardom", Central Organ of the Tudeh Party of Iran No. 832, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009)*

**D**espite vast contingency plans of the security apparatus to contain the student protests, the universities across the country are facing the continuation of the struggle against the illegitimate coup government and its main backer the Vali-e-Faqih! From November 7th, the students day, onwards, despite the suppression and security stage-crafts, and psychological and propaganda campaigns, thousands of students, male and female, have raised their voices against the coup government and the tyranny of the Vali-e-Faqih across the country. Tehran University, especially, the arts, technical, and law schools have been the scenes of brave student action. The students are calling for the expulsion of the security forces and basij militia from the universities and the freedom of the political prisoners. One of the student activists declared that the "assault on the dignity of the university and entrance from outside of the tugs for the purpose of beating down the students, raising our voice against the closed and the suppressive atmosphere following the elections, and using the tearing down of Khomeini's picture as an excuse for further suppressions in the society" have been the reasons for the spread of the student protests and their continuation. Following the successful activities on the students day, the Revolutionary Guards and Basij militia forces attacked Tehran, National (Beheshti), and Teachers Education universities on November 8th and 9th. Amirkabir newsletter reports: "From early morning of November 8th, the entrance gates of the Tehran University were opened to Revolutionary Guard and Basij Militia forces by the school security guards and these military forces attacked the students with batons and pepper spray, and arrested several students and took them with them..."

In Shiraz University, the putschists sentenced 9 student activists to long and tough sentences

following massive arrest of the students. In Zanjan University, also, several students were sentenced to three to six months as being the protest leaders. Mashhad Ferdowsi University has seen many student arrests in the past days. The sphere of the student arrests was quite large in Mashhad. In Kerman and Qazvin universities, tens of students have been attacked by Basij and the Revolutionary Guard agents and in Qazvin and Kerman 5 and 3 students have been arrested, respectively.



In these conditions, and following the arrest of Majid Tavakoli, the Tehran Amir Kabir University student activist, and publication of his pictures with women's attire and hijab, which created opposite results for the putschists, Mohammad Pour Abdullah, a leftist student activist was sentenced to the cruel six year term and transferred to the criminal and addicted' ward. Tabriz Sahand University was also the scene of attacks by Vali-e-Faqih armed tugs on the students and the arrest of a group of them. Tehran Science and Industry University students staged several days of strikes and protests in defense of political prisoners and for the release of student prisoners. In Sistan and Baluchistan University, also, the impassionate struggle of the students against the reaction armed tugs grew quite heavily. The student movement to the contrary of the putschist and tugs of Vali-e-Faqih expectations has continued and is continuing its brave struggle despite the suppressions and increased pressures. This movement, with its deep and strong roots, has foiled many of the reactionaries' plans and conspiracies through its admirable struggle and resistance.

## **The Reduction in the Temporary Workers Wages at the National Oil Company**

*(From "Nameh Mardom", Central Organ of the Tudeh Party of Iran No. 832, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009)*

**W**ith the changes in the labor law and new contracts by the new coup government ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in the ending days of November, the Board of Directors of the National Iranian Oil Company issued new regulations on employee wages to all its subordinate firms and institutions. According to these new rules, the temporary workers have seen severe cuts in their wages.



Iran Students News Agency (ISNA) reported on November 1st that: "Based on the article four of the Board of Directors regulations, the bonuses paid to the temporary workers ... have changed and many of the employees and workers have lost their benefits... the mentioned regulations, which have been communicated and implemented following their issue, have reduced the wages by a total of %50; Many of the employees and workers who are targets of these regulations have a work history of between 8 to 18 years with the oil industry, yet, despite that and having gone through several specialized trainings, they still do not possess permanent employment status."

Continuing on, the report emphasizing the inflation and high prices, mentions: "The implementation of these regulations has caused a large number of the employees and workers at the dependent companies of the Oil ministry to face serious problems in meeting their ends..."

The passage and the issuance of such regulations are along the modifications of the economy development plan and restructuring that are part of the coup government plans to join the World Trade Organization. This regulation is a continuation of the deregulation plans which first targets temporary employees and workers and next will include all the permanent

personnel as well.

One of the temporary workers with 18 years work history and still not a permanent employee told ISNA reporter on November 1st that "with the new regulations, for me who has 18 years of work history, the wages have been cut by %50, who is responsive to us, the temporary workers?"...

Temporary contracts are the inauspicious results of implementation of the IMF and World Bank structural adjustment programs which Ahmadinejad government has extended and now, by introduction of new schemes of worker contracts and reform of the labor law, he is attempting to "legalize" these adjustment programs.

Doing away with these contracts is the main demand of the workers/union movement of the toilers in our country!

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### **The historic lesson of the Iranian people for the Supreme Leader of the reactionary regime and the dark-minded mercenaries**

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*(From "Nameh Mardom", Central Organ of the Tudeh Party of Iran No. 832, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009)*

**D**espite all the might of the mercenaries of the regime and the Supreme Leader of the reactionary regime, the funeral of Ayatollah Montazeri was held with the outstanding attendance of hundreds of thousands of the Iranians in the city of Qom. The crowd in the streets was so large that even the regime's media had no choice but to admit that hundreds of thousands of people attended this event.

According to the received reports, a great number of political, social and religious figures of the country also attended the funeral and by doing so expressed their respect to Ayatollah Montazeri's perseverance in opposing the ruling despotism. Holding this astounding funeral ceremony for Ayatollah Montazeri who has been under the harshest propaganda attack by the regime and its agents since 1988, was a big blow on the face of those nonsense talkers who tried to discredit him during all these years. From the memoirs of such criminals as Reyshahri to speeches of Khamenei (the Supreme Leader) and mercenaries like Shariatmadari, the media gangster boss of the regime, all the mass media resources were at the disposal of the dark-

minded gangs to ruin the credibility and moral significance of Ayatollah Montazeri. His family was repeatedly troubled and harassed by the thugs of the reactionary regime in the past twenty years. However, the spectacular farewell of people with this militant clergyman who stood firm on his beliefs till his death and did not accept the leadership position at the cost of being a partner in the hideous crimes of the leadership of the regime, clearly manifests his ethical credibility amongst the masses.

In a spiteful message on the occasion of Ayatollah Montazeri's death, Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the theocratic regime, said: "towards the end of the life of the late Imam, a hard and crucial test was put forward [to Ayatollah Montazeri – referring to his objections to mass murder of political prisoner ordered by Khomeini in 1988] and I hope the God will absolve this with his mercy and will consider his [Montazeri's] suffering in life as his punishment."

The fact of the matter is that it is not Montazeri that needs mercy and pardon but it is the leaders of the regime, such as Ali Khamenei, who must seek mercy and pardon because of their collaboration and complicity with the horrible crime of murdering thousands of political prisoners in 1988. The splendid funeral of Ayatollah Montazeri showed that it is Montazeri that will be remembered with honor by the people of Iran who will not forget the disgrace of mass murdering of freedom fighters in 1988 and other horrific crimes committed by Khamenei and his mercenaries in the recent years.

The other noteworthy point is that the funeral of Montazeri was another opportunity for the liberation movement of our nation to show its antipathy and disgust against the continuation of the ruling despotic regime. People chanted: "we don't want spiteful condolence", "our Radio and TV, our disgrace", "militant Montazeri, we will continue on your path, even if the dictator opens fire on us", "subjugated Montazeri, Happy emancipation", "it is not Montazeri who died, it is the government that is dead", "Dictator! Dictator! Montazeri's way will be followed."

United support of all religious-national forces and all the dissent and freedom-loving forces of the nation, along with student and women's movement and the presence of working people in this funeral, also proved that despite all the

pressures and attacks of the regime, the popular movement of our nation still continues its struggle with full power and any day that passes in this struggle, it is the reaction bloc that loses grounds and becomes increasingly weaker. It is a known fact today that in the eyes of the protesting masses of the nation the Supreme Leadership of Ali Khamenei neither has religious legitimacy nor is acceptable anymore. The million-strong vote of people against the candidate supported by him, and the military coup by Sepah Guards and its affiliates to preserve this unstable framework, and also the opposition of an overwhelming majority of high-ranked religious leaders with his positions after the election, demonstrate a deep and unprecedented crisis that is expanding everyday despite of all pressures, shows of forced confessions on TV by the tortured detainees, and superficial trials.



Who could imagine that one day in the Islamic Republic, i.e. in the so called "World Model of Islamic Regime", suppression apparatus would have to take extensive security measures to prevent the people from attending the funeral of one of the Grande Shiite leaders; or would fiercely worry about people taking advantage of such religious events as Tasoua and Ashura [the event marking the death of the 3rd Shiite Imam] to show their opposition to the dictatorship regime. The exceptional funeral of Ayatollah Montazeri is a proof that the powerful popular movement that is seriously challenging the existence of dictatorship and obscurantism in our country is continuing and is moving forward its struggle with a historic fortitude. As the masses were properly chanting today, the name and memory of Montazeri will remain in the minds of people and it is the Supreme Leader and his puppet government that is decaying.