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Domineering Actions of Imperialism, the Coup Government, and the Interests of the Popular Movement

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The news in the Iranian and international media has been heavily devoted in recent weeks to the alarming situation in the Middle East region and the possible risk and threat of military attack by Israel and the United States on Iran. The passing of the fourth resolution by the UN Security Council in the month of May, following the unilateral sanctions of the United States and the European Union, and the fact that the UN Security Council resolution 1929 was based on Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, have all led to a situation which would unavoidably make world peace advocates and the popular forces rightly worried. The news about the selling of missile systems by the US to Kuwait, the hostile statements of the leaders and senior figures of authority in France, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia against Iran, and the

hasty enforcement of disciplinary sanctions by the UAE in recent months, have all contributed to this worrying situation. Parallel to these events, the unveiling and launching of new domestically manufactured missiles and un-manned or drone bombers by the Iranian regime and the provocative talk of the regime's Supreme Leader, president, speaker of the parliament, head of the judiciary and a few of the high-rank officers of the security-military apparatus, have escalated the fear that this course of events will result in the exacerbation of the current situation.

On one side, "US News" wrote in a provocative article on August 27th that: "For both Israel and the United States, the Iranian nuclear "clock" is now ticking faster...Israel...must still prepare for pre-emption...Israel must move immediately to strengthen its nuclear deterrence posture. Israel must thus make operational a recognisable second-strike nuclear force, one that is hardened and dispersed...Israel is recognised as a nuclear power in the Middle East...Israel must make it clear to any would-be nuclear aggressor that Arrow defences would always operate simultaneously with decisive Israeli nuclear retaliations. Arrow is necessary for Israeli security, but it is not sufficient..."

And on the other side, General Masoud Jazayeri, the Defence Propaganda and Cultural Deputy of the General Headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, pointing out the psychological war of the US through military threats, stated: “should the US commit this historic and big mistake and instigate the war, the management of the war would not remain with it.” He then added: “those times when one could strike an air attack and run away are gone; Iran’s response to any sort of military aggression would be broad, profound and destructive.” Jazayeri’s rhetoric is in line with the same adventurous talks and threats of Ahmadinejad and Khamenei who promise to harm the interests of the US around the globe and at any point!

Aside from such threatening talk, the statements of Mir Hussein Mousavi last week indicate the genuine concern of influential figures in the popular movement with regards to the escalating rhetoric of both sides at this juncture in time. Referring to this situation, Mousavi said: “the adventurous policies of recent years, the rhetoric and rodomontade ranting have driven the country into a dangerous situation. Today, the adversaries of our nation around the world are beating the drums of aggression and violence. They need to provoke public opinion around the world in order to be able to execute their evil intent. Sadly, the domestic rhetoric that threatens the entire globe provides the necessary pretext for that propaganda. As far as the Green Movement is concerned, it will respond to any kind of threat from outside while maintaining its autonomy in opposition to the ruling authoritarian forces. We all will

openly and unequivocally defend our national interest.”

This principled position of Mir Hussein Mousavi is in line with the position that national and democratic forces, including the Tudeh Party of Iran, have taken and have repeatedly stressed on. In spite of their opposition to the policies of the ruling regime and their struggle for democratic changes in the country, the

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progressive forces and peace activists in Iran and around the world have for many years expressed their concern about the risks posed by the war-mongering policies of imperialism and the adventurous reaction of the Iranian regime. The national and democratic forces in Iran have always stated that the best way to prevent imperialist aggression and intervention against our nation is to develop a nation-wide peace movement. However, this requires the existence of a real and functioning democracy, the opportunity to assemble the people, to organise and mobilise the working people through broad publicity and the alliance of the main components of the popular movement including women, workers, the youth and students. Under the circumstances whereby the coup government suppresses the popular movement through bloodshed and

outlaws the “National Peace Council”, how could an effective peace movement be established? In fact, by suppressing freedom the regime vigorously defies the peace movement.

The Tudeh Party of Iran has consistently emphasised its complete opposition to any kind of foreign intervention in the domestic affairs of our nation, under any pretext, including, for example, the recent sanctions inflicted by the UN Security Council and the EU. The Tudeh Party of Iran believes that such adventures solely serve to bolster the regime of the Supreme Leader and to prolong the suppressive rule of the authoritarians in power. The Tudeh Party of Iran has always taken this same stance and once again stresses that the future direction of political developments in Iran could and should be solely determined by the Iran’s very own people.



Our party considers the main line of the statements of comrade Fidel Castro, the leader of the Cuban revolution, of the Communist Party of Greece, and of several other revolutionary and progressive forces from around the world, with regard to the recent threats of military attack against Iran, to be in

accordance with the analysis of the progressive and pro-democracy forces in Iran. On August 7th, in his speech in the extraordinary meeting of the Cuban parliament, Fidel Castro called upon Barak Obama, the president of the United States, to avoid commanding a strike on Iran and thereby prevent a serious threat against world peace. He said that the leaders of the most powerful countries of the world, except Israel, oppose a military attack by the US against Iran. According to reports published by the media on this issue, on another occasion Fidel Castro encouraged Barak Obama “not to pull the trigger” that could spark the flames of war against Iran because of Iran’s development of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

Recognising the particular responsibility with regards to the cause of peace and the need to continue and deepen the rights-seeking protest movement of the people, the Tudeh Party of Iran believes that a careful and precise understanding and analysis of the situation in Iran is vital in adopting proper policies and promoting appropriate struggle slogans for the prevention of a new disaster in the region. In our view, the struggle for democracy and fundamental changes inside the country is, at the same time, a struggle against the risk and threat of war and is also opposition to and resistance against interventionist and militaristic policies from outside. The contemporary history of our nation, from the notorious coup of August 1953 staged by the US and British intelligence agencies, to the plundering of the country’s oil and gas resources and direct interference in the governance of the nation in the decades

leading up to the 1979 revolution, and then the subsequent imperialist interventions and plots to crush and bring failure to the February '79 revolution, indicate this clear reality that the interventionist policies of the imperialist countries, under any context, have always been extremely destructive and against the national interests of our nation. Therefore, firm defiance and an unswerving struggle against these interventions are part of the national and democratic tasks of the movement for freedom in Iran.

We also believe that due to the appalling failure of the war-mongering policies of the United States and its allies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the widespread abhorrence in world public opinion towards the consequences of such policies, the US and its allies are facing major constraints in waging a new war in the region, specifically with regards to Iran, and the world peace movement has to take notice and advantage of this fact. The upcoming visit of president Obama to the Middle East will take place at a time when this region is once again faced with escalating tensions and new crises and the US is looking for some sort of solution for these crises that will suit the key policies of US imperialism in the region. It is expected that parallel to the attempts to start another round of direct talks between the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Obama will try to resolve or alleviate other crises that directly impact the interest of the US in this region.

In recent years, our party has always stressed, and will continue to do so, that the regional tensions have to be resolved

through negotiations and peaceful means and manners. We believe that under the current circumstances, when the war-mongering and extremist forces are beating the drums of tension and hostility, we have to move vigilantly towards resolving the issues through direct negotiations. The fact of the matter is, and the experience of the past 30 years of our nation show, that only the reactionary and anti-people forces will benefit from the escalation of tensions and further militarisation of the political life of the nation under the pretext of foreign intervention. Beating the drums of war and tension is in clear contradiction to the justice and freedom-seeking demands and goals of the popular movement in our country that, despite more than one year of brutal suppression by the oppressive security forces of the regime of the Supreme Leader, is still continuing powerfully on its path. The adventurous policies of the regime of the Supreme Leader, at a time when major sectors of the ailing economy of our country are practically dependent on the imperialist and transnational monopolies, as well as the business dealings of the heads of the regime and ruling military clique with the imperialist circles, expose the demagogic rhetoric of the regime about defending the national interests.

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