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Reflections on the current developments in Iran, the struggles of the popular movement, and what to be done in the current situation!

On the occasion of the anniversary of the election coup of military forces and mercenaries of the "Supreme Leader"

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With the arrival of June 12th, it is now one year since the military forces and the mercenaries of the Supreme Leader staged the authoritarian coup against the people of our country. It is now one year that our nation, under the devious circumstances of the rule of armed and semi-armed thugs over the major cities, is suffering a bloody and brutal suppression and subjugation. It is now one year that despite all the efforts of various security forces, the detention of thousands of political activists, pre-set trials, and torture and executions, that the immense popular movement has continued in its struggle and is looking for an opportunity to raise again from the ashes of the suppressions of the past year and seriously challenge the tyrant and dark-minded enemy once again. In the past year, not only has the instability crisis of the regime not ended, but also the political, social and economic dimensions of the crisis have been increasingly extended and deepened.

Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the theocratic regime, who these days more than ever manifests himself as a vicious dictator ignoring the demands of the majority of the nation and who blatantly resorts to force and brutal suppression of all opponents including some of his past allies, in a speech at the anniversary of Khomeini's death threatened the leaders of the

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"Green Movement" and said: "some are moving totally opposite to Imam [Khomeini]'s line and stance, take such positions as they took on Quds Day, making disgraceful moves on the day of Ashura...we cannot get along with those who openly oppose the Imam's principles and his motion; we cannot stand by their side, or stay silent...they do that and at the same time claim that they are followers of Imam. This is not possible. This is not acceptable. The people realized this very well. The people see this, know this, and notice this."

He added: "another fundamental point about the line and approach of Imam is that he repeatedly said that judgement about people must be based on their current stance. The past actions of individuals are not considered. Considering the past times is for when their present stance is not known; it is when one might refer to that past and say "well, it was like that before, perhaps it is the same now." If the present of someone is the opposite of their past, then that past no longer counts...some came along with Imam in the plane from Paris to Iran, but were executed for treason during Imam's time! Some were in contact with Imam when he was in Najaf and when he went to Paris. They were highly regarded by Imam in the early days after the revolution. However, later on their behaviour and positions, made Imam to reject and denounce them." These words of Khamenei were reverberated in an organized manner by some of the figures of the regime and numerous speakers at the Friday prayers across the country. This depicts the organised plans of the heads of the reactionary regime to counter attack the protests movements of June 12, and if necessary, to deal violently with the leaders of the Green Movement. Mahdavi Kani, one of the most senior figures of the reaction, a member of the Assembly of Experts and the Secretary of the of Combatant Clergy Association of Tehran, asked Khamenei in explicit words that instead of preaching for opponents, deal with the "regime's opposition" firmly and with a strong hand. He said: "The Islamic regime could not be managed only by preaching, and

the people ought not to expect the leader to preach only. The leader has to command. Some think that because the leader is a clergyman, he should only preach. The meaning of Supreme Leader is commander; Supreme Leader is different from a Marja' [Religious Reference]." He then reiterated Khamenei's comments, made last year, that "an Islamic and revolutionary regime could not be run haphazardly" and said: "I have always stated that in order to protect the Islamic revolution, the necessary tenacity must be shown while the laws and rights of people are preserved because an Islamic and revolutionary regime could not be run haphazardly."

From the speeches and threats of the leaders of the reaction and the commanders of the suppressive forces, the fact comes to light that despite all the show of power by the police and military forces, the reactionary ruling regime has not been able to suppress the massive popular movement. It still fears the power and might of this movement and is on watch to begin another round of brutal and bloody suppressions, this time targeting the leaders of the Movement.

Lessons of the past year's historical struggle

The tough wide-ranging struggle that was ignited after the coup of the military forces and trampling on the votes of millions of Iranians contains noteworthy lessons about the initiative and lucidity of people and the tactics that the regime utilised to counteract the struggle of people. The million-strong mass demonstrations in the first days after the election scared the Supreme Leader and the regime and shook the pillars of the rule of Islamic law and leaders. The regime realised that if it allows this form of massive street movements to continue, the cities of the country would look reminiscent of the days of the revolution and the regime would lose its control. With the taking to the streets of tens of thousands of anti-riot forces in Tehran and other large cities, the disruption of all the communication lines from cell phones to internet which were being used by the popular movement as a powerful tool to organize the demonstrations, the arrest of a large number of prominent cadres from the ranks of the reformists in order to further break down the chain to organise the street demonstrations and the obstruction of any mass gatherings in cities through the raids of plain-clothes forces and Basij paramilitary and Revolutionary Guard Corps units, the regime finally hindered the broad

presence of people in street demonstrations and violently took the major cities of the country under the coverage and control of its security forces. Another noteworthy point about the events of the past year is the participation of a broad spectrum of social forces and the alliance of various political forces in them, from nationalist forces to a broad range of left forces in the ranks of the popular movement. The Achilles' heel of the popular movement, of which the regime was very well aware, was the weak presence of the working class in the within its ranks. It should be noted that in the last two years we have been witnessed the organised attacks of the regime's security forces against the organised sections of the labour movement, particularly the very few existing trade unions, the broad arrest and detention of labour activists and even increasing pressure by the security forces against such institutions as the House of Workers that not too long ago were set up as an alternative to the real trade unions of the workers. The widespread attack of the regime to obstruct the rallies of the International Workers Day a few weeks ago and even the regular celebrations of the House of Workers show the deep fear of the regime leadership at the prospect of the joining of the labour movement with the popular movement against the despotism.

One of the weak points of the Movement in the past year and in its early days, was the one-sided emphasis on only the vote rigging and not paying enough attention to public issues like the suppression of freedom, harsh socio-economical pressure upon the working people and the general efforts to draw the working people and the working class to the ranks of the struggle. In light of all this, acknowledgement of the fact that without ending the rule of medieval despotism, the fierce political and social injustice can not be eradicated in this society and that the exacerbation of the difficult livelihoods of workers and working people directly relates with the anti-national and destructive policies of the Ahmadinejad government and the security-military mafia of the theocratic regime, is among the issues that should be the focus of the struggle of political forces and the social activists.

We still believe that it is with the persistent exposing of the despotic regime, raising the awareness of the masses, along with heavy blows delivered by the continued popular protest movement that the utterly armed regime confronting the people could be brought to its knees.

Message of Condolence of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran to the Communist Party of Chile on the death of Comrade Luis Corvalan

To the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Chile

Santiago, Chile

23 July 2010

Dear Comrades

It was with great sadness that the Tudeh Party of Iran learned of the death at 94 years of age of Comrade Luis Corvalan. Our party sends its sincere condolences to the Communist Party of Chile and all its allies and supporters.

Comrade Corvalan, throughout his long life, was a determined and dedicated fighter for democracy, social justice and freedom, an exemplary leader and true communist. Undeterred by whatever the forces of reaction threw in his path he remained steadfast to the cause of the working class of Chile, standing true to this through imprisonment and exile.

Under his leadership the courageous Communist Party of Chile struggled heroically against the Pinochet dictatorship and was instrumental in bringing down one of the most ferocious and brutal regimes the world had experienced in its recent history, and the restoration of democracy and a more just society.

The Tudeh Party of Iran, in its struggle against the bloody dictatorships of both the Shah and the post-1979 theocratic regime has found inspiration in the work of Comrade Luis Corvalan. We believe that, though the world has lost a true hero of class struggle, his example will give strength to those who follow in his footsteps for generations to come.

Comrades,

Be sure of our sympathy, support and international solidarity with you and all progressive people in Chile.

**Yours in Comradeship,
The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran**

Statement of Tudeh Party of Iran in protest against the anti-Communist legislation in Poland

8th of June 2010

To the Embassy of Poland

For the attention of
His Excellency Prime Minister of Poland
Mr. Donald TUSK

The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran wishes to protest strongly against developments in Poland regarding the ratification of legislation banning the use of communist symbols.

The Tudeh Party of Iran is concerned that the actions of the Polish Government are taking place in the context of wider efforts in certain countries of Eastern Europe to equate Communism with Nazism, to distort history and eradicate all that recalls the period of socialism.

We would like to remind the government of Poland that in taking this step to legislate against the activities of the Communist Party of Poland, it places itself at the side of the most reactionary and backward regimes of the world, such as the theocratic regime ruling in Iran today. Your government should also realise that, in legislating against the free operation of the Communist Party of Poland, it is violating the spirit of articles 18 and 19 of the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. This Covenant protects the rights of people to their opinions and to express them publicly.

We call on the Polish Government to consider the immediate repeal of legislation prohibiting the use of the communist symbols.

The Tudeh Party of Iran expresses its unequivocal support and solidarity with the Communist Party of Poland in their principled struggle to resist anti communist legislation. We support the struggle to ensure that the democratic rights of the Communist Party of Poland are safeguarded so that it can operate freely and effectively in the interests of the working people of Poland.

The Tudeh Party of Iran is proud of its fraternal and internationalist relations with the Communist Party of Poland. We reiterate our solidarity with the CPP in its struggle against this unjust, undemocratic and reactionary legislation

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In Solidarity with the fraternal Communist Party of Sudan

To the Central Committee of the Sudanese Communist Party

Khartoum, Sudan

21 June 2010

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran has received disturbing news of political developments in the Sudan during recent months. We are concerned to have received reports confirming attempts by the Sudanese government to suppress the struggle of the Sudanese people and progressive forces for human and democratic rights, democracy and social justice.

As you know, because much of what is happening in the Sudan is similar in important aspects to what has taken place in our country during the past thirty years, the Tudeh Party of Iran has followed events in your country closely.

We believe that the regime in the Sudan interfered in the electoral process in order to frustrate popular desire and to engineer a favourable result. We salute the Sudanese Communist Party (SCP) for rejecting outright the sham election and for boycotting it. The Tudeh Party of Iran notes with serious concern that since the election in April, the Sudanese regime has used its suppressive apparatus to once more systematically target progressive forces and trade unions in general and in particular the SCP.

The Tudeh Party of Iran condemns the campaign of terror and repression unleashed by the Sudanese regime against the Doctors Strike Committee. We are alarmed to learn that key figures of the leadership of the

strike, including Dr. Al Hadi Bakhiet, have been arrested and are being subjected to torture. The Tudeh Party of Iran is seriously concerned for the health and wellbeing of Dr. Al Hadi Bakhiet and calls for his immediate and unconditional release, together with all political prisoners in the Sudan.

The Tudeh Party of Iran is alarmed at attempts by the security forces of the Sudanese government to frustrate the activities of the fraternal Sudanese CP by subjecting it to intimidation and suppression. We strongly condemn the actions of the security forces in censoring the publications of the Sudanese CP including Almaidan, its central organ.

The Tudeh Party of Iran condemns absolutely the arrest and detention of journalists, trade unionists and progressive politicians by the Sudanese regime.

We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, who have been denied the most basic of human rights including access to defence lawyer and being able to defend themselves freely in the courts.

The Tudeh Party of Iran expresses its unequivocal support for and solidarity with the fraternal Sudanese Communist Party in its principled struggle to restore peace, democracy, human rights and social justice in the Sudan. We support the international campaign to ensure that the democratic rights of all progressive and democratic forces, and in particular the Sudanese CP, are safeguarded so that they can operate freely and effectively in the interests of the working people of the Sudan.

The Tudeh Party of Iran is proud of its fraternal and internationalist relations with the Sudanese Communist Party and we reiterate our militant solidarity with it in the struggle against tyranny, war and reactionary forces and for peace democracy and social justice.

With comradely greetings,

The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran