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Adopting A Foreign Policy Appropriate To National Interests

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In the recent weeks attempts by the high ranking officials within the United States to brand Iran, Iraq and North Korea as “axis of evil” to justify them as the next targets for the “anti-terrorist coalition” has continued.

The leaders in the White House are imposing a fresh round of qualitatively new measures to isolate the Islamic Republic of Iran based on plans calculated to ensure their total hegemony in the region. The aim of this policy is to create conditions in which the Islamic Republic would comply fully by the capitalist “globalization” scheme. It is the toiling people of Iran who at present are engaged in an intense struggle for the democratization of our society that would be the victims of this plan

It is not difficult to identify wide spectrum of the reactionary forces both inside and outside our country that have assumed active roles in implementing such a devious scheme designed to shatter the struggle for independence. Disclosure of news that the Pakistani government has arranged the safe passage of a number of Taliban and Al Qaida members through the south eastern borders of Iran (The Financial Times Feb. 18) and the questionable role of certain heads of the revolutionary guards in facilitating their passage should not be taken lightly.

The Financial Times follows up its report by stating: “a senior politician told FT that two high ranking Taliban and Al Qaida suspects have been arrested.” Considering the new role played by the coup regime of Pakistan, it is evident in the region whose fingers are now involved in a new round of provoking Iran. An article by Kenneth Timmerman known for his close ties with the Iranian monarchists and the former heads of Shah’s secret police “Savak” in the “In Site” magazine (printed in the US) attempts to implicate the Islamic Republic of Iran with the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York - instigating US military assaults against Iran.

In the same vain, the provocative speeches of Brigadier General Zolghadr, the acting commander of the Iran’s revolutionary guards should be considered when he envisages the possibility of Iranian attack on region’s oil fields in the face of a US military action. The chief editor of one of the Tehran’s papers (Keyhan, a mouthpiece of the ruling reaction) praised this statement and Brigadier General as an “enlightened military commander”, thus designed to provoke US to increase pressure on Iran.

It is evident that the ruling regime under the guise of mobilization against military attack and the intrusive posturing by the US, in fact, is attempting to halt the growing surge of the people's struggles for democratization.

It must be said that given the acute and critical present situation unfortunately some of our democratic opposition forces seem to suffer from certain confusion. On the one hand, some political personalities, including Ibrahim Yazdi, (secretary general of the Freedom Movement), recently stated: "Bush's reference to Iran lacks objective elements in order to follow any military action" or that the "US government in the case of war with Iran or North Korea can not engage in military actions" – these statements encourage a sense of insensitivity and thoughtlessness towards the critical events in the country. Also, Mustafa Hejri, the leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, in an interview published (KDP's organ, 20th/Jan/2002) points to "the logical policies which he has heard from the US president and the Secretary of State following the September 11 events" and he continues asking the "US to seize the moment in implementing the current policy".

The progressive forces including KDP have a long experience with foreign interventionist policies towards our country and the region. Such a standpoints does not reflect the valuable experiences of the past. In the present situation where public opinion is geared towards the consequences and the fallouts of possible US military attacks, it is imperative that the slogan for peace and reduction of tension to be integrated with the

demands and struggle of the working masses and democratic forces of our country.

In order to prevent the apathy of the masses it is vital that all popular and democratic forces to expose the disastrous and the dubious aspects of the policies pursuit by the ruling regime in the direction of the warmongering of the imperialism. An effective tactic is the mobilization of the masses in opposition to militarism and in support of resolution of conflict by means of peaceful negotiations. The circles involved in such a movement should expose the deplorable consequences of the 8 years of war with Iraq and the recent military attacks by US and its allies on Afghanistan. Also the democratic forces must expose the real aim of the provocative positions taken by the reactionary newspapers such as Keyhan and Resalat. They should call on people to support rational solutions and to increase their awareness toward the real dimensions of US threats.

On the other side, democratic forces should avoid policies that reduce the sensitivity of the people towards the real danger that confronts our country.

The Tudeh Party of Iran, which has fought for the independence of our country throughout 60 years of its history, believes that in the present sensitive situation, continuation of a united struggle for people's rights, democracy and rejection of Velayat Faghih regime is the only way to real mobilization of the masses for defending our independence. Alliance of all democratic and popular forces in this struggle is crucial.