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Tudeh Party of Iran Opposes Sanctions against Iran

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It appears that after weeks of negotiations, maneuverings and warnings, the issue of political-economical sanctions against Iran has been placed seriously on the agenda of the permanent members of the Security Council. While the five permanent members – along with Germany – were considering this issue in their meeting on Thursday October 26, talking about imposing sanctions due to the continuation of Iran's nuclear activities, ISNA news agency reported that Iran's second Centrifuge cascade has started its work. According to the ISNA report, based on a France Press report, George Bush, the US president said regarding the start of Iran's second Centrifuge cascade for uranium enrichment, "this attempt tells me that we must double our efforts to work with the International community to convince Iran that if it continues such programs, it will become isolated." Bush, who made these comments after meeting Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, NATO's Secretary General, also added "although they may or may not have doubled their capacity, the idea of having a nuclear weapon by Iran is unacceptable. This is unacceptable to America and other countries that we are working with to send Tehran a common message."

According to unconfirmed reports, UK, France, and Germany are requesting in a draft resolution that Tehran stops all uranium enrichment activities within 30 days or face

sanctions. Also among other reports of increasing international tensions regarding the Iranian regime's enrichment policies, we must point out the words of Condoleezza Rice that were stated during a speech to the Heritage Foundation: "in order for the international community to stay relevant, it must ratify a resolution to hold Iran responsible for its actions." She then added, "Iran can now witness that the path chosen by North Korea does not lead to more prestige, more convenience, or more security, but it will be quite the opposite." It has also been mentioned in the news that the governments of Russia and China still voice their concerns regarding possible sanctions against Iran.

Tudeh Party of Iran, as it has stated repeatedly in the past months, deeply believes that the right to peaceful nuclear energy is an unalienable right of any independent country and does not require the approval of this or that country. We have also pointed out that the tension creating policies of Imperialism in the region, and its attention to Iran's nuclear program is part of its wider policy to impose its hegemony in the Middle East. We also believe that in recent years, the Middle East has been witness to the painful results of the catastrophic military-political policies of Imperialism, especially American Imperialism, whose repeat in Iran will create nothing but a horrible catastrophe. Our party – rejecting the views held by some "opposition" parties that encourage foreign countries to impose sanctions against Iran and meddle in its internal affairs – believes that any form of sanctions and interference against Iran will hurt our national interests and will be directly detrimental to interests of ordinary people and workers.

We also believe that the adventurous policies adopted by the leaders of Iranian regime, are aimed at gaining political advantages in the region and in the country's current complex developments. They will only hurt the country's ultimate national interests and we must fight them decisively. The way to salvage the region from rising tensions and further conflicts and confrontations does not pass through imposing sanctions against Iran. By recognizing Iran's right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes through involving relevant and competent international organizations we must move towards the resolution of the current difficult and complex issues.

Statement of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran

We Condemn the Suppressive Measures by the Czech Government against the Communist Youth Union (KSM)!

The Tudeh Party of Iran condemns the decision of the government of the Czech Republic to dissolve the Communist Youth Union of the Czech Republic, KSM, as a decision that is in direct contravention of elementary democratic rights and fundamental freedoms. The decision of the Czech government is in line with the way that dictatorial regimes opposed to human rights, democratic norms and the rule of law, deal with their opposition.

The fact that the Czech government has objected to the programme of the KSM in advocating collective ownership of the means of production and renouncing private ownership of the means of production speaks volumes. This is a political attack on forces opposed to capitalism and the fact that it came at the start of the electoral campaigns for the Senate and Local Authorities exposes the main motive of the government in Prague: to intimidate the left and progressive forces and dissuade the public from voting for them.

We believe that the actions of the Czech government are politically and ideologically discriminatory and are the same as those expected in countries ruled by extreme right wing dictatorships.

We believe that the Czech authorities are trying to coerce the KSM into renouncing its political program, ideology and the goals of its planned activities. This attack against young communists in the Czech Republic is a part of a much wider anti- communist campaign initiated by right- wing reactionary forces in Eastern and Central Europe, aiming to block legal planned activities and development of the militant forces advocating peace, democracy and socialism. The Czech government is attempting to criminalize the activities of political forces adhering to scientific socialism.

The Tudeh Party of Iran expresses its unwavering solidarity with the KSM as a force faithful to the legacy of the Czech people in leading a peaceful struggle for socialist values, freedom and democracy.

We call upon the Czech government immediately to reverse its suppressive measures against the KSM and remove all prohibitions against its activities.

We call on all Iranian democrats, all supporters of peace and democracy in Iran, to condemn in the name of democracy this abhorrent action of the government of the Czech Republic and call for the immediate revocation of its decision in dissolving the KSM.

Long live international solidarity!

Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran
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International Campaign in Defense of Peace and Democracy in Iran

The threat of war and conflict is dominating life in the Middle East. The US, the EU and their NATO allies use war and military coercion as their main tools to subjugate their opponents.

The disagreements between the US administration and the Iranian regime over Iran's nuclear industry have masked a sharp deterioration in the situation of political freedoms and human rights in Iran.

We have noticed that in recent months as the tone of the US language towards Iran has become more hostile, the violations of human rights have intensified. The Trade union movement has been attacked and a number of independent publications have been closed down, the student movement has been attacked and coerced, and leading intellectuals and personalities have been arrested.

We the under-signed parties and organizations condemn the US threats against Iran and declare our opposition to any interference in the internal affairs of Iran. We believe that the disputes between the two countries should be resolved diplomatically and on the basis of the UN Charter.

We call on the Iranian regime to respect the human and democratic rights of its citizens and abide by the UN conventions on human rights and its obligations under international treaties. We call for the release of all political prisoners.

We condemn the threat of war and declare our support for all efforts to promote peace and genuine disarmament in the Middle East.

Signed by:

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Communist Party of Austria
Democratic Progressive Tribune - Bahrain

National Liberation Front- Bahrain
Communist Party of Bangladesh
Communist Party of Belgium
Workers Party of Belgium
Communist Party of Canada
Communist Party of Catalonia
Communist Party of Chile
Communist Party of Columbia
AKEL- Cyprus
Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia-
Czech Republic
Communist Party in Denmark
Communist Party of France
Communist Party of Finland
Communist Party of Germany
Communist Party of Greece
Synaspismos - Greece
Communist Party of Ireland
Party of Communists of Italy
Communist Party of India
Tudeh Party of Iran
Communist Party of Iraq
Communist Party of Israel
Jordanian Communist Party
Communist Party of Luxemburg
Party of Communists of Mexico
New Communist Party of Netherlands
Communist Party of Norway
Young Communist League of Norway
Communist Party of Poland
Portuguese Communist Party
Socialist Alliance Party of Romania
Party of Independence and Labour- Senegal
Communist Party of Spain
Communist Party of Peoples' of Spain
Communist Party of Sudan
Communist Party of Sweden
Communist Party of Syria
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