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### Imperialism Is a Paper Tiger!

Imperialism is a paper tiger. These are the words of the great leader of the Chinese people, Mao Zedong. Imperialism is a paper tiger when we assess it strategically in our long term program. However, we have to tactically treat imperialism according to the proverb that "No enemy should be considered little". Imperialism is a paper tiger provided that people rely on their own power to organise mass struggle for a lengthy period of time. The Marxist-Leninists have always stated that it is the masses not weapons that make history. The influence of even the most dreadful military powers on history is temporary, and it may cause a short pause in the development of societies. However, no military power can resist the resolve and endless power of the masses that fight for a just cause.

The Khruchevite revisionists, who exaggerated the power of nuclear bombs, declared that the class struggle had become obsolete. They used the existence and the destructive power of atomic bombs to justify their revisionist theories that refute class struggle and promote peaceful coexistence. The Marxist-Leninists exposed this as a propagandist tool of disarming the morale of the freedom-loving toilers. The Marxist-Leninists assessed the power of imperialism theoretically and strategically. They exposed the bankruptcy of the revisionist theories.

The revisionists capitulated to world imperialism, but the working class and the masses are continuing their fight to bury imperialism and class societies once and for all so that no one will rule mankind by threat and intimidation.

The US invasion of the Gulf region will erect a new cemetery for imperialism. This cemetery will not be created over night. The seeds of the struggle the Iraqis sow and the glorious battles they waged will bear fruit not only in the Gulf region, but in many other areas. The myth of an immediate and 2-day computer guided victory of US imperialism in Iraq war was rapidly melted by desert heat. The flimsiness and the exposure of this myth destroyed

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### Iran's Mafia of Power and Imperialism

The student movement in Iran was intensified to protest the death sentence issued for Mr. Aghajeri, a reformist history professor.

It was clear that issuing a death sentence for Aghajeri was an attempt by the so called monopolist (Conservative) faction to show its claws to the so called Reformist faction of the regime. The significance of this verdict is in its new tone.

In the recent past, the Rafsanjani-Khamenei-Mesbah Yazdi-Hashemi Araghi's faction, the Mafia of power, dispatched six-shooter Saeid Asgar to assassinate Hajarian, the brain and one of the theoretician of the Reformist faction, in a manner similar to what the Shah's lumpens such as Shaabaan Bimokh (empty headed Shaabaan) and Taieb Rezaei did during the coup d' e tat in 1953. The Mafia of power tried to cover up the state officials' role in this assassination.

Now, issuing the death sentence for Mr. Aghajeri is the legal and official expression of terror of the radical elements of the Reformist faction. This is a declaration of war on the Reformists. If the Reformist faction yields to this sentence, it would endorse its own death. If the Conservative, monopolist, and the fanatic faction revoke Aghajeri's death sentence, 100 Aghajeries will pop up as some of the spokesmen of this faction have expressed. This will cause a lot of problems for the Conservatives. The leadership of the Conservative faction argues that, as

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### The Student Movement and Reformism

The student movement in Iran is still a captive in the claws of reformism. This movement has been unable to free itself methodically or ideologically of reformism. The students have confined their movement to the walls of universities and have surrendered themselves to a method of organising that is dictated by the heads of the Reformist faction of the Islamic Republic. They have not moved their struggle to outside universities to join the masses of the street. On the contrary, they have asked the people to join them in the universities and surroundings. Whenever the students want to take their protests movement outside the universities, they face the false claims of the reformist leaders and surrender themselves. The reformist leadership of the student movement uses the possibility of the students' demonstrations being attacked by the regime's forces in civilian clothes as a pretext to stop the students from taking their demonstrations to the streets outside the universities. Whenever there is a demonstration in a university, the regime of the Islamic Republic draws a wall made of busses around the place in order to stop the student movement from joining the other movements. The leaders of the Reformist faction of the regime need the student movement only for pressuring and gaining concessions from the rival faction and not for

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the hopes of Iranian sellout monarchists who had their suitcases packed to enter Iran as embedded pawns on US tanks. They now have to unpack and collect retirement pension from the CIA. The investment of the US tax money in the activities of the Iranian Savakis and monarchists went totally bankrupt. The US hopes of a big return on this investment, by exploiting the Iranian oil and the Iranian masses, went in vain too. The Iraqi royal family who dreamt of plundering the wealth of "his nation" has to keep dreaming! The poor King cannot yet digest the fact that monarchy ended in Iraq with the assassination of King Faisal.

The resistance of a tiny country of Iraq against the most vicious imperialist aggression shows that when a nation rises up to defend itself, not even the biggest oppressive military machine can establish its domination over night and defeat the resolve of the nation forever. The people of Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China, Soviet Union, Algeria, etc are ever witnesses to the irrefutable and historical fact that when a nation rises up under a popular leadership, even the world's giant military apparatus cannot defeat it. The people of Iraq as well as the entire civilised world will not accept the imperialist subjugation.

The US imperialism is proud of the guided missiles and smart bombs it has in its war machine. But the very same smart bomb that is guided electronically can be neutralised and redirected electronically also. In the course of the war on Iraq and when the US did not reach its desired results with modern weaponry, it appealed to the usual weapons of mass destruction. Cluster bombs, similar to those that were used on Vietnam, were dropped on the Iraqi people. The use of internationally banned cluster bombs in the war in Iraq, a war in which the US claimed was for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, shows the hypocrisy and the blood thirsty nature of US imperialism. The US warmongers desired to conquer Iraq overnight. What lies the war propaganda machine of the US imperialism spread! Saddam was killed and revived over and over again! The US troops were given flowers and halva by the Iraqi people!

The fact is that the US troops are still waiting for flowers and halva. The weapons of mass destruction are yet to be found. The peace in Iraq and the Middle East is still to be established. Where are those who beat their breasts for the imperialist democracy? The democracy that covers up the massacre of thousands of innocent people is rotten and is a bourgeois dictatorship which is imposed upon the misinformed and deceived people of the US with a "democratic" cover.

The great anti-war mass movement has questioned the legitimacy of the "democratic" regimes; the regimes that do not respect the opinion of even up to 90% of their own population, of USA, Britain, Australia, Italy, Denmark, Spain, Turkey, etc. The imperialist warmongers are more isolated and exposed today. The world condemns not the Iraqi people, but the imperialist rulers who do not hesitate to slaughter thousands of people to establish their hegemony. The wave of the mass struggle of the people of the world has strengthened the revolutionary and Marxist- Leninists organisations and Parties. A new generation of activists has joined the struggle for freedom,

Peace and social justice. The movement that ebbed after the collapse of the revisionist house of cards is rising now and is going to rid itself of the demon of revisionism that was erecting impediments for revolutionary movement. The future revolutionary cadres will be trained and tempered in the course of the struggle waged by this movement. This is a nightmare for the imperialist aggressors.

The inter-imperialist contradictions have intensified also. The European countries resist the US pressure and domination. This has resulted in intensification of inter-imperialist propaganda too. The communists should mobilise this opportunity to expose the nature of imperialism and reaction.

A long and mass war in the Gulf region, a war that will continue until the liberation of Iraq, will strengthen the class movement of the people of the region and will shake the roots of reaction in Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi-Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, etc. The longer the war takes, the stronger the movement for social justice becomes. Time will act in the interest of the revolutionaries and communists if they unite on the basis of Marxism-Leninism in the party of working class for a joint struggle.

The conducts of the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Gulf war and its secret deals with the US were treacherous. While the reactionary Arab regimes officially condemned the US invasion of Iraq, the regime of the Islamic Republic declared "neutrality" in the war. While the people of Iraq were defending the independence of their country, the Iranian regime was proposing a referendum in Iraq to change the regime of Saddam as if the war was on Saddam's dictatorship or as if the US imperialism wants to establish a democratic regime in Iraq! The Islamic regime's capitulation to the US pressures and threats show once again that the regime is very fearful of the masses at home. It is in the nature of all reactionary regimes that have no mass base to capitulate to the dictates of the imperialist war mongers at the time of danger in order to preserve their rule.

A disciplined Marxist-Leninist party is needed for successfully leading the national and revolutionary struggle of the toilers. Without this party and its leadership in the national and class war, the danger of defeat by an enemy does not cease to exist. Saddam cannot lead the Iraqi people to a victory over imperialist domination.

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### Iran's Mafia

and of the pro Shah lumpens. We will not allow the sell out functionaries of the 1953 CIA coup d' e tat, who are now assisted by the US and European imperialists, to strengthen their forces, to loot Iran again, to strengthen religion to fight against the communists, and to suppress the working class of Iran.

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the proverb "death once, wailing once" express it, they should finish the job and settle the account with the Reformists once and for all. Their plan is to force President Khatami to switch sides and to prepare the ground for his allegiance to Khalife of the time, Khamenei. Then, they want to strike blows to the Reformist and finish them one by one. The Conservative faction wants to create a secure environment to plunder the Iranian wealth through privatization of the oil industries, controlling the southern ports for smuggling goods, controlling fully the production assemblies, clutching at trade relations and imports and state credits, selling narcotics, extending the market for prostitution and selling female Iranians to Gulf Sheikhs and to Pakistan, etc. They are in a hurry to implement their plan because the international conditions and the US invasion and occupation of Iraq has put them in a situation which is not beneficial to the Mafia of power. The Conservative faction pretends to make the internal environment safe, and to destroy the objective American bases in Iran. In fact, what they want to do is to eliminate every chance that might be used against them by the Iranian revolutionaries or by the US imperialism. They want to eliminate every possibility that the active US presence in the region may give the Iranian revolutionaries, and to eliminate the US influence that may threaten them. The suppression of the student movement, of the radical representatives of the Reformist factions, of the freedom movement, of the worker-movement, of the expression of the people's discontent, etc all and all stem from the regime's fear. The Mafia of the power is squeezed between the people's pressure from below internally and the imperialist pressure from above externally. Their fight is not against imperialism, but is in the service of the suppression of the people and of the preservation of their interest. These criminals will be hanged after the change of the regime.

The instigation of the monarchists, the recent distribution of American dollars amongst the monarchists and the pro US "left" and right trends, the extensive US media interviews with "leftist" and rightist individuals who have waged propaganda war, the transmit of lies and distortions to the satellites accessed by the Iranians, the support for the Iranians who defend the US policy of invasion of Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, the communications of the masked and unmasked Iranian agents with US imperialism, and the press conference of the officials of the Shah's despotic regime in many places in Europe and the US are all the indication of US pressure on Iran. The US imperialism, with its long term plan of looting the Middle East region, desires to dominate Iran totally for the sinister goal of plundering Iran's oil and gas resources and not for rescuing it as the monarchists' lies and propaganda claim.

The establishment of the US bases in Baghdad and bringing a puppet regime to power until the situation "normalises" in Iraq are grounds for instigations in the oil rich region of Khuzestan of Iran, for strengthening the secessionist motions in Khuzestan (Occupied Arabia!), Kurdistan, Azerbaijan, and Baluchestan so that smaller bites are provided for the imperialist sharks to swallow.

The path forward to neutralise this danger is to overthrow the capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic so that the

imperialist conspiracies and plots could be resisted by relying on the revolutionary aspiration and indestructible power of the masses, and to lead the country out of danger.

The Mafia of power counts on the possibility of bringing the opponents to a scene in unequal conditions and brutally suppressing them as the Islamic regime did to the revolutionary opposition in 1981. This calculation is not the result of a gross mistake or a simple revenge, but it is the result of a political evaluation and is hoped for in a situation in which President Khatami has yielded to the pressure of the Conservatives, the Reformist faction is bewildered, the people have turned away from the Reformists, the US is in Baghdad, and Iran is besieged from the sky and from every corner. In this situation, the Mafia of power, enjoying the lack of an extensive and influential revolutionary organisation that can lead the struggle, counts on its success in the battle against the entire opposition. Acting forces against this calculation are the extensive discontent of the working class and its continued strikes, the recognition of the masses of the uselessness of the reform from above, the breakaway of the masses from Khatami's faction, the discontent of the regime's own armed forces, the discontent among the families of pro regime "martyrs", and amongst the traditional basis of the regime. These have created a condition that the Mafia of power's equation of victory may not work. These opposing conditions will intensify quarrels within the Mafia of power.

The Iranian Marxist Leninists must fight against the expectation of a positive outcome from the regime's inter fights and against any tendency toward the strengthening of any regime's inner circles. We must break the atmosphere of "activities within the framework of the regime's legal system", and the atmosphere in which some, due to their fear of movements gaining depth and strength, promote "civil disobedience". We must train the people with the spirit of sacrifice and of carrying out an active, decisive, organised, and when necessary violent struggle against the regime. We must rely on the Iranian people for a fundamental change.

The movement and activities among different classes in Iran and the world indicate that the conditions are getting ready for this change.

The communists in Iran must organise the masses through the independent organisation of the working class. It is only the party of the working class that can mobilise the masses and lead them to victory. The dispersion of the Marxist-Leninists in Iran is only in the interest of the enemy of the people including the monarchists. We must use all our forces in a common direction and expose the imperialists and their monarchist puppets. We must kill any form of rehabilitation of the former Savak (the Shah's secret police) officials, the Savak torturers, the officials and the theoreticians of the fascist party of Rastakhiz (the Shah's Party), the looters of the public wealth,

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anything more. This pressure must be restricted politically and geographically so that whenever the fire is lit, it doesn't burn the "good" with the bad.

Today, the changes that the Reformist faction is seeking begin with the demand for a referendum and extend to the change of the Islamic Republic' Constitution, while preserving the regime, so that the President has more authority. We must ask that a president who could not (and did not) do anything when he had the backing of 20 million voters, how could he perform a miracle now by gaining some more authorities from the Parliament and without any backing of the people. The problems were not in the President's lack of sufficient authorities, but in his resolve and desire to stand with the people. President Khatami and his supporters are more afraid of the people's demands than of the bugbear of the conservative Supreme Leader. He and his friends were and are the protectors of the Islamic Republic. This "poor" man who was born by the development of events and was pushed to the front by the masses had come to a wrong address, and he is now returning to his own roots.

The empty slogan of "increase the president's authorities" is made by the Reformists in order to play games with the people, and the reformists possibly keep the masses busy with this slogan for a little while. This slogan is also an indication of the Reformists' political confusion and the dead end which force them like a drowning person to appeal to any life preserver. The authority that could not be applied even with the use of force, and violence if necessary, is only empty power on the paper.

The slogan of "referendum" is put forward by the Reformists also. This demand is as empty as their others. It is unclear what the referendum is for. Is it for the removal of the Islamic Republic? What is the content of the referendum? Will the Mafia of power agree with the referendum, or will it confront the masses with a reactionary violence? Is it a referendum to decide on the form of a republic? In this demand, it is not clear which authorities the Reformists are asking to carry out the referendum. Are they asking President Khatami, Supreme Leader Khamenei, the head of Parliament, or what? The state organ that is being asked to carry out this referendum is not clear in this demand either. Is it Pasdaran, Basig, the Council of Guardian, the Ministry of Interior, the Assembly for the Recognition of the Expediency, or what? These ambiguities in the slogan stem from the fact that the movement for referendum is merely a protest movement without a definite program.

Let us assume that the Parliament and President Khatami agree to carry out the referendum and that the Ministry of Interior takes this responsibility. If this demand is immediately killed by a threat from the Supreme Leader or the Council of Guardian, what preparations for the continuation of the work are made? Nothing! If the Supreme Leader, Khamenei, and his supporters themselves carry out a referendum with a result acceptable to them, what preparations have the Reformists made to fight back? Nothing!

The Reformist leaders are confused and lost because they do not have a strategy, or better to say determination, of seizing total political power. It is needed for this strategy

and determination that they rely on the power of the people, mobilise the masses to fight against the Conservative faction, explain their plan for after the seizure of the total power, abandon the slogan of "civil disobedience", and invite the people to respond to the reactionary violence of the regime with revolutionary violence. The Reformists are afraid of the mobilisation of the masses because otherwise, the Islamic regime will be overthrown in its entirety. This is why the Reformists' demand for referendum has no backing.

The monarchists too are asking for a referendum. They do not accept the result of the referendum which was carried out at the beginning of the Iranian revolution in 1979 and in which the overwhelming majority of the people sent the monarchy to the garbage heap of history. The monarchists are carrying propaganda for another referendum on the form of government, monarchy or Islamic republic. The monarchists are in favor of a referendum for which the result is determined in advance in their favor, and the votes for the monarchy fill the boxes. To them, referendum should be on the choice between monarchy and Islamic republic. To the monarchists, the people have to choose between two groups of parasites, looters, plunderers, or exploiters. To them, the Iranian people must choose between Zellollah (the shadow of God on Earth) and Ruhollah (Khomeini, the spirit of God) so that he can decide and act for the people. Their referendum is a choice between Crown and Turban.

Some people say that the issue of referendum raised by the Reformists is about different forms of republic. They believe that the Iranian revolution, a thorn in the side of monarchists, set the account for republic once and for all. What these people understand from referendum suggested by the Reformists is the choice between Islamic republic and democratic republic.

The National-Religious trend, its label itself exposes its nature, obviously does not agree with the choice of democratic republic. To them, the referendum is about the choice between Islamic republic headed by a supreme leader and a national-Islamic republic.

Indeed, there is no clear or common understanding about referendum among those who consider themselves an opposition to the Islamic Republic.

Furthermore, the choice between different forms of republic does not tell us much. The content of a republic should be clarified and discussed. Different individuals and forces may have different understanding of a republic.

Those students who repeat the demand for referendum with a good intention and with enmity toward the Islamic regime are theoretically captives of the ideological propaganda of the Reformists. A physical separation of political lines and an organisational independence does not mean a theoretical secession from reformism. This is the weakness of the student movement. This weakness could be removed only by adopting a socialist outlook, relying on the working class, and accepting

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### Chechnya

Turkism. The Turkish authorities have supported the terrorist actions in order to interrupt the flow of the Caspian's oil and gas through Russia and in order to keep this region in turmoil and unsafe so that the Turkish and Israeli project for the transportation of energy from Georgia to Turkey through Azerbaijan becomes more attractive. Europe and the USA wanted to see the weakened Russian imperialism plunged into inter contradictions and become unable to stop the secession of the Republics in its west borders and to stop Poland from joining NATO and the European Union. The Chechen Republic became, after the collapse of the USSR, a focal point of deep and critical inter contradictions in the region. Whenever the situation in Chechnya is calm, a few Chechen terrorists take an action in Russia. From time to time, some Chechen terrorists take some hostages and leave for Turkey to participate in propaganda and TV shows to tell the world that Chechnya is insecure. They surrender themselves to Turkish security forces and rest and are entertained by the Turkish government for a couple of years.

The Russian forces have ruined the 300,000 populated city of Grozny, the capital of Chechnya. The Russian army has not stopped short from committing any hideous crime against Chechens. The western sources have reported that over 80,000 Chechens were murdered by the Russian forces. These crimes cannot be justified.

The people of Chechnya are also the victims of the imported and home grown terrorist groups. These groups do not fight for the freedom and independence of Chechnya, but for the reactionary goal of creating a spring board for establishing an "Islamic Nation" in Caucasus.

The published documents show that the Chechen terrorists have connections with Bin Laden's Al Qaeda. The site Kvakaz.org is an internet site of some Chechen terrorists. This site is registered with the American company Cogent Communication, which has financial assistance from two other companies; IN-Q-Tel and Metacarta. These two companies cooperate directly with the CIA. These are part of a bigger center, the National Security Agency, which controls, registers, and saves the incoming and outgoing communication data. The present US authorities, who beat their chests and "fight" against terrorism, have decided to keep quiet now on these activities. It is not beneficial to US imperialism now to stop the activities of these terrorists. The US imperialism uses the stick of terrorism of the Islamic fanaticism for its sinister aims of influencing and controlling the flow of oil in Chechnya and Caucasus. The US imperialism loosens the control of terrorists' activities whenever it is in its interest and threatens and puts pressure on Russia to gain concessions. The Chechen terrorists attack on Moscow was simultaneous with the possibility of a Russian veto of the US proposed resolution to the UN Security Council on Iraq. The Russian president, Putin, pointed out in his television speech that the terrorist activities in Russia were instigated by the foreign forces. Putin was referring to US policy in Caucasus.

The agents of imperialism and reaction are playing games with the people of Chechnya.

The struggle of people of Chechnya for a better life and for liberation from the yoke of Russian imperialism is a just

struggle that has the attention of the public. This struggle will not lead to the liberation of the people of Chechnya because it has a reactionary, fundamentalist, imported, and home grown terrorist leadership. Lacking a communist leadership and a working class party, the people of Chechnya have become victims of both imperialism and domestic fundamentalist reaction. But the communists cannot keep quiet about the crimes committed by Russian imperialism against the Chechen people. Russian imperialism wants to uproot the Chechens and commit genocide against them. These crimes should be strongly condemned and exposed.

Terrorism and the Islamic fundamentalism only put the just struggle of the Chechens on a deviated path and isolate the Chechens from their international allies. As long as the reactionary forces have, because of historical and international reasons, the leadership of this struggle, the Chechens' effort in liberating themselves is in vain.

The lack of a communist leadership in the struggle of the people of Chechnya plays a major role for the communists in adopting an appropriate tactic towards this movement. Unfortunately because of revisionist treachery, the revolutionary leadership needed for this movement cannot be achieved easily. However, what is clear for us communists is that we must expose terrorism and the Islamic fundamentalism as allies of imperialism and of the world reaction. At the same time, we must expose the role of the imperialists in destroying Chechnya, the nature of their deceitful democracy and humanism, and to recognise the rights of the people of Chechnya for their self determination.

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### The Student

the leadership and supremacy in the struggle of the party of the working class. Only the consideration for the strategic interest of the working class, the submission to the leadership of the party of proletariat, and the work toward establishing a socialist society could get rid of confusion and reformism in the student movement.

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*... Monopolist capitalist associations, cartels, syndicates and trusts first divided the home market among themselves and obtained more or less complete possession of industry of their own country towards the formation of international cartels. .... Monopoly has grown out of colonial policy. To the numerous "old" motives of colonial policy, finance capital has added the struggle for the sources of raw material, for the export of capital, for the spheres of influence, i.e., for spheres for profitable deals, concessions, monopoly profits and so on, economic territory in general. Monopolies, oligarchy, the striving for domination and not for freedom, the exploitation of an increasing number of small or weak nations by a handful of richest or most powerful nations- all these have given birth to those distinctive characteristics of imperialism, which compel us to define it as parasitic or decaying capitalism.*

*Lenin, Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism*

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## We and the Question of Chechnya

The Islamic fanatic terrorists went into action and carried out several attacks including one on a theater in Moscow. There is no justification for these crimes. These actions are vengeful and blind terrorism. These actions hold the human beings in contempt. The communists, while supporting the revolutionary and class violence of the toilers, have never agreed with terrorism.

These terrorist attacks have raised the question of what should the stands of the communists be and what tactics should they adopt in regard to the question of Chechnya.

The Soviet Social Imperialism had made the USSR a prison of nations. The conduct of social imperialists helped the Aliyevs, Shevardnadzes, Nazarbiev, and others to come to power, extended the capitalist policies in the former USSR in order to fight against communists, and created pessimism towards communism and its ideals.

The Soviet revisionism, especially after the disintegration of the USSR, took out its "socialist" overcoat, showed its true imperialist nature, and intensified its treacherous conducts. The political and economical collapse of the revisionist empire, the American and European plunder of the booties and loot of the defeated rival, and the collapse of the Soviet system of social welfare intensified the poverty and misery of the Soviet people. Officially whatever the working men and women of the Soviet Union had become the private property of the capitalists. The people of the Soviet Union were ideologically paralysed also because, after the death of Stalin, soviet revisionism had built through lies and deceit a social system that was anti-communist in nature and was in favor of bureaucrats and not the people. This was the second blow to the working class of the Soviet Union. These and other factors opened up the old wounds, and the lances used by the imperialists, Zionists, the Islamic fanatics, and Pan Turkish intensified them. The comradely relations and the solidarity between nations within the Soviet Union, which were manifested during the Great Patriotic War, were replaced by nationalism, religious conflicts, enmity, and hatred. The dead body of nationalism of greater Russia and of Christian Orthodoxy was constantly taken by Yeltsin to the Red Square. The hooded cardinals came out from their graves to put the incense on fire and pray. The drunken, tottering, and "communist" chief, Yeltsin, drew cross on

his chests, blew at the candles, and cursed Lenin and Stalin to make sure that his prayer is granted! The freedom of religions and the impartiality of the state towards religions were abandoned. The Russian rulers, one after another one, were looking for "moral" support of the reactionary orthodox churches of the greater Russia, and were repenting for their past history. These repented and "red" mafias were orchestrating insults and contempt on non Christian Russians. The non Christian Russians felt that the cost of propaganda for Orthodox Christianity came from the exploitation of the people of Chechnya, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Gharghizistan, Tajikistan, and other oppressed nationalities. If the religious propaganda were outlawed in the mass media, it should have been outlawed for all religions including Christianity. The return to Islam was a reaction to the official propaganda for the fundamentalist Christianity. The Russian rulers violated their own revisionist constitution which separates the religion from the state. It should not be surprising if the reactionary Islamic mullahs carried their own banner in reaction to the cardinals who carried the cross and who instigated the Moslems of Chechnya, Azerbaijan, etc.

The nationalist Russia violently keeps Chechnya under its domination in order to intimidate the other nationalities under its yoke. At the same time, Russia has a deeper interest in Chechnya. The pipes transporting oil from the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea go through Chechnya. Russia had the intention of controlling the transportation of the Caspian Sea's oil and gas to Europe, but Turkey, Israel, USA, and Europe had their own interests in controlling the pipe lines also. It is here that Osama Bin Laden became very useful in flaming the conflict in Chechnya. The Bin Laden supporters were imported to Chechnya with the financial support of Saudi Arabia and with the green light from the US. The Turkish government, which desired that the Caspian Sea's pipelines pass through Turkey, supported the reactionary Chechens in the name of Islam and Pan

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