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Neither the Shah nor the Supreme Leader!

Neither Janati ¹ nor Akbar ²!

The student movement in Iran is a burning fire that has a long fighting history. The 18th Teer ³ seeks its roots in the 16th Azar ⁴. This connection between the struggles of two generations indicates that the students and the masses have the same fate in the struggle against the enemies of the Iranian people. Numerous pages have been written on the circumstances of the heroic resistance of the students, on the support they have received from the masses, and on the brutality of their suppression by the present and the past regimes.

We want to look at this question from another angle.

First, we must fight against the illusion that the student movement by itself can topple the regime of the Islamic Republic. As long as the student movement does not connect itself to the general movement of the masses, particularly to the movement of the working class, it remains a lateral movement that could be suppressed by the reactionary forces. It is in vain to expect a mythical victory over reactionary forces by this movement. The students, because of their idealism, innocence, sacrifice, and of justice-seeking have enormous potential to confront the regime of the Islamic Republic. But they cannot be the ones who say the last words. This fact together with the lack of knowledge about their limitations and the smallness of the gains of their extensive struggles, create a condition that will increase the possibility of demoralisation and of the escape of the brains from the country.

Second, the students should organise themselves politically. They should build their underground cells, equip themselves with Marxism-Leninism, and accept and submit to the discipline of the Leninist party. Through this path, they should establish ties with the party of the working class. The ties with the working class movement will stop the

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The Iranian Monarchists' New Strategy

The US imperialism spends millions of dollars to prop up the monarchists in Iran. The CIA directly supports the agents of the old regime. The "king" with no crown or throne goes from one university to another with his American friends and gives speeches for the Iranian friends who are in love with the US democracy. He throws his propaganda via the US satellites towards Iran to influence the youths with the hope that the Iranians do not commemorate the Students' Day (16th Azar, the day the students were gunned down by the Shah's regime in 1953), the Women's Day, and the May Day, and with the hope that the Iranian people return his lost throne!

In the past, the monarchists simply talked about the return of the system of monarchy to Iran. They argued that monarchy is hereditary and transfers to the oldest son of the late Shah. They continued that ants and bees have kings, so should the Iranian people!

Such rubbish does not have any effect anymore. The people will not accept a stupid individual as their king on the basis of blood relation and hereditary traditions. Since the monarchists were defeated in their policy of bringing the Shah's son and the Pahlavi dynasty back to power, they have adopted a new policy for the same goal. Now, they argue that the refutation of the rule of the Pahlavi dynasty over Iran is not the refutation of monarchy in general, that the people should respect in

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Let Us Rise to Respect the Human Race!

Let us rise for one minute of silence in honour of 2795 individuals who lost their lives in the tragic events of New York plotted by the terrorists, and let us declare our disgust for the imperialists, especially the US imperialists, the enemies of humanity who use these events to turn the world into a blood bath.

Let us rise for two minutes of silence, while there are parades and distribution of war medals in the streets surrounding the twin towers of New York for victory over Iraq, to honour more than 150 thousand civilian Iraqis who were slaughtered in the first Gulf war by Bush, the father.

Let us rise for three minutes of silence in honour of more than 150 thousand Afghans who lost their lives to the Russian and American invaders and to the atrocities committed by the CIA backed Taliban.

Let us rise for four minutes of silence in honour of 200 thousand Iranian civilians who lost their lives to the US backed Iraqi invaders during the Iran-Iraq war.

Let us rise for five minutes of silence to honour 160 thousand innocent Japanese who lost their lives in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and were the victims of the US weapons of mass destructions after the end of the WWII.

Let us rise for ten minutes of silence to honour 20 million Soviets who heroically sacrificed their lives when they stood against the barbaric invasion of USSR by Nazis and by the plots of British-French-American imperialists.

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students from being demoralised or being interrupted in the struggle. In the process of establishing ties with the working class, the students will learn that in social struggles they must take planned actions, that they should not expect quick gains, and that they should step into a long and hard struggle without interruption. A successful public uprising is impossible without workers' participation and without general political strikes under the leadership of an experienced and tempered proletarian party.

These shortcomings can be seen in the burning fires of the shining struggle of the Iranian students.

The monarchists who up to yesterday were screaming "Reza is our only shah" have now put together the slogan "All together". They deceitfully want to register the Iranian movement as a pro-monarchist movement. The monarchists have realised that the direct support for the Shah has no appeal in the movement. They have come up with a "new" policy which is the same old and rusted policy that Khomeini appealed to. The monarchists are asking for a unity which is blurred and has no boundaries. They slyly ask the people to march under the banner of "freedom and democracy", to forget about their political differences, and to fight all together against the Islamic Republic. They are aware of the fact that they do not benefit from raising the discussion on monarchy.

While the student movement in Iran is anti-Islamic Republic, democratic, independent, combatant and revolutionary, the enemies of the Iranian people are trying to misuse this movement for their sinister goals. US imperialists who were the cause of 16th Azar by sending notorious Vice President Nixon to Iran after the 1953 coup d' etat, the imperialists who declared the Shah's army neutral in 1979 Iranian revolution in order to stop the revolution from gaining depth and in order to pave the way for anti-communist Khomeini to take power, now suddenly pretend to support the student movement in Iran. George Bush, Colin Powell, and other US authorities constantly talk about their support for the students. Activating the mass media, they try to use the student movement as a pressure factor against the Islamic Republic in order to bring the Iranian authorities to conciliation with the US. The US imperialists are even ready to suffocate their own mass media in order to complete their deal with the Islamic Republic.

In Iran, to stick to the general demands of the movement in a condition in which it does not have a strong proletarian leadership is to benefit the counter revolution. The monarchists are trying to erase the boundaries of the movement under the cover of unity. But the fact is that the movement in Iran is suffering from the lack of clear boundaries and not from the sharp and concise positions. The monarchists are interested in building a loose front that enables them to promote the Shah's son. In the demonstrations against the Islamic Republic such as in Los Angeles, the monarchists took out wherever they could the Shah's picture from their pocket. In the demonstrations that were organised under general slogans, the monarchists attempted to stop the people

from chanting the student slogan, "We want neither the Shah nor the Supreme Leader". If the border lines and the intentions of the organisers of a rally, who have clear and concrete strategy, are not clear for the public, the demonstrations will implement Khomeini's policy of "All together", this time under the guise of "unity" and of "freedom and democracy".

To support the movement of the masses in Iran means to publicly expose their enemies, to raise loudly that the people do not want "shah or a baby shah", and to expose those who are waiting for the imperialists to invade Iran and repeat the calamity of the occupation of Iraq, etc.

The revolutionary forces must be vigilant. We must show the masses the path forward. The revolutionaries must know that to fall into the trap of "All together" and to sacrifice their political demands for passing emotions means to create the ground for the implementation of destructive policies of those who have political and financial ties with the imperialist and Zionist centers. Today, it is impossible to support the movement of the Iranian people without taking a sharp stand against the monarchists and their bosses, the imperialist looters.

The pro-monarchist media of the imperialist centers in the US, Europe, and the Middle East have been quiet for a few days due to the behind the scene deals between the Islamic Republic and the imperialist powers. However, the US imperialists need the pressure of the fled monarchists and the former Savak agents on the Islamic Republic, and they apply the pressure according to the degree of conciliation and retreat by the authorities in Iran.

The students who were bombarded by the false propaganda of the monarchists and their trained intellectuals responded to the monarchists sharply. In their demonstrations, the students connected the days 16th Azar and 18th Teer by making a contrast between Dr. Mosadeq, the Shah, and Ayatollah Khashani⁵. By doing this, the students have demonstrated clearly that they learn from experience of their parents and not from the false propaganda of the monarchists, that the connection between two generations and the transfer of experience exist regardless of the attempts of the monarchists to cut such a connection. The students have put forward the sharp slogans:

"We neither want the Shah nor the Supreme Leader, neither Janati nor Akbar", "Neither the Shah nor Akbar", "Neither Khatami nor Akbar", "Neither the Shah nor Akbar, damn every leader", etc. The students have drawn demarcation lines between their movement and the monarchists, rotten intellectuals, and Khatami-led Reformists. And with every passing day, the students take sharper stands against the Pahlavi's family, and they will not allow the reactionary Savakis to accumulate American capital from their blood.

Also, the student movement said no to Khatami who was promoted by some as Iran's savior. In response, Khatami unveiled himself and labeled the students as "disturbers" who "violated the law". Intensification of the social contradictions has always unveiled the Reformists and has shown that they are the peace makers and preservers of the regime of the Islamic Republic. Khatami

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the future referendums the democratic rights of the pro monarchists who want to present their favorite form of government, and that the people should have the right to choose between monarchy and republic. In these arguments, the monarchists who apparently have become democrats, are defending the anti-democratic idea of putting an individual in power for life and transferring the power to his family according to blood relation regardless of whether or not the new king is competent or evil or lunatic or irreplaceable. Monarchists prefer the anti-democratic choice of selecting a monarch over a president elected once every four years!

If the monarchists compared a hereditary regime of monarchy with a republic with a president for life, we might have less hesitation about their sincerity. But their comparison of anti-democratic choice with another mistake is to consider the Iranian people foolish and is to sell their spoiled goods!

Have the monarchists really become democrats? Or is it that they have changed their tool of deceit? The monarchists first deceitfully used the demands of "democracy" and of "toleration of views" to make themselves tolerable in the discussions and meetings amongst the opposition. Some opportunists and flimsy intellectuals were deceived by this policy. The monarchists then accused their opponents of being anti-democratic and dictators. They accused the proponents of republic of being unreasonable for not recognising the rights of monarchists. As a matter of fact, the monarchists are trying to nullify the referendum of the Iranian revolution which sent monarchy to the garbage heap of history once and for all. The slogan "say death to the Shah" still rings in the ears of the Iranian people. The nature of the Iranian revolution was anti-monarchy. The destruction of despotic monarchy was the whole hearted demand of the entire nation. The monarchists do not respect the outcome of the referendum of the Revolution. They are despotic because they only accept the outcome of those elections that were forced on the masses during the Shah's time.

The monarchists have adopted a step by step policy. They first try to present monarchy as an acceptable option that has the right to survive alongside the republic. By doing this, they attempt to negate the entire Iranian revolution together with the result of the referendum. Then, they argue that monarchy must manifest itself in an individual as a king. Obviously, the Iranian people will laugh at someone who tries to nominate an individual from the Qajar dynasty (the dynasty predecessor to Pahlavi). It will be ridiculous to the people if the monarchists arbitrarily introduce an individual as the king. The acceptance of monarchy as a form of government without the acceptance of blood relation and hereditary transfer of power is incomplete. The conclusion is clear. The Shah's son is the only one who will be the candidate for the next king of the monarchists! You monarchists and rotten intellectuals, Congratulations!

The Shah's son is educated and trained by the imperialists. He has the support of functionaries,

ideologues, managers, and the high ranking officers of his father's regime. Above all, he is being supported by the imperialists and their mass media. He is the manifestation of shamelessness and plunder, and he has inherited all crimes and treacheries of his father and grandfather. The Shah's son is the only individual promoted by world imperialism to substitute the Shah. This is done in a situation that the life of monarchy has practically ended in Iran and also everywhere from the historical point of view. Republic as a form of government is a human achievement and is more advanced than a monarchy. Monarchy is the son of the past historical era and its life is ended with the bourgeois revolution in France. If there still are some monarchies in the world, which bourgeoisie has kept their dead bodies for its political aims, it will not change the fact that monarchy as a form of government belongs to the past era and was based on the lack of public knowledge.

In England and Australia, the discussions to abolish monarchy have always been hot. The ridiculous analogy by the Iranian monarchists between the present dictatorial republics and "democratic" monarchies is not even worth a penny from the historical point of view. Making analogy between a dying phenomenon and an emerging one is nothing but deception. If the regime of a republic becomes dictatorial and the presidency becomes hereditary and life long, the criticism should be directed not at republic, but at those who want to rule like a king in a monarchy.

The monarchists argue that the Shah's son has equal rights as any other Iranian citizen and that he has the right to nominate himself for presidency or even for life time presidency (king!). We ask the monarchists how the people could trust a person who has inherited a criminal background. What did the Shah's son do to create trust between the people and himself? Did he publish the past embezzlements of the Pahlavi's family? How does he meet the expenses for his lavish life? Don't the people have the right to know about and ask for transparency from someone whom they want to elect? What aspects of his father's work did he criticise? His father signed hundreds of dominating treaties, participated in aggressive military treaties, suppressed the people of Oman with his fascist army, was an ally of Israeli Zionists, had friendly relation with the racist regime of Apartheid in South Africa, allowed the British colonial power to secretly transfer the free Iranian oil to Basra prior to nationalisation of the Iranian oil by Dr. Mosadeq, etc. What aspect of political, economical, military, or cultural work of his father is he going to criticise? Does he protest the torture of political prisoners, the secret military courts, and the establishment of the fascist Party of Rastakhiz by his father? Why has he gathered some thieves, murderers, sellouts, and members of Rastakhiz around himself as friends and consultants? What are his views towards Mr. Ganji and Mr. Homayoun, two theoreticians of Rastakhiz Party, who violated the rights of the Iranian citizens during the Shah' regime? Which Savak agents or Savak torturers residing in the US did he report to the US authorities in order to put them on trial for their crimes against humanity? Did he charge crimes against butcher Shabbaan Bimokh (one of Shah's

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lumpen armed with machete during the 1953 Coup d' e-tat? Why hasn't he lay guilt against the high ranking army officers who have fled to the US with looted Iranian wealth? What is his view on the CIA coup d' e-tat in 1953 and on the execution of Dr Fatami and thousands of Iranians by his father? What does he say about the looting of antiques and historical artifacts by the son of Prince Ashraf (Shah's twin sister) which are on sale in Japan?

The monarchists are trying in vain to return to power by deception and with the help of rotten intellectuals. It is the duty of the revolutionaries to take the discussion on monarchy and republic among the masses and to explain the nature of the discussion, to expose the strategy of the monarchists, and to raise the above or similar questions about the past practice of the Shah's regime. The monarchists' criticisms of the Shah's regime such as "shortcomings", "lack of clear understanding of democracy", "economic prosperity, but lack of political democracy", etc are attempts to whitewash more than half a century of crimes and treacheries in Iran.

Iran's anti-monarchy opposition should put together a bill of indictment on the Shah's regime and ask the Shah's son, as a citizen, to respond to it line by line and with sincerity. When he makes an all sided criticism of the crimes of his father's regime and of the past crimes of his friends and family, and when he asks for the punishment of the functionaries of the despotic regime of the Shah, we will give him the rights of an ordinary Iranian citizen. Through this process suggested by our organisation, the exposure of the monarchists will reach a point where they have to expose themselves further and have to bring out from their pockets the pictures of Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and Wolfowitz!

Let Us Rise

Let us rise for hours of silence to honour the massacre of millions of innocent people in Vietnam, Korea, Indonesia, China, Iran, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, South Africa, Angola, Libya, Ethiopia, Algeria, Dominican, Columbia, Cuba, Chile, Nicaragua, Peru, Argentina,...

Let us rise up and break the silence. Let us send imperialists to the graves of history and establish victorious socialism on their graves. Let us rise up to allow the free mankind to dance on these historical graves and celebrate the freedom of progressive humanity.

Let us build a world in which there is no need to rise for a moment of silence to commemorate the massacre of innocents.

Let us rise up and break the silence because our world should not be a world of silence to commemorate, but the world of cheers and respect for human beings.

Let us rise and realise that this dream will come through only when the Marxist-Leninist communists build their independent organisations all over the world and in each given and individual country according to their own historical developments.

Let us rise and remove the shadows that the demon of revisionism and bourgeois liberalism have cast on the movement and stand tall to lead the protests of the masses to the day of final conflict. Only this day shall be the day of the human salvation.

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who has closed his eyes on the unlawful existence of the Islamic Republic, of the Islamic courts, and of the police in civilian clothes, accuses the students of violation of laws! The Islamic authorities even talk about punishing harshly and possibly executing some of the arrested students and no one sees any protest from Khatami or the Reformists.

One of the points of the strength of the student movement in Iran lies in the size and spread of the student body. The news about the student actions in one geographic location spreads all over the country very quickly. The students play an important role in bringing about an anti-regime public opinion.

The other point of strength of this movement is its continuity despite the intensification of suppression and terror by the regime. This is an indication that the students are ready to sacrifice for their resistance.

Neither suppression nor chain political assassinations nor the applications of methods of fear and intimidation could change the student's determination.

The role of female students, that threw away their forced Islamic veils and actively participated in the movement, is laudable. The continuation of their activities will significantly reduce the influence of religion in the life of the people.

Despite all these points of strength, the student movement is a lateral social movement in regard to a fundamental change in the society. The students will not gain their justice-seeking demands unless they establish ties with the movement of the masses, particularly of the working class. We must not allow the enormous energy of the student movement to be wasted. Otherwise, the possibility of demoralisation among the students will remain. The way to eliminate this possibility is to strengthen the party of the working class. To guide the great storms that the movement of the masses will bring about and to lead them to the shores of victory, we encourage the revolutionaries to join the Party of Labour of Iran.

The PLI supports the heroic movement of the students. We salute the combatant students and call upon them to find the correct path forward.

- 1- Ayatollah Janati, head of the Council of Guardian of the Islamic Republic, Hezbollah's chieftain
- 2- Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the former President, member of the Council for the Recognition of the Islamic Republic's Expediency, Iran's tycoon
- 3- 18th Teer, 9th July, the day the student dormitories were attacked by the thugs of the Islamic Republic
- 4- 16th Azar, 8th December, the day the students protested the Vice President Nixon's visit to Iran after August 1953 Coup d' etat, three students were shot to death at the University of Tehran
- 5- Ayatollah Kashani, the reactionary and pro-Shah ayatollah in the 1953 coup d' etat

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and more than 1250 radio stations.

Also, let us not forget about the Iranian monarchist paper London Kayhan, which outstrips the lackeys of imperialism and Zionism and those who censor and propagate fake documents and news. Was the CIA head George Tenet's report mailed to the editor of London Kayhan?

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soldier from El Salvador attracted the attentions of the public opinions to the tragic lives of the soldier serving in the US army. Even in the US itself, the complaints about the fate of the American soldiers are growing.

It is clear today that our analysis on the war in Iraq was correct. Our predictions about the development of the events was based on Marxism-Leninism and proved to be correct also. Today, even the imperialist powers admit that Iraq was not a menace to world peace, and that Iraq did not have chemical, biological, or atomic weapons. They admit today that Saddam did not lie in regards to the weapons of mass destruction, but Bush, Sharon, and Blair did.

Imagine that the recognised governments of two countries show up in international gatherings with big lies and fake documents, speak loudly for peace and human rights for Iraqis, shed tears for the deceived Iraqi Kurds who have become tools in the hands of imperialists, and put a bunch of sellout Arabs and Kurds in front of cameras of mass media to get the approval for the invasion of Iraq. These countries laughed at the UN, an international body that was used for their dirty work. Imagine that these governments consider themselves as democratic, freedom lovers, and humanists! No matter how many times we expose the fake documents put out by the imperialist powers, the lovers of imperialist democracy have deaf ears and blind eyes.

Today when denial of the facts, because of the struggle of the Iraqi people and of inter-imperialist contradictions and the contradictions within the imperialist monopolies, are not possible, the US authorities confess that they have lied to and deceived the international communities. But they claimed that they have received false information from the intelligence services. They try to cover up one big lie with another bigger one. The authorities do not even want to remove from their position those who are responsible for this scandal. They cannot remove George Tenet, the head of the CIA, who is ready to make a personal sacrifice for the "national security" and to rescue his boss by accepting the heavy guilt of the lies. He should be promoted!

The US authorities try to pretend that this international scandal is a small mistake. Millions of Iraqi people have lost their homes and jobs, thousands of people are slaughtered, billions of tax dollars are given to the fat capitalist arm producing companies, the entire Middle East is being disturbed, etc, but these are small problems to the US rulers! Alas, the day that a millionth of this scandal was done by the enemies of imperialism, the smallest problem will be turned into an international problem!

Blair and Bush try to lay the guilt on the doors of the intelligence agencies in order to release themselves from the pressure of the opponents, but the nature of the lies were clear even before the start of the war in Iraq. We have written many articles about the US lies on the situation in Iraq. Here we are not talking only about Bush or Blair's mistakes and the CIA or MI6 lies, but about the entire imperialist system which has the "democratic" rights of making lies, fabricating fake

documents, or covering up a lie with a bigger lie. The US and UK's fabrication of fake documents are considered a crime in the laws of even the underdeveloped and "uncivilised" countries.

Al-Bradei, the head of UN Commission to investigate the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, had announced before the war began that the documents on the purchase from Niger of uranium or aluminum tubes to enrich uranium were fake. Today, even the US authorities state that the documents were fabricated by the Italian intelligence agencies. The CIA had had suspicion about the documents and had sent the experienced diplomat Joseph Wilson to Niger for investigation on this matter. In his report to the CIA, Wilson discovers the falsity of the documents. The CIA passes all this information to President Bush.

In his address to Americans at the "State of the Union", George Bush still uses the fake documents and freely and "democratically" spreads lies through the propaganda machine of the mass media. All the high ranking US officials, despite their knowledge about the fakeness of the documents, lied to the world because their policy on Iraq was to plunder the cheap oil, to dominate the region, to strengthen the US hegemony, to punish Iraq for changing the payments of its international trade from US dollars to euro, etc.

In his speech before the war, the US Secretary of the State Colin Powell relied on a document that was put out by the British intelligence services. This document is a part of the doctorate dissertation of an individual and has been posted on the World Wide Web for many years. Can we believe in Bush and Blair's lie that they were unaware of these problems and that they are victims of the intelligence services?

The US Vice-President Dick Cheney stated on March 2003, a few days before the war broke out, that "we believe that Saddam has again produced atomic bombs". Tony Blair stated on Sept 24, 2002 that "Iraq has biological and chemical weapons, ... and the weapons could be ready to shoot in 45 minutes".

Colin Powell, the black and "kind" American who wants us to believe that he is different from brutal and warmonger Rumsfeld, stated on Feb 5, 2003 at the UN General Assembly that "Saddam's regime has conducted research on the production of a dozen biological agents that could cause Anthrax, cholera, plague, typhus, small pox, etc".

President Bush claimed on Feb 8, 2003 in the presence of many journalists that "Iraq has provided Al-Qaeda with experts in explosives and document fabrication. Iraq has trained the members of Al-Qaeda for the use of biological weapons. An agent of Al-Qaeda had been in Iraq at the end of 1990 to train the Iraqis for the production of poisonous gas".

Did the heads of the intelligence services made all these lies or are they invented by the sick minds of the representatives of the imperialist monopolies who appeal to every sickening method in order to obtain the maximum profit?

These official lies were spread out by the major "free and democratic" mass media such as Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street, .. CNN, NBC, MSNBC, ABC,

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Few months have passed since the imperialists spread false propaganda about the Iraqis cheerfully welcoming the US soldiers. There were no Iraqis lining up to give the occupiers flowers. Even the most expert camera crews could not show the world the Iraqis who brought the "allied forces" flowers and Halva. No Iraqis showed up with flowers, but the media deafen us with the "welcoming" news! The only things that exist are the coffins of American soldiers going back home. No single day passes that the Iraqi people do not confront the occupiers and defeat the armed to the teeth American soldiers. The powerful US imperialism has turned into a paper tiger! When a nation rises up and is determined to free itself from the occupiers, even the most advanced technological power cannot stop it. The imperialists are digging their own graves in Iraq.

The reactionary trends which did not value the "national and anti-imperialist struggle", the "nationhood", and "the revolutionary patriotism" are now faced with growing resistance to occupation by the Iraqi people. These trends insulted the Arab people who were defending the interest of their people and of the region. The struggle of the Iraqi people will continue until the expulsion of the US occupiers from their homeland is complete. For the final victory, the leadership of the Marxist - Leninist communists in the struggle is a prerequisite. The Marxist - Leninists, by participation in the battles and by organising the struggle, should gain the trust of the masses and should seize the leadership. Otherwise, the danger exists that the leadership of the fight against colonialism and occupation falls in the hands of the nationalists or Moslem fanatics.

The revisionist organisations and the imperialist-made trends such as worker-communists, which were first divisive and then for "democratic" participation in a government acceptable to the US to fight "political Islam", have no positive role, but they are destructive to the movement.

Not only the Iraqi people are victims of the imperialist and Zionist policies; the American soldiers are also. Many of the soldiers serving in the US army are from Latin America. Due to the dependency to the US

companies, IMF, and the World Bank, the economies of Mexico, El Salvador, Columbia, Brazil, Argentina, etc are so bankrupt that many youths from these countries immigrate to the US illegally. They leave behind their families with the hope that they find some job in the US. All these youths have seen in their lives is hunger, poverty, and hard work. Their expectation from life is to have a full stomach.

Having the full knowledge of the situation, the US authorities offer the illegal immigrants the US residency cards to escape deportation if they "voluntarily" join the US army. So was the formation of an army of poverty stricken individuals ready to serve on the front lines of the war in Iraq. For these individuals, the only way to enter the US "paradise" with no trouble was to irrevocably pass through the dark entrance hall of death and destruction. The keys to heaven were not attached to their necklaces. The keys were the US Green Cards that were "painlessly" granted to them! The key to the US heaven is noiseless. The economic necessity, the basic needs for livelihood, and the lack of choice forced many to choose this path "voluntarily, freely, and democratically". The salaries of these individuals were low and their families were not residing in the US where they could talk and cry for their killed sons.

The First US victim in the Iraq war was from El Salvador who had entered the US illegally in search of some bread for himself and his family. He was killed as an occupier and his body with a US Green Card was returned to his wife and his son through a deceitful ceremony. He was a victim of US imperialist policy for his entire life, whether he was in El Salvador or in the US illegally or in the hot deserts of Iraq. He never became conscious of this fact. The conscienceless capitalist companies turn the poor and dominated people against each other and make the most profit through the bloodletting of the masses. The US imperialists tried to implement this policy on the Iranian immigrants, but they were exposed and defeated by the collective responses of the Iranian community in the US. The loss of life of the US army

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