



‘The basis of socialism is the human being... Socialism is the movement to restore human being’s conscious will.’

- Mansoor Hekmat

The great Marxist thinker and leader of the Worker-communist Party and worker-communist movement, 1951-2002

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Islamic Terrorism: Atrocity in Moscow

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The hostage taking by Islamic terrorists in Moscow has once again exposed the anti-human capacity of political Islam for all to see. 700 innocent people were taken hostage by Islamic terrorists and threatened with death. During the operation to save the hostages, approximately one hundred people were killed. And yet another atrocity was added to the vile track record of the Islamists.

From Afghanistan to Iran, Algeria to Bali, New York to Moscow and in Pakistan, the Sudan, Iraq and the heart of Europe, the Islamic movement has bloodied innocent people. Political Islam fundamentally relies on terror and killing; hostage taking is a well-established and widespread method of

this movement. In this movement, the aim justifies any crime. In Iran alone, 150 thousand murders are a part of political Islam’s track record.

More than ever before, today’s world has become the scene for the clash of terrorists. On the one hand it is NATO and the USA’s terrorism that is daily taking the lives of countless human beings throughout the world. On the other hand, it is Islamic terrorism that is prepared to crucify and shred humanity into pieces to gain influence for itself and establish the rule of Allah. The common point of both terrorisms is their opposition to humanity and the worthlessness of any human standard for them.

We must raise the banner of



humanity’s protest against this anti-human confrontation. Today, opposition to both poles of international terrorism must become the rallying cry and banner of the immense surge of civilised humanity. We must not allow the atrocity of one side to justify the atrocity of the other. We must raise the banner of civilised humanity against these barbarities.

Another Defeat for the Islamic Republic of Iran in Germany

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The three-day conference of the Islamic regime of Iran and the German government entitled: ‘Appraisal of the Political and Economic Cooperation between Iran and Germany’ which began on 23 October 2002 became yet another political defeat for the Islamic regime. This follows its defeat at the Berlin Conference organised by the Heinrich Böll Institute in April 2000; that conference was also a joint initiative of the

The Reactionaries Fight Each Other!

By **Göran Greider**, Metro Daily Paper

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It so happens that one receives a message from somewhere outside one's usual frameworks and is changed.

The other night, I stayed up reading a bright yellow booklet, which someone had sent to me. I had set it aside for some time in the belief that it was a one-sided pamphlet based on conspiracy theory. The pamphlet is called 'The World after September 11 - the Rise and Fall of Political Islam'.

In the end I glanced at it and was captured by the following words:

You and I and all the millions of people fighting for freedom, equality and prosperity and against not only Imperialism but against the barbaric and criminal rule of political Islam in all its aspects, do not exist in their picture of this 'world'. We who have been brutally suppressed, jailed and executed do not exist in their picture of this 'world'.

Who is saying this? The answer: an Iranian-born intellectual Mansoor Hekmat. In a slender booklet, translated from Persian, he is criticising the Left in the West that often lets its justified criticism of USA's power aspirations block out the equally justified criticism of Islamic terrorism and reactionary Islamic policies in some countries.

In reality, this brilliant analyst says it was Western interests that in many ways created Islamic fundamentalism. The Taliban, like Bin Laden, were thrown in by the USA vis-a-vis the former Soviet Union and the dawning Left movements in the Muslim world.

In the 1960s, in Bali, which has never been a paradise island, countless people were murdered just because they were communists. The USA supported this genocide. There were fears that the Communist Party would gain influence in Indonesia, considered the most important dominocard during the Cold War as Noam

Chomsky puts it. Militant Islamic groups were used as a tool in that slaughter. Hekmat writes that the Third World has become a threatening bloc for the elite of Washington and London and an unknown bloc to be generally pitied for the progressive people of the West.

Consequently, Hekmat hates the Taliban and the Iranian Mullahs as much as he condemns USA imperialism. He dreams of secular societies, writes to the point on the 'religion industry' - Christian as well as Islamic - that possess more power than the mafia or the Chinese Triad.

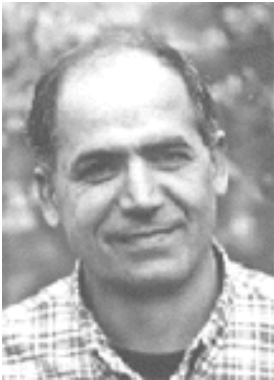
Mansoor Hekmat passed away this July with cancer. He was just over 50 years old. His analysis is indeed impressive. There is just one crux: This man was a convinced communist, a leading figure in the Worker-communist Party of Iran. In public opinion, the word communist is nowadays practically equivalent to fascism. Today, it is denied

that communism, despite the genocides that have been committed in its name, is actually a teaching on universalism and enlightenment, and opposes societies controlled by religious decrees.

I hear the cry emanating from the slender booklet; radical people like Hekmat, union activists or critics of reactionary political Islam do not exist in the picture that the West is painting of the Middle East or the Third World. We were brought up to interpret and judge conflicts in this region in religious and ethnic terms, not in terms of power and class struggles. Lacking in the contemporary political conscience is an obvious third point of view: reactionaries such as Bush and the Islamic terrorists are fighting each other above the heads of the people. Terrorism and the war on terrorism feed on each other. This I learned again the other night from a deceased Iranian communist.

Read **Mansoor Hekmat's**
Works on www.wpiran.org/english.

Asqar Karimi's Letter to Göran Greider



Dear Göran Greider: I read your article entitled 'The Reactionaries Fight Each Other!' in the Swedish Metro of October 17. It would be well deserved for Mansoor Hekmat to be given more coverage in the European and indeed Swedish media and his valuable works made accessible to people. Your attempt at introducing him in the Metro is very much appreciated. Allow me to share with you a few other truths.

Mansoor Hekmat has written many interesting and valuable articles about political Islam. I hope you find time to read them. People in Europe took power from religious institutions centuries ago, curtailing the religious movement and creating Western societies based on secularism. To achieve this, brave counter-current and enlightened intellectuals played a significant role. In Iran, too, there is a powerful anti-religion movement. People in Iran, particularly the youth, have inflicted a heavy blow against political Islam and this is only the beginning. Regrettably, in contrast to the European experience, we do not have many artists and writers at

the forefront of this battle. On the other hand, though, in today's Iran, the vast masses of people are fed up with Islam and its laws and rules. The people, including the youth, women, secularists and advocates of freedom, are engaged in a daily and constant confrontation with Islam and all aspects of its culture and traditions. The Islamic regime of Iran has not been able to stop this massive and powerful movement even with resorting to the killing of over 150,000 people.

People in Iran are ever more turning to Mansoor Hekmat and the Worker-communist Party of Iran (WPI) as an anti-religion and anti-Islamic party, with clear and resolute views vis-à-vis political Islam and religion in general, not only as the opium of the masses but as a right-wing political movement, which has slaughtered innumerable people and in Iran, brutally suppressed a revolution and carried out one of the bloodiest mass murders of the century. The powerful and widespread daily campaigns and actions of the WPI, especially with the benefit of Mansoor Hekmat's rich works, has effectively turned our Party into the spokesperson of the non-religious, or better said, anti-religious masses in Iran. The WPI is engaged in advancing this movement and raising its self-awareness, a movement which upon bringing down the Islamic Republic in Iran will change the face of the Middle East and the lives of the millions of people in the

region and the world. This movement and Party deserve the widest possible international support, just as the anti-fascist movement, the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa and the international campaign against Pinochet's crimes.

Here I would like to point out another fact. If communism in the aftermath of the Cold War was subjected to enormous and crushing pressures and being a communist was the most difficult thing to do, today in Iran being communist has become a point of strength for our Party. The main reason for this lays in the different brand of communism that Mansoor Hekmat advocated, a worker's, deeply humanist and liberating communism, a modern, anti-religion, anti-backwardness and a communism that is profoundly pro-liberation from Islam-stricken and eastern cultures, a communism advocating the most extensive civil, children and women's rights. It is a communism that is not only a necessity for Iranian society but also for our era. Iranian society is longing for freedom and radical changes and this is represented by the WPI. Despite the Islamic regime's murdering of tens of thousands of communists, the walls of repression have crumbled and the people are becoming familiar with Mansoor Hekmat and the WPI in droves. A movement has now taken shape around this development and is moving forward amidst the

escalating changes in Iran. The movement to topple the regime must choose between the left and the right. The WPI is accessible to the people and contrary to 1979, the people do not have to choose a religious or a right wing alternative. I have no doubt that Mansoor Hekmat's equality seeking goals and his communism will find its way to other parts of the world. Once the banner of worker-communism is raised in Tehran, workers and people in other part of the world will take notice of Mansoor Hekmat's ideas.

These are some of the facts about Mansoor Hekmat and Iranian society which are not disseminated due to the interests of Western states and the official media. The official media is content with showing some of the atrocities committed by the Islamists in Afghanistan and show some of the poverty, deprivation and rightlessness so that the people in Sweden, England and Germany will be satisfied with what they have and thus guarantee their own interests.

It is heartening that a distinguished writer like yourself is becoming more aware of the realities in the Middle East. I sincerely hope that you get an opportunity to read other writings of Mansoor Hekmat not only on political Islam but also the rights of human beings and help to introduce it to the Swedish people.

Kind regards, Asqar Karimi
WPI Standing Committee

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German government and Islamic regime in which political opponents, led by the Worker-communist Party of Iran (WPI), exposed the Islamic regime and prevented that conference from taking place as planned. This conference was organised by the Loccum Academy and the foreign ministries of both states with the view of developing and consolidating political and economic relations. Reactionaries such as Abdullah Nasser, the head of the regime's news agency and the editor of the government backed newspaper called Iran, Akram Masuri Manesh, head of Islamic Majlis' Women's Committee, Mohammed Masjed Jamei, the cultural attaché of the Islamic regime in the foreign ministry and



several other mullahs were present.

Despite all attempts to conceal the venue of the conference, WPI activists discovered the location, which was in a remote corner of Hanover and issued an immediate call to action. Within a short period, on 24 October, tens of WPI activists protested outside the hall

against the German government's attempts to support and negotiate with the brutal Islamic regime of Iran.

Inside the conference hall, after negotiations with the Loccum Academy, Mohamad Asangaran, a WPI cadre spoke for ten minutes exposing the Islamic regime and providing a realistic

picture of the confrontation between the people of Iran and the Islamic regime. After his speech, the meeting was left in disarray. The following day, even more WPI activists joined the demonstration.

The WPI's protest and the defeat of the Islamic regime were reported extensively in various German media.

Support WPI Campaign against Execution

Recently, tens of people have been hanged from cranes and stoned to death in public by the Islamic regime in Iran. Join the Worker-communist Party of Iran in demanding an end to executions in Iran. You can support the campaign by sending the follow-

ing to the Islamic regime's president, Mohammad Khatami at e-mail: khatami@president.ir:

'I strongly condemn the Islamic Republic of Iran for its recent executions, stonings, torture and suppression and

demand an immediate end to all forms of execution, torture and suppression.'

Send a copy of your protest letter to wpipr@ukonline.co.uk.



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