

## The Congress of The Iraqi Bourgeois Opposition Does not Represent The Iraqi Masses! Tahir Hassan



The congress of the Iraqi bourgeois opposition, after repeated postponing, considerable tension and differences among the participating forces and under pressure from the Washington, finally is to be held on December 13 in London under US supervision.

We hear different and surprising stories from the spokespersons of the committee responsible for organising this congress regarding its aims and the reasons for frequently postponing it.

In order to understand the objective

behind this congress, it is helpful to review the main points of the document put before the congress by the American administration, which was published in Hayat arabic daily in London on November 19, 2002 under the name of Jaafar al-Ahmar: This congress must support the propaganda war required for a real war by the US against Iraq! This congress must not talk about federalism and the role of the opposition in changing the regime! The US does not support that this congress declares an interim government or a parliament for Iraq after the Baath regime! The participants of the congress must introduce them-

selves as a group of councillors in relation to the political future of Iraq! Unconditional endorsement of the US document is a precondition for any party to participate in this congress! Now, any reasonable, perspicacious person should have no doubt that the US has prepared an extremely reactionary and anti-human alternative to rule Iraq after Saddam's demise and after destroying Iraq ( if the war is to take place). We should have no doubt that the so-called Iraqi opposition does not have any role in the political future of Iraq apart from being a point of pressure and a propaganda tool for the US war. The formation of a military force in

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## COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE WORKER COMMUNIST PARTY OF IRAQ ON: THE IRAQI BOURGEOIS OPPOSITION'S CONGRESS IN LONDON.

It has become obvious that the postponed congress of the nationalist and religious forces and groups formed by the US to adopt a document presented by Washington will be held in the middle of December in London.

One does not need to study all the programs and documents of this congress to be able to understand it. Regardless of the reactionary nature of the alternative proposed by the parties participating in the con-

gress, its real goal differs from what will be discussed and decided upon. Not just the expected outcome of this congress, but its timing reveals its theme (content, core, nature) and the aim behind it. It is another field among the fields the US needs to prepare to be able to impose war on and commit a new carnage against the people of Iraq. It wants to add an Iraqi flavour to its crime.

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Along with US campaign in waging war on Iraq and the nature of the new regime in there and in continuity of some Iraqi bourgeois opposition section methods in lining in the same trench to beat war drums against Iraqi masses, arrangement are on way to held Iraqi opposition conference in London about "the future of post-saddam Iraq". The parties in the would-be conference have nothing in common but

CIA authorization, hostility against Iraqi masses, striving for power at any cost. The parties are the Higher Council of Islamic Revolution in Iraq, National Accord, Iraqi National Congress, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, and Kurdistan Democratic Party and Royal Constitutional Movement. This conference is another black spot added to Iraqi opposition long record. The opposition is ready to shade Iraqi children and old people's blood and innocent civilian blood as a price for power assumption. Are the more disgrace and shame than this! Is there more underestimate than that? How may they justify their crime? Where may they hide their heads from masses? Page 3 ►

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## **The congress of The Iraqi Bourgeois Opposition Does not Represent The Iraqi Masses!**

Iraqi Kurdistan under the name of the Iraq liberation forces makes it clear the the bourgeois Iraqi opposition has no role in the US political plans for Iraq after Saddam Hussein.

However, let's pay a visit to these forces which have angered the US because they failed for three months to unite their ranks and hold a successful congress to endorse a resolution agreeable to the US.

The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq has a living example for its rule in the oppressive Islamic Republic of Iran. The masses in this country have been troubled by the rule of these murderous mullahs for last 23 years. Its dark rule is being maintained through mass killings and executions. It spends its last days committing mass executions.

The Iraqi National Congress: Its obvious that it's head (Ahmad al-Jalaby is an open agent and employee of the CIA. It seems that the force which the US is

forming in Iraqi Kurdistan, will formally act under his leadership like Mr Karzai in Afghanistan! Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Democratic Party which have followed the policies of the US during last 12 years: The suffering masses in Kurdistan have fully experienced their rule.

The Iraqi National Congress, the Institution Monarchy Movement, and a number of ex- generals and monsters who have been until very recently carrying out genocides in the north and south of Iraq, are the US friends.

It is surprising that the US is not happy even with these groups seizing power after Saddam's regime! The US believes that even these forces cannot protect its interests in Iraq. In Afghanistan, the US was not satisfied with Hekmatyar, Rabani, and Dostum and it brought Karzai Zahir to power. It has similar plans for the future of all the forces in the Iraqi opposition which have been serving the US for the last 12 years.

Supporting a catastrophic war by the US against the people of Iraq is their means to seize power in Iraq. They have supported the

brutal sanctions against the people of Iraq which has resulted in the purging of hundreds of thousands. Now, once again, in order to get a share in the future government and at the expense of killing probably millions more and destroying Iraqi society, they support the suspected war. The US with the help of the hireling media and these allies who are meeting in London, wants to prove that the aim of its war is to overthrow the Baath regime and destroy its weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile the US is the owner of the largest arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, was the first to use these weapons against the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and many of the most oppressive regimes are US allies.

The aim of the US through this war is to assert its hegemony in the world. It wants to establish an order which ensures its domination of the world. If this war takes place a huge tragedy will be imposed on the people in Iraq and terrorism, be it state terrorism or non-state terrorism will become the norm of the political and social life of the contemporary society. If this war takes

place it will give a huge propagandistic and ideological boost to Political Islam, Arab pan-nationalism and all reactionary movements in the region. It will be a huge setback for the progressive forces and civilised humanity in the region, which is the only hope for the societies in the Middle East for building a peaceful, humane and modern society.

By talking about overthrowing Saddam's regime which has been the demand of the people of Iraq the US wants to hide its anti-human objectives and legitimize its catastrophic attack against the people of Iraq, which it is shamelessly threatening with the use of nuclear force.

This congress which is supposed to be held at the demand of the US, has no objective apart from realising the plans of the US which will destroy the lives and future of the masses in Iraq. This congress does not only represent the objectives and demands of the Iraqi masses, but it is in direct contrast to these demands. Therefore it must be strongly condemned by all freedom loving people and human right defenders.

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It is a congress to legitimise the killing of Iraqi children and defenceless civilians. It is a propaganda display to market US plans and counter protests against the war internationally. It is a cheap conspiracy to add, with the help of the hireling me-

dia in the west, some Hollywood tricks and scenes to the scenario of "liberating" Iraq at the cost of committing genocide against the Iraqi people. No reasonable person believes that the participating parties represent in any way the objectives and wishes of the Iraqi people. Those invited to the congress include many ex-generals and officials of the Baath regime who hundreds of individuals are trying to take to court for war crimes and acts of genocide. However, this is not an important issue for the participants and the hireling media. Their importance lies in the fact they are nothing. Their real capital is their political bankruptcy. They are a group of actors in a bloody American play; their task will end with the end of the com-

ing carnage. They will not be heroes of a real change in Iraq. Worthlessness and political bankruptcy give them a big space to perform the roles allocated to them without any fear of losing anything.

The hectic efforts to fulfill their roles in the American scenario do not represent the wishes and hopes of the masses who want to get rid of the Baath regime. The US cannot deceive the masses and cover its exposed aim behind the war by talking about overthrowing the Baath regime, a wish dear to the hearts of the masses in Iraq and of freedom loving people worldwide.

The Worker Communist Party of Iraq will stand against this conspiracy. We will inform international public opinion about

its real aims and call the masses and freedom lovers to stand against it.

We believe any party in Iraq with the slightest concern for the lives and security of the masses will not only boycott this congress but will condemn and denounce it. We condemn the attempt to legitimise the US carnage against the masses, condemn the participants in this conspiracy, and expose the advocates of war.

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## London Conference: Governance cake: saturated with innocents' blood.

Whom may they cry for help to get away from masses judgment?

Anyhow, this conduct is not odd to these parties. Their practical and political record is a stigma ineradicable from their foreheads. These parties have always lined up against the masses. They welcomed US plans in Gulf War I and II and mongered West politics in waging a massacre against Iraqi masses, especially those soldiers retreating from frontlines. They beat sanction drums for trivial justifications as allegedly it weakens Saddam's regime, consequently toppling it. These parties have justified this daily bombardment whose victims are the innocents and the unarmed people of Iraqi masses. They welcome US politics concerning Iraq liberation and establishing the two-fly zones, thus the destiny of more than four million peoples were left at the mercy of national and religious militia and army gangs.

What future may these parties bring to Iraq?! Just imagine Iraqis' situation and destiny if they are to be left at a handful of thieves, highwaymen, mafia gangsters, war criminal, secret agent, spies and stick-in-the-mud people. All of whom are brought up in the laps of CIA, mullahcratic Iran, Turkish fascist generals and baathist regime itself. Iran masses have tasted unspeakable calamities under the authority of mullahcracy that is the Mecca of their high council. Iran masses are about to sweep away this medieval regime; in the meanwhile, America seeks via this conference to bring cups of those mullahs' high council – to govern Iraqi masses!! Masses in Kurdistan have experienced the essence of such government. They mean nothing but poverty, unemployment, hunger, deprivation of rights and freedom, persecution of opposing politicians, lack of security, playing the role of guides to neighboring regimes to commit

massacre against their opposing politicians, spying to benefit region countries, transferring billions of dollars to their personal accounts abroad. Kurdistan masses are counting moments to brush away national and religious militia and armed gangsters. They are the same parties whose hands are stained with each other's blood, the parties who butchered each other prisoners-of-war for the sake of power in Kurdistan and get together to discuss a post-Saddam-Iraq!

Their democratic Iraq will be governed by those parties, another group of hangmen and executioners, the yield of fascist Saddam, such as al-Khazraji, al-Samarai and al-Jubayri who shed the blood of thousands of honest Iraqis. No one knows how they may represent Iraq masses! According to what authorization may those parties speak in the name of Iraqis to formulate a new baathist regime and a new republic of horror and fear, erected on the heads of Iraq masses?! These parties have got their authorization from CIA, not from Iraq masses. They do not represent Iraq masses. They lack the legitimacy to speak in the name of Iraq masses. More than twenty millions do not know what those parties decide and what they may agree upon in a conference whose main aim is to give America a legitimate justification to wage its war and to distribute governance cake which is saturated in Iraqi blood. Ignoring masses' will is condemned by and large.

Iraq masses did not decide to substitute a hangman for another. Iraq women and youth did not decide to substitute three decades of baathist repression with other decades of Islamic, national or royal repression. Iraq masses do not look forward to a cartoon election held every few years by a handful of parties to govern in their name, to execute

in their names, to confiscate political freedom and civil rights in their names and to despise workers, women and children dignity in their names. Iraq masses look forward to justice, welfare, freedom, secure future and a society free of substantial and moral suppression and free of need, hunger, poverty and unemployment.

In the near future, these have to give their explanation about any of their political stands and practice. They have to reply to: what is their position while America is slaughtering one million and a half million peoples? What have they done about releasing political prisoners? What were they doing when the regime was beheading women who were forced to sell their bodies due to hardships? What have they done to spread freedom of opinion, principle and doctrine? What have they done for the sake of the rights of Iraq workers, children and women?! They have to answer dozens of other questions.

This sort of opposition is one of the reasons behind calamities and dilemma Iraqis confront. They cannot be left freehanded, as they did nothing. No one forgets. Masses will not forget. People, parties and organizations are all responsible. Fortunately, in the Internet era, no one can do anything and just hide. Iraq masses are eager to call them to account for lining up in an opposite trench, against their most basic rights and expectation. These parties are happy today for forthcoming massacre and blood baths in Iraq. They cannot see any problem in that so long as it keeps them from power that the baathist deprived them from. They see no problem to assume power if they should walk on people corpses, like you and me, the people who have nothing to do with what is going on, the people who dream to raise children up safely away from hunger, poverty, need, the

people who dream of a life in which they need not to worry about their dearest because of wars, the people who seek love, happiness, welfare and a smile.

These parties should be unmasked. All should condemn and escalate struggle against American politics and endeavor to wage war on Iraq. That could be the best favor one can do for Iraq masses and humanity in general. Their plots for formulating a new future in spite of and against the masses will should be frustrated, by doing so, the fragile nature of opposition delegates will be exposed. The goals of the conference and its sessions should be revealed because they aim at nothing but depriving Iraq masses from initiative to decide and determine their political choices. This move should be unveiled as it seeks to plunder masses will and freedom, in advance block channels before protesting masses and strangle and bury alive libertarian voices, alienate masses and suppress their demands aiming at achieving radical changes in society. This conference should be unmasked as it is a move more against masses than Saddam's collapsing regime. The conference direction should be turned against the participants' plots. The occasion should be a tribune to shed light on national and religious black records and unmask their true essence and the kind of future they seek to masses.

All progressive, libertarian, egalitarian forces and in front of worker communist party should render this conference a nightmare and a black day to these parties, a day they bitterly remember. Against deprivation of masses will in humanitarian ranks; libertarian and egalitarian should be organized. Masses should regain self-determination and will. That is the task of all libertarians in Iraq and the world in general.

## Surma Hamid's speech in Melbourne, Australia

*On December 1, a crowd of 15000 turned out in Melbourne-Australia in protest to the US threats of war against the masses of Iraq.*

*The rally was chaired by the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia secretary Michele O'neil and Victorian Trades Hall state secretary Leigh Hubbard.*

*Surma Hamid, the secretary of Committee in Defense of Iraqi Women's Rights in Melbourne, and the activist of Worker Communist Party of Iraq was the first speaker to address the protesters. The following is the text of her speech.*

Good afternoon

First I thank everyone who has put any effort into organising this fantastic and massive demonstration. I thank the organisers for giving me the opportunity to speak to you here. As you know, such extensive protests against American militarism and warmongering are taking place in many cities across the world and this movement is growing every day.

Now, especially after the Security Council resolution, it has become clear that the only force which can end the threats of war is our force, the force of civilised and progressive people across the world.

It is the desire of the masses of Iraq and all decent people throughout the world to see the overthrow of the fascist regime of Iraq.

For the US, however, the issue is not overthrowing the Iraqi regime. The ruling class in the US and its right-wing elite are trying to assert US supremacy and

domination over the world. They can achieve this through wars, so the US is using atrocities committed by Islamic terrorists, especially the September 11 atrocities, to maintain the war indefinitely. The policy of pre-emptive strike will serve this purpose very well. Waging war against Iraq, slaughtering helpless people in that country, is the first step towards achieving this strategy.

The threats of war are not because of owning weapons of mass destruction and the risk that they will be used by the Ba'ath regime; and they have nothing to do with the dictatorship and atrocities of this regime.

Many countries around the world own weapons of mass destruction, and the US was the first to use nuclear weapons to kill hundred of thousands of the people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The world is full of dictators and most of them are US allies. Moreover, US policies, especially the sanctions against Iraq, have helped the Ba'ath regime to stay in power; and the US helped the Iraqi regime while it was using weapons of mass destruction against the Kurds, against the innocent people of Halabja.

Any change in Iraq as the result of this war will be formal. It will not only maintain the economic, social and political foundation of capitalism but it will probably maintain the regime itself or bring into power an equally bad and reactionary regime.

What is the price that the Iraqi masses have to pay for such a formal change?

Definitely this regime can be overthrown by attacking Iraq with nuclear weapons. However, overthrowing Saddam's regime must not be at the expense of devastating the lives of the people of Iraq and the region. There are less painful ways. The best

way is to stop the threats of war, lift the sanctions and leave this task to the masses of Iraq themselves.

The Iraqi masses know what the price is. They are still suffering from the impact of US policy towards Iraq over the last 12 years. Sanctions have claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Iraq. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis were killed in the US led war in 1991. Iraqi society has been literally destroyed.

On the other hand, waging a war against Iraq will optimise conditions for the growth of political Islam and Arab nationalism and the spread of all reactionary values in this region. It will be a recipe for more atrocities by the Islamic terrorists. These reactionary forces will try to present themselves as the representatives of the people in this region.

One of the outcomes of this war will be the consolidation of the US presence in the region. This will be very detrimental to all kinds of fair social struggle and to all progressive forces. By having a permanent base in Iraq, it will be easier for the US to do anything it wants and to use power against any force or country in the region that adopts a policy not to the liking of the US. The Gulf region will become a backyard of the US. The US will become the cause of the growth of reactionary groups in the region.

So we need to continue and urgently build a strong and decisive movement against the US war. This movement should not be defensive, should not wait to find what the US is going to do and then act; rather it must take the initiative and anticipate events. In order to succeed it must have clear goals. It needs to be determined to struggle against any

form of terrorism, be it the state terrorism of the US or the terrorism of political Islam. It must be a movement of civilised people against the US barbarity and it must not give legitimacy to Saddam's regime or Islamic terrorists. We must not support any reactionaries just because they are from the Third World. Merely shouting anti-American slogans is not an indication of progressiveness. The indication for progressiveness is the clear and direct defence of the progressive, secular, egalitarian and welfare priorities of the people of the region.

These same reactionary and backward political forces which are shouting slogans against the US today have killed innumerable people in the Middle East and North Africa for being free-thinkers, socialists, women, Jewish and for protesting and going on strikes. With these slogans they kill progressive people, deny the masses the most basic human rights, oppress women and children, practice honour killing and flogging, impose the veil and impose many other injustices. These groups are themselves part of the problem of hundreds of millions of people in the Middle East and North Africa. They do not represent the people of that region. They do not want the people's freedom and prosperity. They do not belong in any way to freedom-loving humanity.

Let's struggle against the terrorism of the US and the reactionary movements.

Let's build a massive movement against American warmongering.

Down with Bush!

Down with Saddam!

Long live the anti-war movement!

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