



'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

All those jailed by the US immigration must be freed!



There are many people from Iran and several other countries still in jail in the USA after having been arrested for complying with an order for all non-immigrant men over 16 from Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Libya and Syria to register with the US Immigra-

tion and Naturalisation Service (INS) by December 16. Many of the Iranian detainees are in danger of being deported to the Islamic Republic of Iran. This inhumane policy must be defeated. These arrests are part of the war of terrorists - the USA's

state terrorism versus Islamic terrorism. Restricting the civil rights of the people of America is another element in this war. We must not become the victims of the war of the terrorists, lose our rights and have our dignity and humanity trampled upon by reactionaries.

All the detainees must be released unconditionally. We are the victims of the Islamic Republic of Iran's terrorism. We have run away from the horrors, execution and the reign of Islam to live in an-

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Days of protest against the Iraqi 'Opposition' Conference in London



Behind closed doors at the 'Iraqi Opposition Conference' in London, a group of charlatans and criminals

were brought together under the USA's guidance to decide the future of the people of Iraq after Saddam

Hussein. They included former army generals of the Iraqi regime responsible for massacring the Iraqi people; Islamic reactionaries, friends of the Taliban and the Islamic regime in Iran, who want to impose Sharia laws such as stoning, amputations, execution of atheists, etc. against the people; and Kurdish nationalist gangs who have enforced more than a decade of misery and oppression on the people of Iraqi

Kurdistan, smashed women's shelters, closed down newspapers, stopped freedom of speech and gunned down so-

cialists and labour activists.

Throughout the Conference, the Worker-communist Party of Iraq supported by the Worker-communist Party of Iran organised a protest right from the start. The protest was covered by various media outlets, including CNN, ITN, BBC on-line and Al-Jezira. Bahram Soroush, from the Worker-communist Party of Iran and Aso Kamal and Jamal Dashty from the Worker-communist Party of Iraq were interviewed.

Worker-communist Party activists exposed the fact

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other corner of the world. Living in any part of the world is a fundamental right of every person. We will not allow ourselves to be condemned to a life of fear and trepidation. We must not allow the lives of people to be subject to such insecurity.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran - US Committee and the International Federation of the Iranian Refugees - US Branch call on groups and individuals to protest against the imprisonment

of the immigrants and to join our protests. Shoulder to shoulder with the progressive and socialist groups of America, let us protest against Islamic terrorism and the atmosphere of fear created by the USA government.

The Worker-communist Party of Iran and the International Federation of the Iranian Refugees have called for several demonstrations in Los Angeles so far calling for the release of the detainees.

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that the conference had no legitimacy and that the participants were not representatives of the Iraqi people. They are a bunch of despotic, reactionary, misogynist gangs and self-appointed rulers who had come with direct backing and money from the USA government, to deal and wheel over the fate of the people of Iraq. They are part of the USA government's murderous war drive and open bullying against the Iraqi people. They are cheerleaders for the draconian sanctions against the Iraqi children.

They had come to London to bargain over the share of each from the spoils of a future US war against the people of Iraq.

The protest made it clear that the people of Iraq did not wish to replace one tyrant with another. The protest also condemned the USA's military preparation against the Iraqi people and demanded an end to the sanctions. During the protest, which lasted several days, thousands of leaflets were distributed in English, Arabic and Kurdish.

WPI Political Bureau meeting held

17 December 2002

The Worker-communist Party of Iran's (WPI) Political Bureau met during December 16 and 17 2002 with the participation of the majority of its members and Hamid Taghvaie, the chair of the Central Committee. In this meeting the date of the next plenum of the Central

Committee and the documents prepared by the commission elected by the previous meeting of the Political Bureau regarding the political situation in Iran were discussed. The Political Bureau further discussed the proposed documents and adopted two documents:

'Resolution regarding securing the right of the people to decide the future system of government' and 'Declaration of political freedoms'.

The Political Bureau elected the following as members of the Bureau's Standing Committee:

Rahman Hosseinzadeh, Fateh Sheikh, Asqar Karimi, Asad Golchini, Azar Majedi, Hossein Moradbeigi and Azar Modaresi. Additionally Kourosh Modaresi was elected unanimously as the chair of the Political Bureau, which heads the Standing Committee.

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Hekmat's Works on
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Releases Summary, edited
by Faribroz Pooya, on
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Organisation for Women's Liberation launched in London

Mehrnoush Moosavi

The ceremony to launch the Organisation for Women's Liberation was held in London on Saturday December 14, 2002 among jubilant participants.

Mehrnoush Moosavi, the chair of the ceremony, began the meeting with these words: 'today will be a memorable day in the history of the women's struggle for freedom. We have come together to establish an organisation which will be a significant factor in the women's struggle for freedom and equality of men and women in Iranian society. Today will be a part of our history and memory.'

The Declaration of the Organisation for Women's Liberation was then read. The programme continued with a screening of a short film of the mass women's demonstration against compulsory veiling and women's oppression in Tehran in 1979. The documentary showed moving scenes of the women's struggle and protest in Iran right from the beginning of the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It showed a young generation of women who never succumbed to the veil and the violent religious laws against women. It showed that women were very clear and radical, had high expecta-

tions even 24 years ago. Their call moved the participants of the ceremony. Many of the participants in the launch had themselves taken part and were active in that demonstration. The young women in this film were shouting 'we did not make a revolution to go backwards!', 'Women's liberation is neither eastern nor western; it is universal!' or 'every moment I demand, under torture I demand, death or freedom!'

After the screening of the film, Azar Majedi the founder of the Organisation

for Women's Liberation in Iran. She was an organiser of the 8 March celebrations in 1979 in Tehran; she was also one of two representatives of the 'Organisation for Women's Awakening' who was on the steering committee for the joint conference of various women organisations which took place in Tehran Polytechnic University in the fall of 1979. Since 1984, she has been the driving force behind such important conferences such as Medusa's conferences. She has established the Centre for Women and Socialism. She is the editor of Medusa journal and the chair

speech by reiterating the importance of forming the Organisation for Women's Liberation in the current political climate in Iran. She also emphasised the necessity of providing leadership, guidance and centralising the activities of a mass and progressive and equality seeking movement. She said: 'Imagine for a moment if our views, plans, activities and platform for realising the struggle against the oppression of women were absent, how the women's movement would have been taken for a ride by other political movements and groups.'



Azar Majedi ended her speech by calling on all women, young girls and all of the militants for the freedom of women to join the organisation. She said: 'Any girl who faces this question of why I cannot do what boys are allowed to do has a place in this organisation. Membership and participation in liberation from oppression is simple in this organisation. This organisation must become a mass organisation of masses of women against the oppression of women.'

for Women's Liberation spoke. Azar Majedi is a well-known personality of the movement for freedom and equality of men and women. Majedi's thirty year experience is an asset of this organisation; she is a tower of strength for the progressive and equality seeking move-

of the Middle East Centre for Women's Rights. She has written and published extensively on the issues of women's liberation and translations of her writings in English, Swedish and German have been warmly received.

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Azar Majedi was presented with a bouquet of flowers. In presenting the flowers, Mehrnoush Moosavi said:

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the Organisation for Women's Liberation and announce my and my husband's readiness to work and cooperate with you.'

In the next section of the programme, representative

'Allow me to present this recognition of Azar Majedi's efforts to establish this organisation and for her unceasing and brave struggle to lead and guide this struggle.'

Mina Ahadi was the next

in Iran and abroad. In recent years she has taken part in important conferences. Mina Ahadi is the founder of the International Committee against Stoning which is an international network of more than 200 organisations and

mation of the Organisation for Women's Liberation is a significant means for bringing about change in the condition of women in the society.' Mina Ahadi called on all women and those who have heard the news of the formation of this organisation to join its ranks.

Following Mina Ahadi's speech, sections of letters of support that had been received from Tehran was read. In one of the letters it was said: 'Dear Ms. Majedi, Please accept my and my husband's warmest compliments for your humanist efforts. As one of the millions of women who has suffered long years of religious and reactionary misogynist laws, I send you greetings in establishing

of various organisations and institutions who are active in various aspects of the struggle for women's rights announced their support for the Organisation for Women's Liberation. Parvin Kaboli, the International Campaign in Defence of Women's Rights in Iran, Halaleh Taheri, the Centre in Defence of Women's Right in Kurdistan, Azam Kamguyan, Committee in Defence of Women's Rights in the Middle East and Sarah Mohamad, Never forget Pela and Fatemeh gave messages of support.

The ceremony ended with Azar Majedi responding to the questions of the audience. For more information or to join the Organisation, contact Azar Majedi at +44 (0) 7789801250 or e-mail: azarmajedi@yahoo.com.



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