

The Communiqué of the 12th plenum of the Central Committee of the Worker Communist Party of Iraq on the Iraqi Bourgeois Opposition Congress in London

Between December 14 and 16 the congress of the Iraqi bourgeois opposition was held in London under the auspices of the US. The participants in this congress included the Kurdish and Arab nationalist parties, the Islamic groups, ex-generals of the Ba'ath regime and agents of the CIA. The concluding statement presented the resolutions they agreed on in this congress. This statement showed clearly their contradiction with the wishes and hopes of the masses in Iraq. They made it clear that if they seize power, they will not just maintain the lack of rights and oppression which have prevailed during decades of the Baath regime's rule, but they show signs that the future under their rule will be even more dismal than the present regime. The articles of their resolutions, even though their roles in the US plot for Iraq are yet not clear, show that they will continue with all that has been imposed on the Iraqi masses by the Baath regime during the 35 years of its repressive rule which

Sunni and Shah's Muslims, Christians, Ezidis and other faiths"!

A government like this is a nationalist and religious government. Under such a government, the religious and nationalist identities will be enforced on the masses that will be forced to enter the political and social relationship holding these identities. The blood shed in the conflicts based on such identities has not dried yet in former Yugoslavia. These forces want to repeat these painful experiences and enforce their consequences on 22 million people in Iraq. These reactionary forces want to destroy civil society and divide it according to the partisan, clan, racial, nationalist and religious identities in order to assign a spokesman and a reactionary boss as head of each group. A government like this will not acquire even a bourgeois democratic form, but it will be a despotic rule, which will practice an overt and bloody oppression. An authority based on nationalist, religious, partisan and local identity instead of equal citizenship **Page 2 ►**

The structure of the state will be based on a formal recognition of and "involving all elements of the Iraqi people from Arab, Kurd, Turkmen, Assyrians, Kildans and others, and from

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1-Baath regime is an evident pattern of tyrannical fascist state. The anti-humanity reactionary essence of this regime is so notorious that that it had long become known for everyone.

2-baath regime assumed power through a coup d'etat to find a way out of the crisis that faced bourgeois class in Iraq in 1968. This military-state regime has managed to remain in power so far because it adopts persecution, genocide, manslaughter, and state terrorism, wars against Kurdistan and neighboring states, and militarizing the society in Iraq. Utilizing these means, this regime is savage to a degree only comparable to that of Hitler's crimes. The atrocities resulting from using chemical weapons in its wars could be compared with those that devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki in world war II.

3-this regime has not only infringed the basic rights of masses in Iraq but also flattened the concepts of civil and citizenship rights resulting in losing their objectivity. Barbarism has prevailed in every aspect of society life. The regime official policy is based on plundering political, economic and social rights and masses' will.

4-ideologically and politically, baath regime has relied on the most corrupted ideologies and policies. This regime, which manifested

from national Arab reactionary, has relied the national fascist wing of this reactionary. It has adopted fanatic national policy, practices of national division and hatred, reviving sectarian and tribal codes, imposing the highest level of discrimination against women and butchering them in accordance with Islam laws, forcefully islamitizing society and sticking to religious doctrines of the past fourteen centuries to maintain its power. Discrimination based on nationality, race, religion, sect and tribe is one of the notorious characteristics of Baath regime.

5-the protection of international capital powers is on the most crucial reasons behind maintaining its brutal governance. Baath regime enjoyed the direct protection of Russia and the east bloc during the cold war. At the same time it got the divergent protection of America and the west. During gulf war I, the regime enjoyed the protection of the west and America, which supplied it with weapons of mass destruction. Contrary to hypocritical propaganda in America and hired mass media, the super powers protection in the past, their policy and economic sanctions are important factors for keeping Baath regime in power. These international powers are partners in the crimes of the baath regime in Iraq. **Page 3 ►**

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rights will beat the drums for bloody wars that will burn everything. That the government which these forces seek to impose on the masses in Iraq is more dangerous and anti-human can be seen from the experiences in Lebanon and Yugoslavia. The masses of Iraq, who have been victims of the ruling Ba'ath fascism for decades, must not become captives in the hands of an authority based on nationalist, religious and ethnic superstitions.

3-Islam is the State's religion. The Islamic religion is one of the fundamentals of the Iraqi state. The Islamic Shariah is the basic resource of legislation. The congress emphasises the necessity of following its magnanimous values, forgiving ideals and righteous principles and observing its teachings in culture, media and teaching curriculum...

This means restricting people's beliefs against their will to the Islamic religion. It means that atheism is a crime and the punishment for it will be stoning and other forms of capital punishment. It means that the followers of religions other than Islam are second -class citizens in society and before the law. Under the rule of an authority which takes Islam as the main source for legislating the laws in regard to the civil and individual rights and which observes the most backward cultures and beliefs and determines the rights of the citizens on their basis, the fate of the freedom lovers and progressives will be incarceration in dark cells. The honour killing, stoning, compulsory veiling, even for 8 or 9 year old children, oppression and violation of the most basic rights of the masses will be the prominent features of such a government. They announce from now that the future of 11 million women in Iraq will be slavery and second-class citizenship in all aspects and levels. The examples of such government is now ruling in Iran, Saudi Arabia,

Afghanistan and other countries, where millions of human beings who await the opportunity to get rid of them are tormented.

4-The congress believes that it is necessary to maintain the (Oil For Food Program) which provide food and medicine for the Iraqi people and enables them to rebuild the infrastructure and trying to treat its negative aspects toward reviewing the Security Council's resolutions in this regard....

The masses in Iraq have been subjected for more than 12 years to the most brutal destruction and genocide and the greatest material and morale setback because of the sanctions. The sanctions have paralysed the revolutionary will of the masses who are struggling for survival instead of struggling against the regime. The outcome of this inhuman policy was, in addition to strengthening the regime and weakening the masses, killing more than a million human beings through starvation, and lack of medicine. According to UN statistics, one-fifth of Iraqi children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. Therefore, lifting the sanctions on the masses of Iraq immediately and unconditionally has been an urgent and consistent demand of millions in Iraq and worldwide over the last 12 years. The struggle against the sanctions, which has attracted strong international solidarity, has been a vital field of struggle for the masses in Iraq. However the opposition, which seeks to replace the Baath regime and begs the masses for support to achieve this aim, raise their voices in support of the sanctions and demands maintaining it even after overthrowing the Baath regime. This indicates that these opposition forces oppose the demands and wishes of 22 million human beings in Iraq and millions of freedom lovers worldwide. They support killing more than 1 million human being in Iraq. It also proves the fact that this opposition just does not care

about the demands and fate of the masses, but they do not mind causing the greatest hardships and catastrophes for these masses in order to seize power or have a share in it. This fact is enough to condemn all these forces.

Federation and the Kurdish Issue, the congress endorsed federation as a way to solve the Kurdish issue within a united Iraq.

Presenting Federation as a way to solve the Kurdish issue and other issues in Iraq by these forces does not mean that federation is a deep-rooted demand among the masses. In reality the slogan of federation is a slogan invented by these forces to reconcile and make a compromise between the Kurdish nationalist current and the Arab nationalist current which rule in Iraq. Both nationalist currents' aim for proposing federation as a proposition and a concept is to enable them to compromise between themselves and divide the power behind the backs of the masses, avoiding a genuine and permanent solution for the Kurdish issue.

The reactionary nature of the nationalist federation (Federation based on nationalism) can end in extremely detrimental social and political outcomes for the masses in Iraq. Nationalist federation means an official dividing of the masses and creating false national identities for millions of human beings who live and work together in Iraq. Nationalist federation means causing deterioration in the political awareness of the masses and political culture in society and substantiating and consolidating nationalism and racism in the beliefs of the masses and the social institutions and laws. Nationalist federation is an ideal plan to find and deepen the nationalist differences in the ranks of the working class in Iraq. Nationalist federation as a slogan is extreme in its reaction and enmity to the human being and it does not solve the Kurdish issue but perpetuates it officially and legally. An urgent and real solution for the Kurdish issue is to resort to the opinion of the masses themselves by conducting

a free referendum, where the masses in Kurdistan choose between staying within Iraq or separation and forming an independent state. The only legitimate decision is the one taken by the masses in such a referendum. The compromises behind the masses' back and against their right to self-determination have no legitimacy and are condemned altogether.

The congress emphasised the necessity of reorganising the security and military apparatus.

The Iraqi masses have faced the worst human catastrophes in contemporary history during more than three decades of the rule of the Ba'ath nationalist regime and its security, military and espionage apparatus. Rebuilding and restructuring these apparatus, which is supposed to be done by the forces that participated in this congress, means rebuilding the same oppressive, terrorist apparatus of the Ba'ath regime which has committed massacres in the south of Iraq and al-Anfal campaign and chemical attacks in Kurdistan. That this will be so is clear if we consider the fact that a number of those responsible for these war crimes were prominent members and leaders of this congress. The tasks that these renewed apparatus are supposed to fulfill after the overthrow of the Ba'ath regime are these same tasks, they will be fulfilled today under the pretext of defending the " Nation" and " Arab world" and so on.

The security, espionage and military apparatus are the pillars and a crucial means to protect the bourgeois governments, which in their part protect the bases of the capitalist system, and capital rule, and to oppress violently any demand and mass protest. The congress' emphasis on the reorganisation of the security and military apparatus in Iraq tells the masses that in order to perpetrate their policies and the resolutions taken in this congress, these forces will have oppressive security apparatus similar to the Security, Special Security, Republic Guards and the

6-manipulating specific maneuvers and tactics, Baath regime has directed the Iraqi opposition to stabilize its detested governance. The traditional bourgeois opposition starting from right to left" Arab nationalism, Kurd nationalism and communist party" were out of breath to share power with Baath regime in accordance with their common interests and momentary goals. The opposition has expressed its solidarity with Baath regime during critical stages and participated in power. That has led to maintain the power of this regime. The bourgeois Iraqi opposition has helped stabilize this regime. Conse-

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quently, it has a dark agenda for masses in Iraq.

7-the total rein of Baath regime has been against the interests of masses in Iraq and persecuted and plundered even the most basic humane rights. Persecuted masses in Iraq mainly demand ousting Baath regime. Worker communism and worker communist party of Iraq have demanded the immediate toppling of this regime since they emerged in the political field in Iraq. We adopt the same policy while Iraq and

the whole region are passing continuous changes. The tyrannical policy of America, the west and the attempts of Iraqi opposition to familiarize itself with US policy aiming at changing the regime in Iraq not only has nothing to do with the interests of masses in Iraq but also the future and alternative that they see to it is just a repetition of another dark non-human scenario for masses in Iraq. Consequently masses in Iraq and worker communism refuse this scenario.

Undoubtedly, the least improvement in substantial and moral life and gaining the most basic individual and civil rights are tightly related with toppling saddam fascist regime. Ousting the Baath regime in Iraq is an immediate task for masses, worker and worker communism in Iraq. Worker communism party struggles to topple the Baath regime and establish a socialist republic. Worker communist party of Iraq calls all freedom adherents to join us in this struggle.

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military forces of the Ba'ath regime. Abolishing the military forces and security apparatus in all their forms is one of the essential demands of the masses in Iraq in order to have a better future, where the masses will be able to obtain the basic requirements of a decent life. If the masses need military forces in order to defend their gains they will organize themselves militarily in their mass councils instead of the bourgeois professional oppressive and military institutions.

The bourgeois opposition's congress has dedicated all its days to discuss and debate how to control the masses and stop them from coming to the fore. In regard to the political freedoms: freedom to demonstrate, strike, think, believe, practice political activity which has been opposed by an iron fist during the perilous time of the Ba'ath regime, this congress posed a gloomy future for society. In regard to the forgotten rights of millions of women threatened with the swords of religion and Shari'a laws under the ruling regime, the congress called for a fate for women similar to the one in Iran under the rule of the mullahs. Nothing was mentioned in this congress about the rights, demands and wishes of the youth who have for dec-

taken to battle fronts and wars, and had their dignity violated. Nothing was mentioned about the Iraqi children who, if they survive disease and starvation, must take the responsibility to keep their families alive. All these issues were unimportant in this congress compared to questions of the share for the head of this clan, war criminal or general of the power in tomorrow's Iraq.

No one can find any place for the will of the masses in running society in the articles of the concluding statement of this congress. The congress did not answer questions like: How can the regime be changed? How will the masses be able to change the government if they wish to? According to which democratic process will this happen? By contrast, all the congress' articles block the will of the masses and impose a despotic rule on them.

The masses, who have been suffering for about 35 years from a brutal suppression at the hands of the most brutal regime in the region, do not deserve this black future at the hands of the US administration and the pro-US opposition. Rather it is among their basic rights to enjoy equality, freedom and a secure and prosperous life.

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held in Suleimanyia to coincide with the Iraqi bourgeois opposition in London announced again that the only humane way out of the current political situation in Iraq is by overthrowing the Ba'ath regime through the revolution of the workers and toilers.

Such a revolution will build a socialist republic in Iraq that will uproot all forms of class, sexual and nationalist discrimination and oppression, ensure the best opportunity for a conscious, free and direct intervention by the masses in the rule and administration of their country and adopt a society full of freedom, equality and prosperity.

The Worker Communist Party of Iraq, which condemns the congress of the Iraqi bourgeois opposition and rejects all its resolutions, announces that in order to achieve conditions where freedom of political activity is guaranteed and where the masses are able to choose their government and administration freely and consciously, insists on the necessity of overthrowing the Ba'ath regime on the following bases:

A political system based on the direct, continuous intervention of the masses in ruling and administering society must be established in tomorrow's Iraq. The councils system guarantees the widest possible freedoms to ensure the direct intervention of the masses. All political and social freedoms and rights must be guaranteed

unconditionally for all. Eradication of all kinds of discrimination based on sex, citizenship, nationality, race, religion, age and others.

Separating religion from state and education. Religion must be regarded as a personal affair and the freedom of belief and atheism must be guaranteed. The followers of all religions and atheists must be equal before the law. Abolishing the term of the state's religion or official religion.

Recognising the full and unconditional equality between men and women in regard to civil and individual rights and abolishing all laws that are against this principle.

Releasing all political prisoners. Abolishing capital punishment. All, especially the parties and organizations, must be able to benefit from the state's media. All the secret diplomatic relationships must be cancelled. Foreign policy and the diplomatic connections must follow the rules and resolutions taken by the elected legislative organs. The Iraqi masses have no responsibility toward the debts of the Ba'ath regime.

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Since eastern bloc collapse and the end of dual polarity, the governing body in America has adopted a strategy that materializes US unilateral control and imposes the so-called "its new world order" on political and economic life all over the world by US military tyranny and waging wars. In the last decade, US, leading allies, waged gulf 11 and Cosovo wars in the course of implementing its strategy. US has not hesitated a moment to manipulate terror crimes of political Islam in September 11th as new justifications to intensively maintain its war-based policy and militarism under the excuse of "war on terrorism". The outcome of US efforts to impose its unilateral control over the world and its steps toward establishing "new world order" have not been more than imposing a substantial and moral decline by waging wars, state terrorism, deploying fear, plundering the biggest share of world investments of proletarians' toil and finally imposing more desperation and destruction in societies.

A twelve-year period of committing crimes against masses in Iraq has occurred within this worldwide American strategy and been actually considered a catastrophic materialization of it. US waged gulf war 11, committed massacres in which thousands recruited by Baath regime were slaughtered in frontlines, damaged the infra structure of economy and vital society institutions and used

depleted Uranium that causes cancer to thousands. US imposed economic blockade unwitnessed ever before as to its cruelty and destructive consequences on masses in Iraq. So far, US keeps bombing civil areas in the no-fly zones. US sees to keep the political and legal destiny of Kurdistan floating within a frame of absolute ambiguity.

Generally, US policy and intervention in Iraq have resulted in nothing more than poverty, hunger, unemployment, spreading diseases, slaughtering hundred thousands of children in Iraq due to malnutrition and unavailability of potable water. The US policy in Iraq is nothing but depriving 22 millions of their rights of economic, social and health requirements and keeping the majority of masses in state of continuous deterioration and bitter struggle for earning daily living which led them to rely on UN relief programs. This policy has deprived masses in Iraq from enjoying a modern usual life as others do. The consequences of US intervention were not limited to imposing this tremendous substantial deterioration on masses but they exceeded that to impose vast morale deterioration on society. This policy has prepared they environment for reactionary inhumane forces, values and traditions to prevail in society. It provided the opportunity for Arab and Kurd nationalism, Islamite and Baath regime to make use of these situations so as to mislead

masses and spread their reactionary values including the intense wide assault on women and their rights in Iraq.

The US intervention has given Baath regime the chance to make use of this calamitous conditions, that masses suffer from due economic sanctions, and its resentment and anger at America crimes for its own interest to reinforce its power during those twelve long years. The outcome of US policy and intervention in Iraq is that it has excessively rendered masses to a hostage at the hands of Baath regime and made its life and libertarian struggle encounter even more difficulties. This policy has especially created obstacles in front of the revolutionary power of the proletariat and its initiatives toward masses political struggle that leads to toppling the Baath regime.

US new war threats against masses in Iraq aim at perpetuating war and militarism environment to move ahead with its agenda that enables it to subdue the world. US wants to wage a catastrophic war on Iraq. It expects that it may use lethal weapons including bomb. Doing so, US violates the civilian life, kills thousands, and destroys all society structures in Iraq.

US wants to beautify this war and hide its real motives beyond the political excuse of "regime change". Adopting this policy, US most importantly wants to make use of masses

demand of regime change to justify its warlike tyranny, though that demand is fair and represents a deep wide desire of masses not only in Iraq but also all over the world.

US, according to its policies and record, relies on reactionary gangs who belong to nationalism, Islamite, army ex-general and its collaborationists of I.N.C {Iraqi national congress} to establish a political regime in Iraq. This attempt is a clear-cut indication of its enmity toward the political governance that masses in Iraq look forward it. US, when implementing this policy, prepares the ground to draw a future of Iraq based on war and warring national, Islamite and tribal factions.

According to the above mentioned, worker communist party of Iraq calls civilized humanity and all libertarian masses all over the world for condemning the crimes committed by America against masses in Iraq. They party calls them all to demand sanctions be unconditionally lifted immediately and to put an end to US intervention in Iraq and its new war threats. We also call them all to support the struggle done by worker communist party of Iraq for years to achieve these goals and demands.

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Stop killing our children. Starving, bombing, and destroying the society are not our methods of getting free from dictatorship

The looming threat of war on civilians in Iraq is growing. The US to impose its hegemony and new order has militarily targeted present and future of people of Iraq and willing to wage a reactionary and anti-human war.

The outcomes of the war would be an unprecedented tragedy against humanity and it must be stopped. The Worker Communist Party of Iraq is going to organize a series of protest actions in front of the US embassies through out Europe, Canada, and Australia in an attempt to avert the occurrence of war and putting pressure on the US government to give up and

leave people of Iraq in peace.

The WCPI is calling all freedom lovers, political parties, and organizations to raise their voices in protest at the US aggression policy and join the protest actions. It is only by freedom and human lovers' will-power the war and its consequences could be avoided.

Time & Date: Friday, 24/01/2003 At 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Place: American Embassy in London, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1, UK

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