



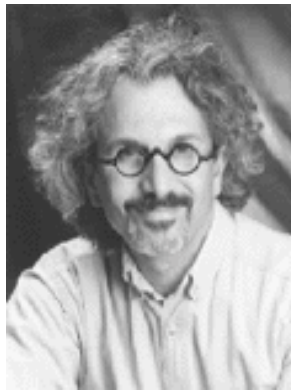
'The basis of socialism is the human being... Socialism is the movement to restore human being's conscious will.'

- Mansoor Hekmat

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

USA war on Iraq: Aims and Justifications

Ali Javadi



A US attack against the people of Iraq is becoming imminent. The attack on Iraq is the second phase of the USA terrorist war. The plans for

attacking and occupying Iraq have been prepared. The New York Times writes: These plans include US military presence in Iraq for at least 18 months, military trials of the top Iraqi leadership, quick control of the oil wells to pay for reconstruction. A more than 100,000-strong military force has been assembled in the region. The military headquarters of the US war machine has been established in the region. The US military commander for Iraq after Saddam has been chosen. A hand-made group of Iraqis composed of gangs of reactionaries, murderers, tribal

leaders and super-reactionary mullahs will be responsible for all other marginal matters. Also, the cost of the bombardment of cities, destruction of bridges, buildings, factories, power stations, water supplies and in short the destruction of Iraqi society is to be funded from the pockets of the people of Iraq by selling Iraqi oil. The end of the declared initial time limit for the UN 'inspectors' in Iraq can be the date for the commencement of the war. Regarding the results of the work of the UN inspectors, Donald Rumsfeld, the US defence secretary, sneeringly

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The basis of our policy is the human being

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The basis of socialism is the human being. This short sentence by Mansoor Hekmat is not just a slogan or a theoretical remark; rather, it is the reflection of a reality that every tactical move, policy and the programme 'For a

Better World' of the Worker-communist Party of Iran (WPI) confirms. The basis of the WPI's programme 'For a Better World' in any of its articles and paragraphs is the liberation, equality and the well-being of the human being. It is our Party's philosophy and the basis of any activity and practical struggle as well. In all the aspects of our struggle, be it the economic and daily struggle of workers, the campaign against stoning, defending the rights of refugees and immigrants, confronting honour killings in Europe, criticising labour laws, or defending the rights and dignity of children, we have raised

the banner of humanity and its liberation everywhere. In all of these fronts we have stood up against contemporary reactionary capitalism in its current and specific political form and shape, the New World Order, free market democracy, political Islam, nationalism and ethnocentrism.

Defending the dignity and rights of human beings has not only been the basis and

the guiding light of the Party's programme and policies, but also the basis and guiding light of activities at any level and in any front for improving and raising the living standards of human beings today in the practical realisation of 'For a Better World'. We are the only political party, which has been influential even in opposition. Thousands of refugees and immigrants in America and

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stated that if the UN inspectors find evidence of Iraqi possession of weapons of mass destruction, then undoubtedly the US would attack Iraq and if these teams could not find the evidence this would mean that the Iraqi government had successfully managed to hide its weapons of mass destruction, in which case the US would attack as well!? The US is about to impose a destructive and bloody war on the people of Iraq in pursuit of its strategic and military interests. 'Doctors without Borders' estimates that in the initial phase of the war at least 50,000 to 150,000 civilians will be killed. The outcome of this reactionary war will change the face of the region.

The official propaganda and the media of the bourgeoisie and the US administration make believe that this war is about Saddam Hussein's access to weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and the arming of Islamic terrorists with weapons of mass destruction. They argue that this war is for the rights of the people of Iraq denied to them by Saddam's dictatorship. They make believe it is for democracy in Iraq. The New York Times leading article announces that: The US is completing the plan of administration and democratisation of Iraq. To save the truth from beneath the rubble of lies and war propaganda is not too difficult. Their analysis and policies are the US ruling elite's justification and excuses for war-mongering.

This war is not about Saddam's access to weapons

of mass destruction and political Islam's access to these murderous weapons. Even CIA analysts have not found any connection between Saddam and the September 11 atrocities. If anyone is genuinely worried about these weapons and wants to eliminate their dangers, they must first of all disarm the US and its allies and then Russia and then other countries in possession of nuclear weapons. These hellish weapons of mass destruction must be removed from the life of humanity. The disarming of Iraq is just an excuse.

This war is not about terrorism and the capacity of Islamic terrorism to act. As the result of this war, Islamic terrorism will not be weakened; on the contrary it will be strengthened. It would find fertile ground for growth and recruitment. The wound that will be inflicted on the people of the region will be exploited by Islamic parasites. If anyone really wants to weaken and destroy Islamic terrorism, in the first instance, they must justly resolve the Palestinian question. One must recognise the independent state of Palestine. Additionally, the backbone of political Islam is the Islamic regime of Iran. Without the support of the West and particularly Europe, the Islamic regime could not survive and the people would quickly get rid of that regime. The US attack will only result in the expansion of terrorism.

The US war is not about the rights of the deprived people of Iraq denied by the fascist-dictatorship of the Iraqi regime of Saddam. If anyone has the slightest concern for the

people of Iraq, it must abolish the economic sanctions by the US and its allies. The food and medicine of millions of deprived people have been held hostage and every month thousands of children and elderly perish for lack of medicine and medical facilities. Economic sanctions against the Iraqi people is itself one of the biggest weapons of mass destruction. The US is not going to war for the freedom and the liberation of the people of Iraq. The US bombardment will result in the killing and destruction of the people of Iraq. They want to pour thousands of bombs and cruise missiles on the cities and the people from 30,000 feet and military ships and then send ground forces to encircle the cities and move against Baghdad. This war will make into rubble Iraqi society. Additionally, with the downfall of Saddam they want to bring in and establish a similar replacement, a similar reactionary group. The overthrow of the regime in Iraq is the work and the job of the people of Iraq. It is the task of a social movement to rid Iraq of this inhumane situation.

What is this war about then? This bloody event must be seen within the context of international developments after the Cold War and the US' attempt to establish the New World Order. During the Cold War, the political and economic geography of the world was a function of the East and West division. Not only international divisions and blocks, also the political and ideological superstructure of the world was influenced by this international confrontation. With the

collapse of the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc this balance was lost. This equation had to be re-written. It is more than a decade that the US is trying to replace the old Cold War period with another reactionary world order. The bloody Gulf War in 1990 was the initial and bloody beginning in the shaping of this inhumane order. Under the excuse of returning the Sheikh of Kuwait to his throne and his oil wells they organised an all-out war. This current war is the continuation of the same strategy towards establishing the New World Order. The US is engaged in establishing its superpower position in the world. With this war they want to hammer in the last nails of this inhumane order. This war is the stage to show the power and bullying of US militarism. In pursuit of its interests, the US administration has set the people of the region for yet another human tragedy.

The day after this war, we will not have more peace in the region and the world. On the contrary, militarism, dictatorship and terrorism will completely define the features of the world and the region. This war is an attempt to intimidate the people of the world. We must stand up against the USA and British governments' war-mongering, terrorism and militarism with our force. We must expose the lies, deceit and military propaganda of the New World Order media. This war is an introduction to the wave of attacks and terrorism internationally. At the same time we must not allow the protests against US state terrorism to be abused by Islamic and nationalist groups.

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Europe, thousands of women under the yoke of oppression of religious and reactionary Kurdish nationalism in Soleimaniyeh, progressive people objecting to honour killings, young girls who are victims of cultural relativism in Sweden and Denmark and thousands of progressive people who have supported our campaign against stoning all over the world are witness to this fact. We have improved the lives of human beings as far as is within the ability of a party in opposition.

However, these achievements are limited, temporary and reversible. In opposition, one cannot bring about profound and permanent changes in the lives of millions of people. This task - the full and complete realisation of the programme 'For a Better World' for the well-being, equality and freedom of all humanity can only be achieved by securing political power. Political power is the key to moving from criticising the contemporary world to changing it.

We want political power to overturn class society and liberate humanity but it is not only our party that seeks to gain political power. This is the objective of any serious political party. Our difference with other opposition political parties is our aim for taking power and the content of the system that we want to establish in Iran. More than anything else, what any party will do when in power and what system it wants to build can be seen from the content of its criticism and pro-

testations while in opposition. Those who only object to the rule of the Faghih (Islamic Jurists), oppose only public execution and stoning, are distressed because the symbols of the lion and sun have been removed from the Iranian flag or are semi-mullahs whose only radicalism are limited to the 'separation of the king and the mullah' will not bring about any change in people's lives. Neither their objections and criticisms nor their programmes or policies for administering society have anything to do with the needs and wishes of the people. The basis of their action is not the human being but the class and the system that has a vested interest in keeping humanity in fetters, i.e. to maintain the current system, to find a role in the New World Order, to return Iran into the fold of the system of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Our Party's criticism of the Islamic Republic of Iran is at the same time a criticism of these types of opponents as well. One cannot hold a profound and radical criticism of the system of the Islamic Republic and leave its inconsistent opponents, the forces that wish to maintain the foundations of the current system, alone. Our standard and criteria in criticising these groups, their ideals, programmes and policies, their position vis-à-vis the Islamic Republic and the people has always been and will be the human being, their dignity, equality, liberation and well-being.

Today, with the prospect of

the fall of the Islamic Republic, the replacement of the regime has become the main issue of Iranian politics; all political parties and groups have declared their position. Here too, our criteria and measure is the will, wishes and the interests of the people. From our point of view, the most practical and straightforward method of imposing the people's will and wishes to decide on the next system of government is a revolution. Revolution is the direct, simple and clear manifestation of the wish and will of the people to decide the government. This is the most practical and at the same time the most democratic way of removing the Islamic Republic and establishing the system preferred by the people. The more widespread, organised and all-inclusive the people's direct intervention and will is in the process of the downfall of the Islamic Republic, the more chance and possibility of a radical and complete break with the current system and the establishment of a Socialist Republic. That is why the right wing opposition, like the 2nd Khordad opposition (government reformist faction) oppose revolution. They know full well that a people who have experienced a revolution for freedom and equality cannot be sent home easily. It is natural that their means of achieving their ideal which is devoid of humanity is not the power of organised people, but via opposing such a force.

In contrast, our Party has always insisted and relied on organised and conscious

people. The recent Political Bureau's Resolution on Ensuring the People's Right to Determine the Future System of Government in Iran and the Declaration of Political Freedoms set the means of deciding the future system of government in Iran by organised and conscious people.

These documents declare that the precondition and guarantee of the right of the people in deciding the future system is the Assembly of the Representatives of People's Councils and the Declaration of Political Freedoms. In these documents we have separated the means of deciding the government from the content and substance of government. In reality, as mentioned earlier, these two are always related but proposing them separately allows us to show our commitment to the wishes and the will of the people as well as show how the masses welcome the humane ideals and objectives of the Party and the Socialist Republic. We deeply believe that if such political freedoms are realised by law or de-facto the people will chose a Socialist Republic. Therefore the articles of the Declaration and our reliance on the Assembly of the Representatives of People's Councils are not just tactics of the day but are part of our strategy and programme. We require people's organised and conscious intervention to achieve our aim, policies and the government that we propose. Hence our commitment to the Declaration of Political Freedoms and the councils are a fundamental

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In Commemoration of Fadime Sahindal

Conference on Honour Killings, oppression of women: culture and politics or cultural politics

17-19 January 2003
Stockholm, Sweden

The conference will commemorate Fadime Sahindal who was murdered on 21 January 2002 by her father in Uppsala, Sweden. The first day of the conference will be in Swedish, the second in English and the third day in Kurdish. Speakers include: Azar Majedi, Maryam Namazie, Azar Modaresi, Azam Kamguyan, Nasek Ahmad, Parvin Kaboli, Sara Mohammad, Halale Taheri, Nawal Sadawi, Taslima Nasrin, Elizabett Fritz, Gunilla Sterner, Maria Rashidi, Krister Gustafsson, Ayda Soleiman, Nazand Bagikhani, Lise Bergh, Nazaneen Rashid, Walide Molla, Nazanin Saleh, and others.

The themes that the conference will focus on are:

Support for vulnerable women and female refugees and asylum seekers

Women's rights are human rights

Women's rights: Battlefield between secularism and Islamic politics

Honour killings, oppression of women: culture and politics or cultural politics

Terror of women and the phenomenon of honour killings

How to create changes for women

Fundamental rights of women in Kurdistan

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and programmatic position. The councils and the Declaration of Political Freedoms will keep the people involved and close the door to a coup d'état and such dealings from above the people's heads and prevent the Lebanon-isation

of the society.

Our call to other political parties is within this principle and basis. Any political group claiming to respect the opinion and the decision of the people must welcome the

Declaration of Political Freedoms. Any political party in opposition, irrespective of the type of system and government that they want, must pledge their commitment to a free environment for political struggle. If everyone says

that people must choose, then it is clear that all must accept political freedoms. By publishing the Declaration, our Party once again puts the people in the centre of politics.

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