

Temporary Ceasefire After the 12-Day War: Rejection of Lasting Peace by the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Declaration of Victory in the War Against Israel, Continuation of Anti-Semitism & Anti-Zionism and the Nuclear-Missile Military Program by Khamenei



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In Our Opinion

Iran won't be free until nuclear enrichment is dismantled and the Islamic Republic's war against the Jewish State, enacting of 2nd Holocaust, is condemned

- To end the conflict with Israel/enacting 2nd Holocaust, and eliminate the Islamic Republic's nuclear and missile programs;**
- To stop the murder of Jews in Israel and anti-Semitism/anti-Zionism;**
- To bring the Iranian and Israeli workers together;**
- To withdraw American armed forces from the Middle East and to reject Washington's bombing of Iran;**
- To establish independent workers and farmer councils throughout Iran;**
- To secure women's equality with men; recognize the rights of Aghvam/national groups, including Arabs, Kurds, Turks, Baluchis, and others;**
- To ensure artistic and intellectual freedom;**
- To lift the prohibition on the Kargar newspaper and party;**
- To establish a workers' and farmers' government.**

1- The Israeli Air Force severely damaged Iran's uranium enrichment and missile sites and delivered blows to the plan for enactment of 2nd Holocaust during the 12-day aerial campaign that began on June 13. In light of this, the Islamic Republic suffered yet another setback as the "Axis of Resistance" lost in Syria, Leb-

anon, and Gaza. Thus, after negotiations with Washington, it agreed to the interim ceasefire agreement and stopping the continuation of rocket launches for the purpose of killing Jews in Israel.

2. The devastation of a significant portion of the I.R.I.'s enrichment sector is not the only result of the 12-day battle. In the Middle East, Israel was also successful in dealing historic blows to anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish politics.

Israel's victory over the forces under the control of the Islamic Republic undermines the continuation of Jew-hatred and Zionist-hatred and makes it more difficult to isolate Israel, given that anti-Semitism has been a primary goal of the semi-colonial states from West Asia to North Africa for more than 70 years—since the establishment of the Jewish state—per definition of the regional interests of London, Washington, and other imperial powers.

What is evident is Israel's victory in the war of Jew-killing, which was started by Hamas-Islamic Republic on October 7, 2023, and carried on by Hezbollah of Lebanon the following day (October 8). After 14 months, the conflict by Hezbollah ended in failure and was followed by the downfall of Assad's government in Syria. The entire front of anti-Semitism in the Middle East (and the world), spearheaded by the imperial system and the I.R.I., is clearly in danger of collapsing due to Israel's complete military dominance displayed in the 12-day war.

But the uranium enrichment program and the long-range missiles the I.R.I. claims to have across the country can only be stopped by the installation of a workers' and farmers' government in Iran.

3. Khamenei, the Supreme Leader, declared the 12-day war against Israel (and the United States) a victory after coming out of hiding, from which the people are deprived. He dis-

missed the bombing of the missile and enrichment industries as unimportant. He also underlined the continuance of the enrichment and missile programs, a position that was embraced by the media of financial-capitalism and large anti-Jewish outlets around the world. Nonetheless, political developments are accelerated by the destruction faced by Iran's nuclear enrichment and missile industries. Following its defeat in the nuclear-missile program, the Islamic Republic is currently in its worst political position since its inception following the 1979 revolution, nearly two years after the greatest act of Jew-killing since World War II took place on October 7, 2023, with Tehran's support and approval.

4. The I.R.I.'s controlling apparatus began a fresh round of arrests and executions in the country as a result of its diminished political position. This very weakness is the reason behind the announcement to maintain/ increase uranium enrichment and missile manufacture. There are numerous requests for the quick development of nuclear weapons among opinions posted at the state news agencies like Fars News and others. The arrest of over 700 people on suspicion of supporting Israel is a concrete example of this weakness. Support for Israel is now punishable by death. Under false accusa-

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tions of espionage, the killing of government critics has increased.

There is now more pressure on the Jewish minority, who are presumed to support the Jewish state. The military-security apparatus of the state is exerting pressure on religious minorities and entire Aghvam, such as Arabs, Kurds, Baluchis, and others. Women who appear in public in conformity with traditional and customary norms are likewise targeted by the regime's attacks. Afghan migrants are arrested before dawn in their homes with their entire family for deportation, even if they have valid work permits and have been in Iran for more than ten years or longer. Afghans are arrested at security checkpoints setup on roads and city streets. Men's and women's political detainees have been violently

moved from Evin to other prisons, where their living conditions have deteriorated and their belongings and medicine, have been seized. It is inexcusable, even for certain regime-affiliated journalists, that inmates who are not a threat to the public are not given furlough. The ruling media in the country is unanimous in anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism and publish large numbers of killing of Jews by Islamic Republic missiles. The security apparatus's public statements about the execution of a representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the execution of Israeli and American leaders give an indication of the scope of witch-haunt the country is experiencing directed at its common citizens, or those who do not sympathize with the ruling regime.

The Shia-Bazaar hegemony that has been maintained for more than 40 years is being shaken by Israel defense of its existence at the time of the emergence of international Jew-hatred and the system crisis of financial capitalism.

5. Washington's faulty interpretation of the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the termination of Stalin's long-standing hegemony, which had been a supplement to imperialist tyranny for seven decades, undermined the standing of finance capitalism internationally under its leadership. Washington orchestrated its own loss in international standing by misinterpreting the fall of Stalinism, misreading a defeat for success, portraying itself as the sole superpower in the world, and launching a series of wars to occupy Afghanistan and Iraq.

China has become the second-largest economy in the world since the fall of the Soviet Union. It became known as "the world's factory" when companies and industries were moved from the US to China in search of cheaper labor. Washington and its allies' contributions helped China achieve double-digit economic growth over the course of two decades. The foundation of the imperial system that had persisted since World War II led by Washington was tilted by China's extraordinary rise. The expansion occurred within a country that was classified as semi-colonial and governed by state capitalism. As a result, Washington itself established the current rivalry between Beijing and Washington, which is Washington's main international competitor.

6. During the first ten years of the twenty-first century, after the U.S. occupations in Afghanistan and Iraq failed, Washington decided to end its Middle East wars. The United States estab-

lished the greatest military presence in the Middle East, with over 40,000 troops and dozens of military bases, replacing its unsuccessful direct combat involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq. Washington's position deteriorated much more in spite of this increased presence.

Both Sunni (ISIS) and Shia (Quds Force, the militia led by the Islamic Republic's IRGC) local capitalist militias expanded as a result of the power vacuum left by Washington's unsuccessful military conquests in Afghanistan and Iraq.

7. The Islamic Republic took advantage of the chance to support the 2011 suppression of the Syrian Arab Spring and to strengthen Assad's autocratic rule. As the militias' air force led by Qassem Soleimani, it formed an alliance with Moscow to accomplish this. It became clear that Washington implicitly supported maintaining Assad's tyranny. The framework for organizing militias under Soleimani's leadership had previously been put in place during Iran's opposition to Saddam Hussein's military invasion, which was supported by Washington and Moscow.

The Shia-Bazaar leadership, which dates back to the Zahedi-Kashani ¹ axis and the CIA-

1 The term "Shia-Bazaar" describes the prevailing political inclinations of capitalism in Iran, where there is a connection between Shi'ism and the bazaar (the interests of capitalist/traders hub). As a key representative of Shia-Bazaar in Iranian politics, Ayatollah Kashani joined forces with Zahedi, who had been his ally when they backed Nazi Germany in the 1930s, to aid the CIA-staged reactionary coup against Mossadegh (August 1953/Mordad 1332). Ayatollah Khomeini became the political figurehead of Shia-Bazaar in Iranian politics after the 28 Mordad coup during the waning years of Monarchy-Shia axis established by the coup of 1953. Shia clerics such as Taleghani and Montazeri and a host of others are similar in being representatives of Shia-Bazaar. Prior to these individuals, the Shia-Bazaar emerged as the primary form of capitalist political expression during the Mashroo'té (Constitutional) Revolution. Shia-Bazaar individuals made up the majority of the Mashroo'té leaders, including Behbahani, Naini, Tabatabai, and others. Shia-Bazaar also included Ayatollah Fazlollah Noori, the leader of the Mashroo'á, who was hanged by the Mashroo'té leaders without cause (July 1909).

Jebhé Melli of Iran was founded in 1328 by Mohammad Mossadegh, Hussein Fatemi and Karim Sanjabi. After the 28th of Mordad coup, which was made possible by the Jebhé Melli's and Stalin's (i.e., the Tudeh Party) backing for the rejected Pahlavi monarchy (30th of Tir 1331) against the will of the people. A period of defeat and retrogression based on not putting up a fight against defeat by Jebhé Melli (the same applies to Iran's Stalinism, i.e. Tudeh Party) resulted. Later, remains of

planned 1953 coup, attempted to outlaw alternative political movements during the Iraq War,

the National Front would try to regroup in a variety of numbered Jebhé Melli. Upon this defeat and retrogression, Mehdi Bazargan was the main figure in further ideological separation of Jebhé Melli from national Independence and Freedom after 28 Mordad. Mossadegh led the Nehzaté Melli (national movement) by transcending the conventional Shia-Bazaar confines; in other words, he was a Melli-Bazaar figure rather than a Shia-Bazaar one. Mossadegh's political independence from the Shia-Bazaar was vehemently opposed by Bazargan following the CIA-led coup that destroyed the Nehzaté Melli as he tried to put back Melli within Shia confines.

Mossadegh was the first to provide a national leadership paradigm that extended beyond the Shia-Bazaar and was applicable throughout the entire country since the Mashrooté (Constitutional) era. After the defeat of Nehzaté Melli by the CIA-led coup, together with the ideological retreat encouraged by the title Raveshé Realism (realist method) of Allamé Tabatabai, who, under the direction of the Pahlavi court, defined intellectual freedom only within his Shia bounds and rejected all other thought through his own rebranding of pragmatism, Bazargan emerged as the primary force behind the retreat from this limited historical progress displayed by Mossadegh after the coup, advocating his own pragmatism rejecting all independent thought especially against socialist tendencies.

As an heir to Qajar aristocracy and articulated jurist, Mossadegh was not unaware of the significance of the people's autonomy or the necessity of overcoming the sectarian divisions by bridging the gap between Mashrooté and Mashrooá; nevertheless he never offered a solution to overcome the ruling divisions. He never took the initiative to bring these disparate and conflicting groups together and subjecting them to united mass organizations—the will of the people,

Given the national divide fostered by Jebhé Melli and Tudeh Party that paved the way for the success of CIA-led coup, Bazargan political contributions after the coup made it far worse. By juxtaposing on Ahmad Kasravi's opinions (rejection of all Shia) and advocating for a "Shia minus clerics" model, he distanced the Nehzaté Azadi (Freedom Movement) from Mossadegh's national momentum. Thus, Bazargan created a Shia-Bazaar movement and, using the justification of "scientific" Shia, disassociated it from the national pillar that Mossadegh had prescribed.

Even worse, Bazargan brought insurgent populist impulses and politics like to those of Narodnik to the politics of the country. In order to obtain concessions from the crown, he advocated for armed conflict from the podium of a military court where he was being unfairly put on trial. What was the outcome? The Fedayeen and Mojahedin, had committed tiny acts of terror, armed-militant, behavior, which the Pahlavi regime used as an excuse to step up repression. SAVAK increased the use of torture and repression leading to the Rastakhiz Party era declared by Pahlavi.

The 1979 Revolution was successful in spite of Shia-Bazaar tendencies and their populist/guerrilla offshoots. Following the revolution, a government was founded by the Shia-Bazaar, led by Khomeini and backed by global financial capitalism. It received the backing of every political current that was in existence, with the exception of our *Kargar* political tendency. Under the Islamic Republic, all of the previous political and intellectual persecution and strife conducted among Shia-Bazaar forces and its guerrilla offshoots was carried out again in the widest public scale, most notably in the form of assassinations and executions. Their united intent on maintaining the despotic Qajar-Pahlavi dynasty reflects the political ties between all capitalist political currents, whether Shia-Bazaar or Jebhé Melli, and, of course, their ongoing fragmentation. (See Seyed Hamid Rouhani's *The Imam Khomeini Movement for cataloging of the Shia-Bazaar tendency and its personalities throughout modern history.*)

Right now, when Iran's main concerns are dismantling the uranium enrichment and putting an end to the reactionary war against the Jewish state, the Shia-Bazaar and its supporters are spreading propaganda that opposes the solidarity of Iranian and Israeli workers, opposes the country's Independence and Freedom, and repeats the old SAVAK-Pahlavi accusations against the working class: charges like "traitor" and "secessionist" that deserve the death penalty.

including independent socialists and the *Kargar* newspaper. Beginning in the winter of 1983, it imprisoned these political currents' leaders for years without any legal basis. Similar to how the wave of assassinations and executions in the summer of 1981 prior to suppression of the Tudeh Party had been carried out with the support and direction of imperialist powers. The Shia-Bazaar leadership was able to do this by limiting the people's independent ability to fight Iraq's aggression on their own and reducing the national resistance program to military actions under its own direction, actions that could only destroy the generation of the 1979 revolution in the minefields of war.

The resumption of the uranium enrichment and nuclear bomb program, which had been put on hold because of the 1979 revolution but had started under the brutal tyranny of the second Pahlavi, coincided with the suppression of the political independence already described.

The militias commanded by Soleimani and their oppressive role in the Middle East, where they waged Shia-style Napoleonic wars, were key components of capitalism's reconstruction and expansion in the years following the Iran–Iraq War. The Islamic Republic achieved its success in Syria and furthered its reactionary objectives in the area by using its militias. The Islamic Republic as a whole hoisted the banner of destroying Israel as its strategic objective higher than before. With tens of billions of dollars, as opposed to Washington's hundreds of billions, the leaders of the Islamic Republic announced in the second decade of the twenty-first century that they had emerged as the dominant force in the Middle East.

8- Why not invest around the same amount of money to become the dominant force in Europe if tens of billions of dollars is sufficient to become the dominant force in the Middle East? Putin initiated a military assault of Ukraine in February 2022 with the goal of eradicating Ukraine completely in order to accomplish this goal, which had started with the takeover of Crimea in 2014. But Kyiv was not taken by Putin's forces. The counterrevolutionary demands of the newly constituted bourgeoisie could not be met by Stalinism's counterrevolutionary legacy, even with the second-largest nuclear power in the world—on land, at sea, in the air, and in space. After the Soviet Union collapsed, the small Russian bourgeoisie's plot to dominate Europe came crashing to a halt.

Time has demonstrated that Russia, an oil-exporting nation with an economy comparable to Italy's, overreached itself when it entered the conflict. Its military program resulted in an effort to undermine the international order that had been established after World War II. In the long run, Putin's hopes for survival depended solely on imperial powers, specifically Washington and its allies.

With larger dollar reserves than Russia and Iran, China's own ambitions, which aimed to gain military control over Taiwan and establish dominance in the South China Sea, were influenced by the same kind of calculations.

9- Why not compete for the heavyweight title in the Middle East if one may enter with the bodyweight of a flyweight and dominate an economy comparable to that of all of Europe? In this case, the Shia-style Napoleonic wars had advanced to the Syrian borders of Israel. How

can the Abraham Accords, or any other plan for recognizing Israel, be allowed to put into effect with such "victories"? "Do not bet on the losing horse." Khamenei figuratively kissed the hands of the Hamas leaders who murdered 1,200 Jews by announcing this message against Israel. According to Khamenei (see *Kargar*, Vol. 3, Issue 1: "No to the Reactionary War and Jew-Killing of Hamas, in Defense of Israel's Existence," Fall 2023), these remarks were made just days before and after the greatest slaughter of Jews in southern Israel on October 7. Unaware that early on, the shortcomings of the small bourgeoisie in Moscow and Tehran had already been revealed by Ukraine's valiant opposition in Kyiv.

The folly of Iran's bourgeois aspirations to destroy Israel was exposed by Israel's resistance against the armed aggression of Hamas and the "Axis of Resistance." The rest was history, including the fall of Assad's regime in Syria, the defeat of Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the catastrophic failure of the Islamic Republic's enrichment and missile-building program.

10- The Islamic Republic's battle to destroy Israel with nuclear weapons coincides with the heightened anti-Semitism and the escalation of the global financial capitalism's crisis. The goal of every imperial country is set to increase military spending. They want to start a Third World war by crushing the working class in their various countries.

In actuality, the basic vulnerability of financial capitalism has been exposed in all of its centers. Because of its economic-military might and pivotal position in the global economy, the United States has been able to use economic

warfare and tariffs to shift the costs of its economic crisis onto other imperial countries without addressing its fundamental internal problems.

The Islamic Republic, which was established and maintained with the help of international financial capitalism, is currently dealing with an unsolvable Jew-Zionist hatred crisis and a broken economy beset by unemployment, inflation, and persistent poverty. These events coincide with the rise of Jew-hatred and the economic crisis in global financial capitalism. It addresses the entire legacy of the troubled past of the Pahlavi dictatorship.

Kargar party holds that through the advancement of the urban and rural popular classes, this chapter of Iran's reactionary decay will come to an end.

– **False patriotism must end**—a phony nationalism characterized by the murder of Jews. Through the Holocaust and Jew-hatred, the concept of German and reactionary nationalism in the 1930s and beyond was forced upon the world community and public consciousness. In the same way, maintaining national integrity in all Middle Eastern nations requires preserving the survival of the Jewish state. True independence and true patriotism are not shared by a 'nationalist' who does not stand up for the Jews and their presence in the Middle East, or defend the vulnerable against exploitation and aggression by the powerful.

The true expression of patriotism and national dignity is the autonomous action of the urban and rural popular classes, from miners to customs workers, from truck drivers to all public

transportation drivers, from civil servants to retirees, from girls and women nationwide, from the ranks of industrial oil workers and all factory workers to small and middle farmers, from students to all youth, from migrant workers to Afghans, from professionals and scholars to small business owners, from artists and intellectuals to thinkers. The hallmark of authentic nationalism is the fight to maintain the standard of living for working people. The reactionary, anti-Semitic, anti-Zionist stance of the ruling government in this conflict hinders both the Iranian-Israeli worker unity and the country's Independence and Freedom.

– **The erroneous definition of rights must end.** These days, the equality for all rights is only in the dictation classroom. There is a greater divide between progressive-revolutionary and reactionary rights than there is between earth and the sky. The objective circumstances of history establish the definition of national and people's rights, which are not arbitrary. The Islamic Republic therefore has no authority to define rights on these questions.

The immediate and historical tasks of capitalism or historic democratic tasks define and determine rights in a semi-colonial nation such as Iran. Deep agrarian reform, land ownership for peasants and landless farmers are some of these demands and rights. Equal rights of women to men; equal rights for Aghvam, national and ethnic communities to teach in their own tongue and form national governments. Equal rights for workers on par with capitalists to establish autonomous workers' organizations (such as Anjuman, unions, and councils), where government is run by capitalists who own everything; the freedom of religious minorities to

express their views without hindrance from the Shia-Bazaar government; Afghans' and migrant workers' equal rights to justice, employment, education, and health security on par with those of the entire working class, guaranteeing complete solidarity among all workers; rights of artists, intellectuals and scientists to produce works of art, thought, and science without being prohibited by the Shia-Bazaar government; Small business owners' rights to organize and obtain financial assistance from the state, as well as an end to the Islamic Republic's prohibitions placed on small business.

Iran became the object of reactionary definitions and rights impositions by the Shia-Bazaar in the Islamic Republic against the will of the people after the people succeeded in overthrowing the dictatorial monarchy. During this phase, the Shia-Bazaar's balance sheet has contained:

- Women's rights are being violated in neighborhoods and public places under the guise of respecting Shia beliefs; their rights are being restricted or outright prohibited in relation to divorce, travel, child custody, artistic creativity, and performing or singing music.

- Violation of the rights of Aghvam/nationalities by preventing mother tongue instruction and the establishment of national governments, using the same reactionary excuses—"preserving national unity"—that have been employed since the brutal Pahlavi dictatorship.

- Violation of the rights of youth, students, artists, scientists, and intellectuals.

- Violation of the right to free speech and assembly and the rights of workers, farmers, and

small business owners.

- Prohibition of Fanoos publications, the Kargar journal and party, as well as the long-term detention of socialist leaders under inhuman conditions.

- Establishing as a legitimate objective the destruction of the Jewish state in the Middle East, which has been the home of the Jewish people of the world following the Holocaust, through planned imposition of the 2nd Holocaust and defining reactionary "rights" like anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism and anti-Zionist hatred.

- The enrichment of uranium for the construction of nuclear bombs and the production of long-range missiles to carry nuclear weapons are examples of "rights." The argument that "other countries have such 'rights,' and we too demand the same" justifies this.

None of the above described reactionary "rights" are valid, and they cannot be given legitimacy by national legislative approval or legal construction.

Only by establishing a government of workers and peasants, who alone have the power and ability to suggest and implement national unity, will true people's rights be realized.

Under the pretense of funeral processions and rallies centered on reactionary rights, the gatherings of followers of the Shia-Bazaar dictatorship reveal a false sense of patriotism that, like summer snow, is unsustainable. The Shia-Bazaar regime's reactionary "rights" cannot lead to the development and prosperity of the popu-

lace—the working people and the country.

Even with the strong backing for the Islamic Republic by the media of financial capitalism in North America and Europe, the Islamic Republic's propaganda apparatus cannot ensure continuation of Jew-Zionist hatred, maintain false patriotism, and promote reactionary rights. Securing the society's dignity and wellbeing requires achieving political independence from Shia-Bazaar to implement historic capitalist tasks by establishing a workers' and farmers' government.