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Summer of 88:

A dark episode in the history of humanity!

The creation of the Islamic Republic (IR) and its survival to date has been made possible by an unprecedented level of brutality. The birth of the IR in a crisis stricken capitalist country was marked with a mission to rescue the country from falling into the hands of the leftist and socialists. Armed with the sword of Allah the IR embarked on one of the bloodiest episodes of state violence against its citizens.

Only six months after coming to power Ayatollah Khomeini ordered a jihad against the people of Kurdistan in western Iran. F15 fighter jets were sent to bomb the civilians and inhabitants in a number of town and cities. The infamous hanging judge, Khelkhali was dispatched to the area to purge the region from the infidels and the communists. A large number of innocent people were summarily tried and executed. In most cases the whole process of a trail and execution did not last more than a couple of minutes.

In June 1981, in a campaign that could only be described as genocide, the Islamic regime massacred thousands of political activists, mostly leftists and communists as well as members and sympathisers of the Islamic organisation of Mojahedin. *Page2*



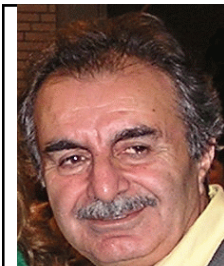
Koorosh Modarresi

We are engaged in building a mass Communist Party!

Excerpts from a Parto Television interview with Koorosh Modarresi, on the second anniversary of the foundation of the Worker-communist party of Iran- Hekmatist. This interview was broadcast on Friday August11, 2006.

Parto TV: Let us start by establishing what the Hekmatist Party set out to achieve when it was founded two years ago?

Koorosh Modarresi: When we founded this Party we were trying to fulfil an old ambition within the Iranian society. *Continued on page 3*



Fateh Shaix

People of Lebanon and humanity are the real losers and victims of the war!

Israel's war against Lebanon has stopped after 34 days. The loss of hundreds of civilian lives, dislocation and homelessness of a quarter of the population and the destruction of a considerable part of the country's infrastructure are the latest count of the cost of this war. *Continued on page 5*

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In of summer 1988, following the ceasefire to end the bloody war with Iraq, the leaders of the IR perpetrated one of the darkest moment in the history of the Iranian society. Fearful of a public reaction to the calamity of a senseless war and the loss of a million lives, the authorities used the massacre of thousands of political prisoners to pre-empt any voice of dissent. Most of the victims had been in jail for many years, some had served their sentences and were awaiting their release. The full scale of these atrocities is not yet known. There is no record as to the exact number of those who perished. Families of the fallen prisoners were threatened against any public expression of grief.

We must not forget the victims of summer of 1988 genocide. Those loved one were the victims of one of the darkest moments in the history of humanity. The names and memories of these victims must be held in high esteem and remembered with fondness. The survivors of this great tragedy deserve the warmest sympathy and support.

We must not allow such crimes to be repeated ever again. The only way to safeguard societies against such atrocities is by trying the perpetrators of these massacres and brings them, one by one, to justice.

On the anniversary of Summer 88 massacre, by reaffirming our pledge to bring down the IR and try its leaders for their crimes against humanity, we can put a fitting tribute to the lives of all those who have fallen victim to the crimes of the IR.

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This Party will join together the hands of those who want a better world; will unify their voices and will join their struggles together. This Party will build a movement to create this world enduring the least possible troubles and pains. Our proposed world is possible right now because at no time in our history has there been such an abundance of wealth on one side and abject poverty on other side. The resources of human society are plentiful. What prevents these resources from being at the service of all is the filthy and outdated capitalist system. This system could be overturned. The means to change it has been produced by this system itself. Today it is possible to organise production to meet the consumption needs; production could be organised to meet the needs of the people and not for profit. These are deep-seated egalitarian and libertarian aspirations of people that can now be realised. The realisations of these aspirations are now possible through the movement of a particular class. The working class in its attempt to liberate itself needs to deliver these aspirations. This Party has been built for creating such a world and the means for achieving it. The way to realise these aspirations is for those who share these ideals, regardless of where they are, to join this Party. They should join this Party.

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We wanted to address a need that has for many years eluded the Iranian society and indeed the international community. That is to build a Communist Party; a mass political party capable of sorting out the question of political power in favour of masses, in favour of welfare, tranquillity and equality of people and put an end, once and for all, all the miseries that has been imposed on people. This is our aim. Historically there have been numerous leftist currents and organisations; forces that were trying to create a better world; were calling for equality and freedom. But what distinguishes our movement is our commitment and efforts to bring about these changes on solid-ground .A force that is accessible by people and anyone who shares in its aspirations can join it and close ranks with members of the Party to become an invisible force.

Parto TV: Could you tell us, in your position as the leader of the Hekmatist Party, which aspects of the Party's progress are most satisfied with and which aspects frustrate you?

Koorosh Modarresi: I am very proud to be associated with this Party. Our Party is by no means a one man band. This is very obvious. A strong rank of communists, a credible rank of the communist activists and leaders has gathered in this Party that have made our achievements possible. We now have an extensive network of communist activists operating from Tehran to Bandar Abbas, Mashad, Isfahan, Shiraz, Tabriz and Sanandaj and other major cities in Kurdistan and outside Iran.

In response to your question, I would like to point out that we have always approached this question by insisting that regardless of the degree of complacency and the level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with our progress and set backs, we need to pause for a moment and ask ourselves that if we were not around what impact would that have on the lives of people? Would the lives of people be harsher? Does our existence make any difference in the lives of people? In my view our existence, not at the level that we would like, has had a positive impact on people's lives. Our absence will be felt in Kurdistan, in almost all communist intellectual circles in Iranian universities and will affect political outlook of the movement for the overthrow of the regime. No doubt our absence will strengthen all sorts of nationalism in Iran. Without us the ethnocentric forces will find life easier. These are all tangible factors and the source of pride and I personally am privileged to have played a part.

Having said this I should point out that we are always unhappy about our progress. We have always been and will be discontented with our achievements. Not just for the sake of it and because it is somewhat prudent to be discontented with your progress, but for the fact that we have not yet accomplished what we set out to do. We have not yet settled the question of the overthrow of the regime in the context of the Iranian politics. We are not still the axis of unity of people to overthrow Islamic regime. We are not known to some sections of the population. There are people within and outside of this party that are not convinced that we are actually able, potentially, accomplishing our tasks of organizing a socialist revolution in Iran and herald the emancipation of human during our life time. That we can guarantee the physical and mental well being and happiness of children in Iran; that we can bring about a rich and fulfilling life for our elderly citizens, we can organize a society without money and exploitation and we can, one day, sing the Internationale in the Freedom Square in Tehran. There are people that are not yet convinced that the working class can really be the catalysts for the emergence of a new humanity in the twenty first century? These are serious questions.

What I can ascertain is that all these things are possible in our era. What makes these things possible is not just that the material conditions and resources for creating such a world are at our disposal right now but also it is the existence of such a Party. This Party with all its shortcomings is our only hope to materialize such a world.

Our frustration stems from a lack of urgency in our ranks; from slow pace of progress; from the fact that we are not yet a credible social force and from the fact that our membership has not reached the million mark.

These are the targets and milestones that we assess ourselves with. If we apply the standards of the leftist Parties, our progress for a Party that was founded only two years ago exceeds all our expectations. But, we are not happy with this. We are not happy because we did not set ourselves the task of building yet another leftist Party. We set ourselves the task of organising a socialist revolution in Iran and bring about a new egalitarian, freedom seeking, modern and humanitarian socialism and we are not there yet. *Continued on page 4* ►

First Congress of WPI-Hekmatist

On 21st and 22nd October 2006, the first congress of the WPI-Hekmatist will convene in Germany.

150 delegates, representing different sections and organisations of the Party will participate in this congress.

The congress is open to all and those who wish to attend as observers are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the Hekmatist Party and meet with the cadres and leadership of the Party.

All the political parties, organisations and the media are invited to attend the congress. For further information and details please contact:

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The society is calling for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic and the regime is still in power. We are not yet in a position to mobilise an effective force against the US warmongering and the Islamic Republic's attempts to spread fear and oppression in the country. We have not yet been able to unite and organise the working class in a manner that it would bring production to halt when its demands are not met. Our Party is not there yet. The Iranian society is far from such a situation and we must be dissatisfied with ourselves and that is why we are frustrated.

Parto TV: What are the main attributes of the Hekmatist Party that you would like to highlight to someone who has just been introduced to you and the Hekmatist Party?

Koorosh Modarresi: I repeat what I have always said. Is there anyone on this planet that doesn't think equality of human beings is a good thing? Is there anyone who does not think exploitation is bad? Who does not believe that children should be happy? I do not believe that there many people that think the society should not provide for the physical and mental well being of its citizens; that the individuals should not have the right to enjoy the riches of life? That women and men should not be equal? I think there are very few people that do not believe in these rights for human beings. I only reiterate what Mansour Hekmat said, long ago, that "under the skin of every human beings there is an egalitarian and a socialist waiting to emerge". There is a very small minority that seeks its own development at the expense of others and willing to trample on others. I raise this question and ask if there is anyone out there who does not share these ideas? And I will ask them if they want to join the ranks of those who can make these happen? This party has been built to make a better world a reality in our life time not in a distant future.

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The Israeli government has hailed the UN resolution 1701 as the product of its military success in “disarming the Hezbollah”. As far as Israel is concerned the war has not ended and the UN resolution is a diplomatic avenue to pursue its military objective. The Israeli government will, under the pretext of disarming the Hezbollah, by-pass the UN diplomacy and will resume its military campaign.

Israel has openly declared that it will continue with its military show down and mussel flexing in the region. This is the gist of the joint US and Israel strategy in imposing their brand of “New World Order” which has befallen on the people of Lebanon. The unconditional support afforded to Israel by George Bush and his recent remarks all reinforce the view that this military campaign could serve as a precursor to a planned US and Israeli offensive against Iran. It is now apparent that the weakening of Hezbollah in Lebanon, although a secondary aim of the joint US and Israel policy, and not its cause, served as an excuse, just as the Iranian nuclear issue serves as pretext to advance the “New World Order” strategy.

This war has further unsettled and militarised the region. During this period Iraq has witnessed one of the bloodiest and darkest episodes of the consequences of the New World Order in the last three years. Palestine and the Gaza strip have been the subject of the Israeli clamp down and the skirmishes over the nuclear issue with Iran is nearing a danger level. And under this political environment the Islamic Republic is clamping down on any sign of dissent. In one word the world after the war in Lebanon has become a more dangerous place for humanity.

And as far as the Hezbollah as the specific target (or specific excuse) of this war is concerned has benefited from an improved standing in Lebanon. Furthermore the position of the Islamic Republic and the entire political Islam in the region has been strengthened. Hassan Nassrollah, the Hezbollah leader in Lebanon and the Iranian leaders have hailed the ceasefire as a “historic victory” for Islam. The truth of the matter is that Hezbollah has emerged from this war with an increased political and social clout to retain its weapons and is in a better position to extend its reactionary grip over the lives of the war stricken people of Lebanon.

The real losers and victims of this war are the people of Lebanon and the humanity, enduring the brunt of this barbarism. The damage and suffering are not limited to loss of life and destruction of the livelihood of the war wary people of Lebanon but rather the dire consequences of strengthening the influence and control of the reactionary Islamic forces and the Hezbollah over the lives of the people of the region. This is the real disaster. The Israeli fascism breeds and gives credence to the Islamic fascism of the Hezbollah brand. The Israeli fascistic onslaught plays into the hands of the Islamic fascism of Hezbollah to extend its influence over the people of Lebanon in the name of resistance and opposition to Israel’s occupation and offensives. Similarly this war is exploited by the Islamic Republic of Iran to intensify its oppression and has provided the political Islam with an opportunity to drive a harder bargain for its reactionary share of power and influence.

Ending this war and preventing it from happening again and putting its perpetrators on trail is a just demand. The UN resolution 1701 does not provide for this. This document confirms the support of the so called “International Community” for the Israeli government’s aggression. Furthermore the Israeli government would, as it has done with previous resolutions, discard this resolution and will resort to its military bullying whenever it pleases. The only way to end this cycle of terror and carnage is to build a strong and independent movement and of people led by the working class and the communists to withstand the US and its allies’ bullying. This is the only way to muzzle the US and its allies and defuse the evil of Islamic reaction and nationalism over the lives of the people. The condition for such an approach is ripe. The revolutionary resolve and action of the communist organisers and labour leaders are needed.

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a major challenge and an historic test. The fundamental question in this regard remains to be whether we are able, in practice, to produce a success model of an open, transparent and a non-sectarian mass communistic Party or not? Will we be able to create the condition for every citizen who shares in our aspirations and the aspirations of our programme- "A Better World"- to carry out his or her struggle in this Party or not?

We must succeed in this test. There is no other way for us. Our movement and our Party must bring together the efforts of all those who share in the aspirations of the working class and turn it into an invincible force within the socio-political environment of the Iranian society. We must develop a successful model to pave the way for other currents and groups to join the ranks of the Hekmatist Party.

The comrades of the Revolutionary Council of Socialist Youth have decided, for the time being, to carry on with their activities as an independent entity alongside the Party. We will all endeavour to close this gap in the shortest possible time and all of us together take on this capitalist world.

I should point out that, in order to keep the whole process transparent, the documents and correspondence leading to this development will be made public and accessible to all.

Once again I welcome the comrades of Revolutionary Council of Socialist Youth and assure them of our warmest reception.

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to close their ranks and put up a fight; in every arena, in the workplaces and neighbourhoods. Workers and people must unite and organise and repel the regime's attacks. People in the neighbourhoods can and should take on the Islamic thugs and make them regret their actions. Failure to put up an effective fight at this stage will lead to an even vicious onslaught on the part of the authorities. This situation is calling on the Hekmatist Party to rise to the occasion and challenges facing the society.

This calls for a resolute fight back on part of all the activists, the Party leadership, the "Communist committees", the units of the Freedom Guards and the Party activists in the neighbourhoods to organise people to offer a resistance. Such a resistance can not be organised by decrees, terrorist actions or armed struggles. Such a resistance can only be organised by the local activists and the "Communist Committees".

In the Kurdish regions where the Freedom Guards enjoy popular support the level of expectation and the need to intervene is greater. In this part of the country the Freedom Guards face a massive challenge. The Freedom Guards must put up an effective resistance to the regime's assaults. In factories and workplaces too our comrades must organise the workers to defend their rights and forge workers unity to fight against unemployment.

Organising and mobilising a decent opposition, by the people, against the regime's attacks will pave the way for sweeping aside the entire Islamic Republic.

Freedom, Equality, Workers' Rule!

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Escalation of Oppression and Attacks on People

A consorted and powerful counter offensive is the key to push back the Islamic Republic's attacks on people's livelihood and the recent escalation of oppression !

Since the election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the post of the President of the Islamic Republic over a year ago, there has been a move towards even harsher and heavy handed policy to deal with discontented and defiant people. Following the failure of the so called moderate faction of the Islamic establishment to quell the growing defiance and the escalating movement to oust the entire Islamic state, the current wing of the Islamic regime has sought its survival in pursuing an open and nakedly aggressive policy against the population. Ahmadinejad and its cabinet, composed of ardent and zealous Islamists, all involved in bloody extermination of opponents and dissidents, and individually known for murders and criminal acts committed against innocent citizens, have realised that the survival of the entire Islamic state depends on terrorising people and scare them off to abandon their struggle to oust them.

The recent escalation of oppression, covering all aspects of life from imposition of harsher dress code to arbitrary arrests of student and dissident activists, crack down on social gathering of young people and dismantling and confiscation of satellite dishes and more importantly an escalation of the nuclear crises and spread of threat and fear of war are all part and parcel of a policy to contain and push back the public anger and defiance against the regime.

The Islamic Republic has exploited the failure of the US in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East and the fact that the US and the West to their advantage. Confident of the lack of resolve and inability of the US and its allies to impose an economic sanction and let alone carry out a military offensive, The leaders of the Islamic Republic are fanning the nationalistic fervour and exploiting this situation to terrorise the population and pacify voices of dissent.

The death of Akbar Mohammadi, a well known student activist and a political prisoner, in July 2006, the re-arrest of a number of former political prisoners and the confirmed reports of worsening prisons condition, and the recent comments by Ahmadinejad that they are planning to purge the universities and academic institutions of all the secular lecturers and launch a crack down on students are worrying developments.

Worsening economic situation and a steep rise in the price fuel, petrol and some basic provisions and attempts to surge ahead with a planned privatisation plans across the remaining publicly owned industries and enterprises constitute a major onslaught against the people of Iran that requires an effective opposition and fight back.

Economic deprivation, unemployment and ever increasing cost of living, crack down on media and access to news and information, detention of dissidents and student activists and finally the militarization of the society and the threat of war are very serious issues and challenges that face the Iranian society.

The only way out of this miserable situation is through a consorted and robust popular counteract against the Islamic regime. The right wing opposition forces are alien to the real needs of the masses and in fact are more fearful of a popular defiance and intervention by the people than the ruling regime itself. They are well aware that they can not rule over a people who have risen and taken the initiative into their own hands to challenge the Islamic regime. And the rest of the so called leftist organisations and Parties far too marginalised to even be bothered about realising the magnitude of the task before them let alone attempting to address the challenges ahead.

There are no magic formulae to offer a solution and way forward. Slogans and cursing from afar does not work. There is no solution except for the working class and masses of people

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Statement of the “Revolutionary Council of Socialist Youths of Iran” on joining the ranks of the Hekmatist Party.

Revolutionary Council of Socialists of Iran – Hekmatist

We, members and activists of the “Revolutionary Council of Socialist Youths of Iran”, following two years of independent activities around our publication “What is to be Done?” and after a series of internal debates and discussions have reached the conclusion that the time for uniting with communist forces and strengthening them to oust the Islamic Republic has arrived.

To this end and following a thorough analysis of the workers and communist organisations, have chosen to continue our political activities and reinforce the ranks of the communists, alongside the Hekmatist Party. We were particularly impressed by their internal democracy and their unrelenting struggle against the Iranian regime.

The Revolutionary Council of Socialist Youths of Iran, will from now on, under the new name of the “Revolutionary Council of Socialists of Iran - Hekmatist”, continues with its activities alongside the Hekmatist Party.

In our view the unity of the communist forces at this juncture is of paramount importance and we intend to play our part in this regard.

We hope that such an approach will establish a new tradition for the similar currents to join the Worker-communist Party of Iran- Hekmatist.

Renowa Rasekh

On behalf of the “Revolutionary Council of Socialists of Iran –Hekmatist”

August 8, 2006

Comrades of the “Revolutionary Council of the Socialist Youths” welcome to the Hekmatist Party!

The “Revolutionary Council of the Socialist Youths” has announced that they have decided to join us to carry out their struggle against the Islamic Republic and for the establishment of socialism. These comrades have, with their historic decision, strengthened the ranks of the struggle for freedom and equality and for the workers’ rule. On behalf of all members of the Hekmatist Party I welcome these comrades and salute them.

The significance of this development goes well beyond this event. This is an important development towards building a mass communist party; a political and influential communist party and not an ideological sect that has blighted the communist movement for the past 60-70 years. Overcoming this shortcoming has been one of the prime concerns of Mansour Hekmat’s communism and the Hekmatist Party. The action of the comrades of the Revolutionary Council of the Socialist Youth is one such a move towards this goal.

Our Party’s organisational rules and procedures are very clear. But in practice our Party is faced with a

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