

On the Occasion of Leaders and Union of Iranian

A mighty battle for the cause of revolution has erupted against the Islamic Republic within the walls of Evin prison, sending tremors throughout Iran and well beyond. Right within the blood-drenched concrete and iron bowels of its own dungeons, the Khomeini regime was forced to taste a stinging defeat. Defying threats of execution, the revolutionary political prisoners accepted the challenge and rose to the occasion of demonstrating that the banner of revolution must and indeed can prevail against counter-revolution and the capitulationism it hopes to engender.

An uncompromising struggle, including a hunger strike, was launched by the revolutionary prisoners over the last few months, beating back the regime's efforts to force the revolutionaries into submission.

Defying the daily torture and threats of execution through the hunger strike and other forms of struggle, the revolutionary prisoners firmly upheld their ideological commitment to revolution, as reflected in their demand to have those who capitulated to the regime removed from their quarters. In the face of this growing revolutionary struggle within the prison, the fear-stricken regime responded in a cowardly manner, desperately executing at least 20 of the revolutionary prisoners at dawn, 7 March 1987. Nine or more among them were UIC(S) prisoners of war.

The Islamic regime murdered them in its desperate need to silence the militant spirit that had been aroused among the political prisoners.

The regime recognised that this struggle was both an inspiration to and a concentrated expression of what is mounting among the masses. Aware of the defeat it suffered, it hastily buried the bodies of our comrades in the dark of night, heavily guarding the area to prevent any eyewitness to their cowardly crime. The reactionary Islamic regime did not even dare to have them buried in the city's public cemetery and withheld the news of the executions from the families for more than a month! And this is the regime that not long ago used to rely on the lists of its executions published in the daily papers as a means of intimidating the masses. These Islamic pigs told the families of comrades: "We buried them in a different place, because they are different"! Ironically, this statements happens to strike the truth! Yes indeed they are different: they are the vanguard. The masses who hold dear to revolutionary aspirations do not fail to recognise the fallen comrades as such. They represent tens of millions of oppressed and exploited, not only of Iran, but the world over. They represent revolution.

Agonizing under the weight of mounting internal crisis, the Khomeini regime is now more than ever haunted by the spectre of revolution.

Khomeini's Islamic Republic is in desperate straits. The intensifications of the contradictions that set the objective conditions for the overthrow of the infamous Shah's regime now threaten this equally reactionary and imperialist-dependent regime with an even more violent explosion of society in its ugly face. The regime tries to govern and preside over the lopsided, crisis-ridden system that rattles with every jolt on the national and international plane. It is sitting on top of a socio-economic structure integrated into the world imperialist system, which itself is in its most desperate situation since World War 2. The Iran-Iraq war feeds like a monstrous beast on more and more victims and exhausts the already plundered economic resources. Once the regime tried to utilise this war as a means to clamp down on the masses and patch up its own internal cracks and fissures. Today

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all of that has turned against itself: every round of the war intensifies the outrage of the people and the in-fighting among the enemy. Meanwhile it has to carry on its bloody "other Gulf war," attempting to suppress the heroic resistance of the Kurdish people in Iran. The Islamic regime's propaganda machine of religious hypocrisy has lost its hold on the masses. In order to contain the masses it has to organise paramilitary Islamic Associations in every village, factory, university, school, hospital, bank....

All this testifies to the fact that tremendous revolutionary opportunities are in the making. Now more than ever the regime is compelled to pit itself, with whatever is left of its dwindling strength, against the banner of revolution. Now more than ever it needs to target the vanguard, in an attempt to prevent the masses from rallying to it and carrying out the final burial ceremony of the Islamic Republic.

Every year, around the anniversary of the Amol uprising, the Islamic compradors make a point of taking revenge on the UIC(S) — and in fact on the proletarians and oppressed — by executing UIC(S) prisoners of war. The comrades who were executed not only had dealt blows to the enemy in the revolutionary warfare waged by the UIC previously, but among them were comrades who played a critical role in powerfully wielding the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and People's War for red political power in the years following the temporary defeat of the revolution, against the strong tide of defeatism and liquidationism in the ranks of ex-communists and ex-revolutionary leaders. Among the martyred are comrades who shouldered the extremely serious and difficult task of the reorganisation of the UIC which culminated in the convening of the precious Fourth Congress of the UIC. These comrades seriously took up the vital task of resurrecting the principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, summing up past experience and rectifying errors and deviations, and launching preparations for initiating revolutionary warfare. These comrades also played a critical role in inspiring and organising those who were determined not to retreat in the face of difficulty nor give an inch of ground to the bourgeoisie as well as those who remained true to the banner of revolutionary communism but had been disoriented by confusion. They were among the most fearless and persevering in the face of the twists and turns in the revolutionary road and among the most daring in swimming against the tide; they were so because they were thoroughgoing materialists. They firmly upheld proletarian internationalism and its concrete expression today, the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement.

Daring, going against the tide, rebelling, dealing revolutionary blows to the rotten and old, were still sacred principles for them even under the bloody claws of the régime; they fought to turn prison into a shining trench of combat; they continued to be the harbingers of spring.

The régime deprived the exploited and oppressed of these leaders; but they, by their revolutionary defiance and communist spirit, became a source of inspiration for the revolutionary-minded and proletarians around the world. The Islamic régime will pay on the battlefield for every drop of blood that it has spilt.

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