

# Hail the Communist Press in Iran!

## —Message to the Union of Iranian Communists (Sarbedaran) On the Occasion of the Reappearance of *Haghighat*

Dear Comrades,

It is with great joy that the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement greets the reappearance of *Haghighat*, the journal of the Union of Iranian Communists (Sarbedaran). We are fully cognisant of the great hardships and dangers your organisation incurs in the fight to publish a journal based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. The savage Khomeini regime has shown repeatedly that no crime is too despicable in their reactionary efforts to stamp out the struggle of the Iranian proletariat and people and *Haghighat* has already been the victim of this repression. Nevertheless, we believe, like yourselves, that the reappearance of the communist press in Iran is vital in the struggle to reconstruct the communist movement in Iran and for this movement to carry out its tasks in leading the revolution to victory. As the *Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement* puts it:

“To carry out its revolutionary tasks, to prepare the masses for the seizure of power, the Marxist-Leninist party must be armed with a regularly appearing communist press, even though the press will have a different role in relation to the tasks posed by the path of revolution in the two types of countries. The communist press must be neither petty and narrow nor dry and dogmatic. It must strive to arm the class conscious proletariat and others with an all-round view of society and the world, principally through analysis and political exposure following close on the heel of events.”

The current situation in the world is increasing revolutionary opportunities even as the danger of a new imperialist world war also intensifies. The situation in the region as well is favourable for the development of revolutionary struggle even if the reactionaries continue to unleash sanguinary repression and the rulers of Iran and Iraq continue to send hundreds of thousands to their deaths in an unjust war. In Iran itself the Khomeini regime finds itself more and more isolated. Thus the reappearance of *Haghighat* comes at a very important time.

The successful publishing of this journal is itself a powerful blow against the Khomeini regime. But the really great importance of *Haghighat* is the role that it can and must play in helping to strengthen the Marxist-Leninist position, which is a prerequisite for the proletariat to be able to exercise leadership of the revolutionary process. Only such proletarian leadership can enable the completion of the New Democratic Revolution and, of course, the advance to the socialist revolution upon victory in the first stage of the revolution.

The Iranian proletariat and people are longing for the day when they settle accounts with the bloody tyrants in Tehran. In fact the people of the whole world will rejoice the day when Khomeini and his ilk are sent to construct their Islamic Republic in paradise and Iran belongs to the proletariat and people. The launching and final victory of the people's revolutionary warfare cannot be separated from the tasks of forging a revolutionary vanguard party around a correct

line based on Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. And it is in this light that the full weight of the reappearance of *Haghighat* is to be understood.

Comrades, when the Iranian Revolution shook the Shah from his throne in 1979 it had a profound and positive effect on the development of the revolutionary forces throughout the world. Although Khomeini was able to temporarily stifle the Revolution, he will not have the last word. The genuine communist forces have accumulated tremendous lessons in the five-year period since the fall of the Shah of Iran. Experiences, positive and negative, must be summed up and correct lessons drawn—for the advance of the revolutionary movement in Iran and to deepen the understanding of the genuine Marxist-Leninist forces in all countries. The Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement values highly the participation of our Iranian comrades from the Union of Iranian Communists (Sarbedaran) and the rich experience that they bring to our movement. Our Committee, along with the participating Marxist-Leninist parties and organisations of the RIM, will closely follow the continuing struggle to correctly sum up these important lessons.

Comrades, we are confident that the victory in reestablishing *Haghighat* will be followed by further advances in the extremely vital struggle you are waging.

**Committee of the Revolutionary  
Internationalist Movement**