

Glory and Victory to the Foundation of the Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist)!

Announcement by the Founding Congress of the
Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist)
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On red May First, with pride and honour we declare the foundation of the Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist) to the workers and peasants, revolutionary women and men of Iran, and to the proletariat and oppressed masses of the world. Now with the formation of a genuine Communist Party in Iran, the oppressed and in their forefront, the workers, peasants and women, can look to the future with more hope. In order for the heroic struggles of the masses not to be led astray, and their great sacrifices not to be in vain, the existence of a Maoist party is absolutely necessary. The foundation of this Party is a great achievement for the international communist movement. In 1979, the revolutionary communists around the world watched the Iranian revolution with affection and expectation, and followed its defeat with sorrow and anger. But then, shoulder to shoulder with them, the communists of Iran drew lessons from that defeat and wholeheartedly assisted the reconstruction of the communist movement in Iran so that it shall rise from its ashes like a phoenix.

The Communist Party of Iran (MLM) belongs to the new communist movement in Iran, which rose out of

the earthshaking struggles of the international communist movement against phoney Russian communism during the 1960s and 1970s. Those great struggles reached their summit with the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China, led by Mao Tsetung. In fact, our Party is a product of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which developed the science of communism to its third stage of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Through those great world-wide battles, a new generation of genuine communists was born in Iran, who denounced the phoney communism of the Soviet social-imperialists and trashed the reformist and rotten path and programme of the Tudeh Party of Iran. Thus, a new era of the struggle of the working class and oppressed masses of Iran began.

Our Party is the product of the battles of two generations of revolutionary communists against the reactionary imperialist client regimes of the Shah and the Islamic Republic. This Party is the concentration of the most revolutionary experience of all the genuine communists of Iran, from the Union of Communists of Iran (Sarbedaran), which played the main role in concluding the process of the

formation of the communist party in Iran, to the experience of other communists, who, within other organisations, fought for the emancipation of the working class, built organisations for the toilers, and were fighters and guerrillas of the revolutionary struggles. Our Party declares with pride that it is the heir of the best revolutionary traditions and of the rebellions against tradition's chains by the sons and daughters of the working class and the oppressed masses of Iran.

The Communist Party of Iran (MLM) is a class party. It is the party of the working class of Iran, regardless of nationality, gender and language. This Party is the vanguard of the proletariat of Iran but belongs to all the toilers, and oppressed peoples of Iran and unites and leads them in their common fight against all their suffering.

This Party is an internationalist party; it is a contingent of the world proletariat and its goal is to advance and strengthen the world revolution.

Our Party is a revolutionary party. It is the most thorough fighter against all kinds of class, national and gender oppression, but its central task is to eliminate the source of all such oppres-

sion, by means of the violent overthrow of the ruling state and the establishment of a new-democratic and socialist state.

This Party is not a male party; women along with men lead it and under no circumstances tolerate any anti-woman values or behaviour.

This Party brings together the experience and determination of communists of the old generation with the courage and aspirations of the new.

This Party is armed with the most revolutionary ideology and science of our era, that is, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism; by applying it to the particular conditions of Iran, the Party has brought about the line for victory of the proletarian revolution in Iran.

This Party does not make promises. It puts forward a plan for liberation from the dominant conditions. The Programme of the Party demonstrates how we can defeat the reactionary powers, such as the Islamic Republic and imperialists, smash these monsters and seize political power. The Programme of the Party shows how we can sweep away the old class society and build a liberating society instead, a society in which no individual enjoys any class, national or gender privilege over others.

Today, in all corners of Iran, the revolutionary masses have risen to punish the Islamic Republic regime. The Party tells the revolutionary masses that whilst all revolutionary political struggles against the Islamic Republic strike blows to it, the truth of the matter is that only the armed power of the masses (People's War) can really smash it. Thus, our Party prepares its forces and overcomes its weaknesses with the perspective of launching People's War in Iran. In all of the struggles of today, the Party trains the revolutionary masses with this objective and spirit.

As the foundation of the Communist Party is the beginning of a new era in our great struggles, the launching of the People's War in Iran ushers in a new era in our struggle to smash the old society and build a new one. Under the leadership of this Party, the working class and the oppressed masses of Iran will not only bury the greedy and oppressive clergy and their fat rich juniors, their Pasdars and generals, but will also bury their system. It will have no pity towards any of their political, economic or cultural vestiges.

We will not only overthrow the Islamic Republic, but will also not let any other reactionary clique replace it. This Party will never enter into the game of choosing between bad and worse. This Party will remind people of the bitter experience of the 1979 Revolution, that we should never forget how Khomeini and his clan replaced the Shah's regime. At that time, the working class of Iran lacked a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist vanguard party and did not have its own Programme and plan for revolution to wield against the plan and programme of the reactionary religious forces and to stand up to them with full force. As a result, the working class, lacking its vanguard, was not able to lead the struggles and social upheavals towards victory and real emancipation. Instead, a reactionary clique rode on the waves of the struggles of the masses, grabbed political power and reinforced the same political suppression and economic exploitation in even more intense ways. Having learnt our lesson, the Communist Party of Iran (MLM) will strive fearlessly and with full force to put the flag of its path and Programme into the hands of the workers, peasants, women and militant youth, so that oppressive and exploiting forces in new guise cannot once again steal the leadership of the revolutionary masses and divert the immense sacrifices of the masses into their personal accounts. If the best place for the most backward and perverse elements of society is in the state institutions for guarding the system of slavery and oppression that is the Islamic Republic, the place for the most advanced and justice-aspiring women and men of society is in the ranks of the Communist Party of Iran (MLM) and in the forefront of the battle against the old world. This Party clearly declares that yes, there is indeed a Programme and path that guarantees victory. If this Programme and path is carried through, with the courage and sacrifice of thousands and thousands of revolutionary women and men in the midst of blood and fire, victory will undoubtedly belong to the working class and the oppressed masses of Iran.

Today, not only in Iran, but throughout the world, the signs of a new wave of resistance and struggle against the imperialists and reactionaries have emerged. The oppressed masses around the world are rising up

against the boundless crimes of the world capitalist system and pounding furiously at the gates of greed and oppression. Today in Turkey, tomorrow in Palestine, in Los Angeles and Brazil. But the revolutionary masses of the world urgently need Maoist theory and Maoist parties to lead their struggle towards triumph. Our Communist Party, along with Maoist parties and organisations from around the world (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Colombia, India, Italy, Nepal, Peru, Sri Lanka, Turkey, USA, etc.) have founded an international communist centre called the "Revolutionary Internationalist Movement" to spread the influence of communist theory (that is, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism) throughout the world and to assist revolutionaries from different countries in their efforts to form revolutionary communist parties.

On this red May First we declare the foundation of the vanguard party of the multi-national proletariat of Iran and proclaim that, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Iran (MLM), the revolution in Iran will advance in the service of the world-wide march towards communism. This Party will never turn its back on the proletariat and people. In the face of the most vicious attacks of the Islamic and non-Islamic stooges of world capitalism, in the face of its anti-communist hues and cries, and the glittering of its technological and military arsenal, this Party will never abandon communism and will not take a single step back from the cause of the international proletariat.

Glory to the Red Memory of the Comrades who Watered the Tree of Communism in Iran with their Blood!

Down with the Islamic Republic and its Imperialist Masters!

Long Live the Communist Party of Iran (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist)!

Forward in the Preparation and Initiation of the People's War in Iran!

Towards New-democratic Revolution!

Long Live Revolution, Long Live Communism!

Long Live Proletarian Revolution!

Long Live the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement!

Long Live Red First of May!