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The Voice of the Iranian Revolution

Build a campaign to defend and raise the voice of the Iranian revolution

The following appeal for international solidarity has come from inside Iran and we the undersigned declare our support for this call, and hope you will join us by adding your name to it.

The revolutionary government of tomorrow is dependent on today's political organisation

Four months into the 'Woman, life, freedom' uprising, the need to boost and broadcast the real voice of the Iranian revolution is ever more urgent. On the internal front, in the face of a deepening and expanding apparatus of repression against the revolutionaries, we should double up our efforts to raise the voice of freedom. Externally, with the intense activity of the usual mechanisms of biased, self-interested representation and advocacy from above, we should intensify our struggle against the distorted and one-sided reflection and translation of this voice.

Contrary to the illusion that the revolution's march forward is irreversible, all revolutions constantly face the danger of being

hijacked, usurped, falsified and ultimately transformed into something directly opposed to their original demands. While the ruling power tries to discredit and suppress the revolution by the usual false dualities, such as protests/riots or by brandishing it as "a conspiracy by enemies", the counterrevolution abroad has also not for a moment stopped distorting its aims and trying to present itself as its leader. In order to ensure an outcome which is beneficial to the people of Iran, there is no doubt that confronting this counterrevolution is as crucial and important as confronting the ruling regime itself. Our own recent history is the best indication of the importance of this sensitivity. The oppressive ruling regime and an oppressive future regime are just two sides of a seesaw that instead of breaking the logic of dominance merely reinforces the old game of reproducing despotism in another form.

On this basis, any form of unity, even incidental and unwritten, between progressive forces fighting for freedom and those self-appointed advocates supporting the return of the repressive regimes of the past, although an obviously unlikely joke, is nonetheless becoming a serious threat and demands complete condemnation. Without doubt, to be effective, the revolutionary forces need unity - but not unity with everyone and anyone, irrespective of their politics! Similarly, seeking help from the dominant world powers to intervene in the Iranian revolution is a red line, the crossing of which cannot be permitted, justified or normalised in any shape or form - a united front with fascists, racists and chauvinists is itself a counterrevolutionary and totally unacceptable act.

The great goals of democracy and equality cannot be achieved without considering the means and route to achieve them. In that sense 'unity in words', instead of aiding the revolution, will strip it of all its potential to develop and its multitude of supporters. Our alternative is a unity which will respect that multitude - one which

will give women, youth, the oppressed nationalities, downtrodden classes, sexual minorities and the ignored and dispossessed the possibility of raising their voices to the highest frequency in order to reach each other and the masses. Having risen up for 'Woman, life, freedom', we must now build the new order by embarking on the same path that the outcasts of the current order are marching along - not alongside the banner of the ruling fascists or their neo-fascist opposition, who are rabble-rousing with their slogans in support of male chauvinism, the sanctity of their land, and the welfare and advance of their own class.

To realise such a unity based on the multitudes, to strengthen the revolutionary forces against the ruling regime, and to prevent the rise of the new counterrevolution, revolutionary forces should build organisations reflecting the 'Woman, life, freedom' movement. If the revolutionary power of tomorrow is a product of the revolutionary organisations of today, we must plant the seeds of the novel forms of organisation, both inside Iran and abroad, with the utmost awareness and responsibility. Inside Iran, the ongoing process of building revolutionary cells by women, youth, students, oppressed nationalities, workers, etc is a reflection of that task. But outside Iran we must also follow the same course. In opposition to all counterrevolutionary projects of dominance and all appointments of leaders, advocates and representatives from above that presume the inability of the masses to decide for themselves, we call on all progressive, democratic and freedom-loving forces everywhere to build committees to reflect 'the voice of the Iranian revolution'. Committees which, instead of claiming to lead or represent the movement, are truly reflecting, strengthening and reproducing the voice of the revolution. Committees which, instead of lobbying world powers and their regional surrogates behind closed doors, are echoing in a clear and open way the

demands shouted in every city and village for freedom from all the chains of slavery, despotism and dominance from above.

This is a call to form a revolutionary organisation which, in all its measures and activities, is an embodiment of the developing revolution and the egalitarian and democratic society of the future. The fighting forces that have organised themselves are indeed central to the revolution that is taking shape. Revolutionaries therefore loathe hiding their views and aims. They declare openly that only with the overthrow of all forms of dominance and oppression will they achieve their aims.

Let all the despotic classes and groups shake to their foundations. In this struggle, revolutionaries will destroy nothing but all the many structures of dominance and oppression and in return they will create a , society, a world and a future founded on freedom and equality.

Revolutionary and progressive forces everywhere unite in your multitude to spread the voice of the Iranian revolution!

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