

## **We condemn death sentences in Iran**

In Iran, people's objection to increase in gas price almost a year ago was suppressed very violently and only in a few weeks, more than 1500 were killed and about 7000 arrested. The Islamic Republic has not released the exact numbers of those killed and imprisoned. Now, to frighten the people, officials are up to murder some of the young protestors who were detained at that time. Among them Amir Hussein Moradi, Saeed Tamjidi and Muhammad Rajabi are the Spring 2019 marchers who are sentenced to death in the so-called courts that decisions for them are made by security and intelligence forces.

Nowadays, the Islamic Republic is disturbed more than any other time and by swaying openly the sword, retorts to any dissenting voice by crackdown, jail and death. It flogs and imprisons workers who protest nonpayment of wages and secretly executes political prisoners such as Hedayat Abdola Poor. The gravity of the situation is such that associations in support of working kids, animals and the environment causes do not escape severe persecutions. If the people and the freedom-oriented opposition do not extensively resist and object to this new wave of imprisonment and execution, certainly criminal acts will take place by this government. We should raise our voice of protest against death sentences and criminalities by the Islamic Republic and expose it in international scope. It should cost the Islamic Republic dearly so that it cannot continue with killing social activists.

The recent occurrences in Iran clearly discard the inclination by some "opposing quarters" who still stress reformatory capability of this political system that for 41 years has suppressed, confined, and killed people. The regime continues its policy in the same course and there is no indication for change and reform. Brutal detention of journalists, writers and divergent thinkers continue.

The Islamic Republic of Iran faces many crises in these years. Vast rallies by people in January 2017 and in December 2019, protests by teachers, pensioners and those who lost their properties in skim like trades, continuous. Strikes by Haft Tapeh workers and

other wide protests in addition to economic crisis, sanctions and spread of Coronavirus are samples of deepened crisis for the regime itself. American wide-ranging sanctions has also strengthened the crisis that its foremost pressure is on people's back.

The Islamic Republic with its irrational and adventurist policies has pushed the country to a hegemonic and adversary like competitions, worldwide and in the region. Only a few countries still have connection with the Islamic Republic and that is mostly based on self-seeking interests. The reality is that this regime does not hesitate from any kind of crimes and killings to save the existing political order. Therefore, for Iranian people, there is no other way except to topple the system.

The Movement for a Democratic and Laic Republic strongly condemns these sentences for demonstrating youth and demands halt on policy of making death sentences and unconditional release of all political and faith-based prisoners in Iran.

**Long live Freedom, Republic, Democracy, and laicity**

**The Mouvement of republicans democratics and Laics of Iran**

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