



Statement of the Groupe pour la construction du Parti ouvrier révolutionnaire, de l'Internationale ouvrière révolutionnaire

To stop the arm of the executioners of the youth, women and workers of Iran,

Leaders of trade unions from the labor movement (CGT, FO, FSU...), of the youth, organizations (UNEF) must act immediately:

They must call in the broadest unity for a massive, national demonstration in front of the Iranian embassy in Paris.

Over the past two months, supporters of the Islamic Republic of Iran have maneuvered to increase terror against the youth, women and workers who are mobilizing to end this despised regime.

On November 6, 2022, 227 “deputies” (out of 290) of the Iranian “parliament” published an open letter calling on the judiciary to “*treat those who have waged war [against the Islamic regime] like the [terrorists] of Daech (...) in the shortest possible time.*” The very next day, the head of the judiciary called on judges to “*act firmly against the demonstrators and therefore apply the death penalty for some*” (*Libération-Checknews*, 15/11/2022).

All the regime's supporters, under the rule of the “Supreme Leader” Khamenei, are rallying around the forces of repression (“Revolutionary Guards”, militiamen...), who have already imprisoned more than 15,000 demonstrators in the last four months, torturing, raping and murdering hundreds of them. The immediate consequence of this arrangement is that “*anyone arrested can be accused of anything*”. The provincial capital of Iraqi Kurdistan – Mahabad, the city where Mahsa Amini was murdered – and its population have been placed under siege.

Since the beginning of December, public executions of protesters have begun, with dozens of potential victims. Behind the heinous accusations of the regime's stooges, without any possibility of defense for the accused, lies a reality: anyone can be executed for the simple fact of having demonstrated against the Islamic Republic.

This is intolerable. Yet, even today, this butchery continues behind closed doors, in an overwhelming silence.

Who will help the Iranian masses?

In light of the repression orchestrated by the supporters of the Islamic Republic, even such a “moderate” NGO as the FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights) took the liberty of calling on “*governments around the world*” to “*recall their ambassadors and senior diplomats from the country*” (statement of 13/12/2022). None of the imperialist centers has acted in this sense – the official press agency of the Iranian regime (Isna) does not neglect to boast about it, which continues to report on commercial negotiations behind the scenes – and for good reason: between the mobilization of the Iranian masses and the Islamic Republic, Washington, Paris and London will always prefer the latter.

In 1979, it was with the help of Giscard d'Estaing that “Ayatollah” Khomeini was sent to Tehran to bleed the Iranian revolution, “guilty” of having overthrown the Shah. In 2022, Macron distinguished himself by going to meet the Iranian president on September 21, only 5 days after the burial of Mahsa Amini, and then the prohibition and repression of the first demonstration organized by the Iranian community against the Iranian embassy in Paris!

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As for the "sanctions" imposed on Iran by US imperialism in particular, the first victims are the Iranian masses, on whom the regime's supporters place all the burden of the recession.

Also, as a matter of urgency, we must take all possible initiatives (calls, delegations...) to impose on the leaders of the trade unions from the labor movement (CGT, FO, FSU), of the youth organizations (UNEF...), of the workers' and democratic organizations **to call without delay for a massive demonstration in front of the Iranian embassy, in Paris**, to demand:

- **Stop the execution of demonstrators! Immediate release of all imprisoned protesters!**
- **For the right to demonstrate and democratic freedoms, starting with the elimination of discrimination against women!**



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