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A Blacklist of Crimes of Allah's Government

14 years after the brutal massacre of political prisoners in summer of 1988 the brutality and barbarism of the government of Allah has reached its highest level.

Executions are still commonplace. Everyday another number of Iranian people are handed over to execution squads, under various political and non political charges, to be hung or shot. They kill human beings by torturous punishment of stoning. They demonstrate their brutality not only by stoning but also by severing human beings hands and feet and gauging their eyes out. The guards of Allah's government and executors of god's wrath carry out god's sentence publicly in the streets. They kidnap political opponents and murder them or hack them to pieces in their own homes. They threaten who ever pursues the case with death or at the least with imprisonment and whipping. They have condemned Nasser -e- Zarafshun, a fighting lawyer, to imprisonment and whipping for his insistence on further clarification of the case of "Chain Murders" carried out by the Intelligence ministry. Whoever protests the existing conditions, be they workers, students, teachers, men and women, are arrested and sent to jail. Islamic style TV shows of confessions under torture are still commonplace. It does not matter if it is today or yesterday, fourteen years ago or now. There is no difference if Khomeini or Khamenehi are at the helm, whether Rafsanjani or Khatami, Nategh -e- Nori or Korobi, Beheshti or Mosavi -e- Ardebili, Yazdi or Shahrodi are in charge. It does not matter because brutality, murder, torture, execution, prison, stoning, severing hands and feet and massacres are in the nature of the government that has merged religion and state, and at the same time defends the rule of capital and god like supremacy of capital. It is so consistent in that defence that it does not refrain from any crime. It was a shocking and horrendous crime when thousands of captive human beings were massacred, over several days fourteen years ago, but this is only one significant example of countless crimes that this regime is responsible for since its inception. From Khalkhali's show trials and his execution sentences to brutal assassinations such as the assassination of the Fedaiian leaders of Turkoman- Sahra Soviets and workers such as Jahangir Ghalaeh Miandoab. From the massacre of people of Kurdistan and Turkoman-Sahra to the people of Khuzestan and Gilun. From the cultural counter revolution in the universities, massacre of tens of students and imprisonment of hundreds of them to the wave of mass executions in 1981. From the first wave of those executions in June 1981 and execution of Fedaii writer and poet, Saeed -e- Soltanpoor to the killing of the leaders of Fedaiian (Minority), Paykar, Rah-e-Kargar, Mojahed and others. From the execution of thousands of members and activists of Iranian political organisations in the first half of the 1980's to the massacre of several thousand political prisoners in 1988. From the assassination of the leaders and activists of political organisations outside the country. From the assault on universities residences and suppression of the student movement to daily suppression of workers movement, women and youth, arrests, prison and torture and executions that still continue today. All that is a short brief of the long blacklist of the crimes and brutalities of the government of Allah in Iran. The anti-human crimes of the Islamic state do not just cover the political arena. Daily spoiling the lives of millions of workers and toilers, women and men is a crime far worse than other crimes. When there is discussion on the crimes and brutalities of the Islamic state, usually it is about anti-human crimes of the regime against political opponents. And in the main, it is restricted to political and legal domains; but what crime is more horrific than, everyday, thousands of the masses of toiling people of Iran dieing from poverty and hunger, which are the result of the policies of the Islamic state in defence of the capitalist economic-social system.

Who else other than Islamic republic is responsible for the death of the human beings from poverty and hunger? How is it possible not to place on the list of the anti-human crimes of the

Islamic republic wasting away of several million human beings that the Islamic republic has caused their addiction to drugs. Everyday corpses of a group of them are found on the streets and alleyways corners. How is it possible not to count among the crimes of Islamic republic suicides of unemployed workers and the youth who have lost any hope in future. How can we not consider among the Islamic republic's crimes the physical and mental destruction of thousands of women who have been forced to sell themselves due to severe pain of poverty and misfortune; and the destitute street roaming children? All these cases too are on the charges list of the crimes of the Islamic republic against the toiling people of Iran. And of course Iranian workers and toilers indictment against the Islamic state and capitalist system would be much greater than what is referred to here. An indictment that is not only against the religious state and clerical apparatus but is also against capital and capitalists, those who through these years, with the support of the government of Allah have sucked workers and toilers blood and increased the volume of their capital and legendary wealth. It is these very people who try and cover all the crimes and brutalities of the Islamic state in the past quarter century and to deceive people speak of reforms. Also their international partners are the international monopolies who, at the same time as getting the increased profit gained by them through exploiting the Iranian workers, talk of improvement of the situation in Iran. To save the anti-human Islamic regime in Iran they have began assisting it in various political, economic and diplomatic fields. These too are the accomplices of the crimes of the Islamic state against the mass of Iranian people. When the masses of workers and toilers rise up for the inevitable combat and overthrow the existing system and topple the Islamic state, the international accomplices would receive their suitable response. None would be more suitable response than the working class of Iran transforming the existing economic-social system and building the higher system of socialism on the ruins of that system, and for ever putting an end to the rule of oppressors, criminals and exploiters. This is the objective that thousands of honourable human beings have lost their lives for its realisation in the struggle against the Islamic republic regime.

Crisis Caused by People "Being Free"!

Last week Khatami and his ministers appeared, one after the other, in front of the cameras and newspaper reporters to give a yearly account of their "service" to people during the "Week of Government". The intelligence minister of the Islamic state too found an opportunity, just like the other members of the cabinet, to praise those "services". He completely denied the ministry he is in charge of is the killing, suppression, torture and repression machine of the Islamic state. An apparatus, that all know, throughout its existence till now has tortured thousands of Iranian people and imprisoned them for long years, assassinated and handed thousands over to execution squads. On the contrary, he spoke in praise of the freedom the Iranian people enjoy in the Islamic republic. He spoke such, as if principally the intelligence ministry is the defender of democracy, freedom and civil rights of the Iranian people. He said:" In the Islamic republic due to people being free, due to political joy, it is natural for people to have the right to show their muscle and express their opinions in various ways". So according to that, in the Islamic republic the people enjoy such a freedom that they can express their views and demands in various forms and perhaps realise them. The Iranian people too heard those utterances of the intelligence minister and laughed at his beard. They did exactly the same with Khatami's utterances a day before. When the president of the Islamic republic speaks of his victories in improving the economic situation and living condition of the mass of people and presents cooked up and fraudulent statistics, while the masses of workers are buckling under economic pressures and in conditions that the greater

majority of Iranian people are living under the line of poverty, at least 5 million are unemployed and daily increasing prices have plunged the whole toiling people deeper in poverty; why then the intelligence minister should not speak of people's freedom in the Islamic republic and the role of his ministry in guarding and supporting freedom. It is the "Week of Government", every element and gofer of the state should speak in praise of the Islamic state and "services" of the government. The intelligence minister of the Islamic state propounding that nonsense was also perusing another objective. Now all know the Islamic republic is facing numerous crises, discontent, protest and mass struggle. The intelligence minister of the Islamic state claims these crises are due to people enjoying freedom under the rule of Islamic republic and where ever people enjoy freedom, there too exists crisis. He says: "the politically joyful Islamic republic, like many other countries, has various social crises and there is no country that does not have crisis and social movement....where there is permission there are movement and crisis." and because "in the Islamic republic people are free" in some cases there is the possibility of transformation to a social crisis, like workers crisis and teachers crisis. This is called an analysis worthy of the intelligence ministry of the Islamic republic! Since these crises are due to Iranian people being "free" they are not worth worrying about. The situation is so normal that in the few months since the start of the year, the intelligence ministry has "uncovered 50 spies and arrested them, and uncovered more than a hundred terrorists and villains and confiscated more than a thousand fire arms." and "has harnessed social crises through management". Nevertheless the intelligence minister of the Islamic state also knows the crisis remains in its place. What he doesn't know and of course not capable of comprehending, is that this crisis is the crisis of decay and rottenness of the total economic-social and political system ruling Iran. There is no other way to solve it other than a revolution and toppling the whole existing system.

Islamic Republic Buys Military Equipment from Israel

Secret diplomacy is an inseparable part of foreign policies of capitalist governments. They need secret diplomacy to cover up their dealings that are contrary to the interests of masses of toiling people. All know that even in the most advanced capitalist countries, where the so called system of parliamentary democracy is in power, secret documents of foreign ministries, in some cases, are published a quarter or half a century later. Some are never openly published. This diplomacy, in the most disgraceful possible form, is in force especially in countries that open dictatorship is in power and people are deprived of political freedoms absolutely.

The Islamic republic is an example in that respect too. Under the Islamic republic the customary pretences that exist in other countries do not exist and diplomacy is a one way secret. The people are not aware of the regime's dealings and discussions with other governments; they do not know the clauses of conventions and agreements. Here, the situation is such that even the hand picked representatives of the Islamic reaction parliament, who are trusted by the regime, are not aware of the clauses of some contracts with other governments and international monopolies. It was not a surprise when a number of the representatives of the parliament of reaction, after intensification of internal contradictions of the regime, declared their lack of knowledge about the clauses of those contracts.

The exposure of the news of confiscation of the ship containing Israeli military equipment for the Islamic republic by the German government and returning the two containers carrying rolling chains for armed personnel carriers to Israel did not surprise anyone. This is only one

case among hundreds of cases of secret deals and contracts of Islamic republic with other governments and international monopolies. In the past too, numerous cases of these secret contracts and deals have been exposed. Following exposure of the news of confiscation of the ship containing Israeli military equipment for Islamic republic in Germany, regime's leaders and the foreign ministry denied them as usual. Rafsanjani said this is an uproar spread by the enemies of the regime who "intend to turn the public opinion of the world of Islam against the Islamic republic of Iran". The spokesperson of the foreign ministry too said: "Islamic Republic of Iran has no contact with the Zionist regime". But it is no longer hidden to anyone they are lying. The Islamic republic in the past too has had numerous such dealings with the Israeli government and or the capitalists of that country. The foreign ministry of the regime says that Islamic republic has no contact with the Zionist regime. But firstly- it is not necessary for two countries to have, for example political relations in order to have secret discussions and contracts. Secondly- These relations are often made indirectly, among countries that have no diplomatic relations with one another.

Islamic republic needs the weapons and spare military equipment parts it could not produce in Iran and incidentally can not obtain from Russia and China. Therefore it must buy them from USA or Israel. To do this, there is no need for example for the Islamic republic to have contact with Bush, Sharon and their foreign ministries. The job is done directly through the capitalists of the two above mentioned countries and or international arms dealer go-betweens who sell them for several times their price.

But in any case US and Israeli governments know what is sold to Islamic republic and block what should not be sold. Therefore, the problem is not that Sharon was unaware of sale of military equipment of the Israeli capitalist to Islamic republic of Iran, and that these military equipment, without the knowledge of military and intelligence apparatuses of Israel, were being sent to Islamic republic under the name of being exported to Thailand. Both reactionary regimes of Israel and Islamic republic are aware of what was done and what would take place. Refuting and denial would not change anything. This is another part of their secret diplomacy.

Latest Brutality of Islamic State

At 5.30 AM on Sunday 29th September 2002, five youths whose ages were announced as between 20 to 25 were hung in Freedom and Independence roundabouts of Lavizun. The judicial apparatus of the Islamic state announced their crime was kidnapping and hurting young women and girls condemning them to be hung in public. At the time of execution of the sentence, the executing judge said: "Execution of god's boundaries would continue resolutely. Public executions can be a lesson which would reduce wickedness." At the same time he said that such sentences were the demand of "Moslem people who expect resolute action from the judicial power". And of course in order to demonstrate how much these "Moslem people" enjoy brutality, it brought several hundred Hezbollahies to the place of execution so that they could approve brutality with the slogan of Allahoakbar and demand an increase in brutality. Iran newspaper quoting one of those Hezbollahi women wrote: "I hope similar measures are taken about street women and girls who corrupt the male youth". But why the problem of street girls is propounded here? Because the five youth who were condemned to execution had refuted kidnapping charges and said the plaintiffs were street women. However, whatever is the case, it does not change the reality that execution of five young men is a brutal act of the Islamic state and the prime culprit is the Islamic state. Because the Islamic state places women and youth in many social harms way. It has

established unlimited pressures and restrictions and imposed numerous economic and social deprivations on them. The Islamic republic is the number one enemy of women. It has demonstrated this animosity in a most open form by depriving women of their political and social rights. It has even deprived them of their human rights. It has extended restrictions to their private and personal lives. By broadening the dimensions of poverty it has driven thousands of women to prostitution. Its priests, judges and jailors rape young and underage girls. They sell these girls to government officials and the wealthy at brothels they have established. And as such cases are exposed; they imprison them for a few days and later release them. Thousands of such cases have been made public. Now they claim for the sake of defending women and for their security they carry out public executions so it would be a lesson for others. With the same claim they stone to death women who are the victims of the existing system. It would not be long before they hang women prostitutes in the streets, women who are victims of capitalist system and Allah's state, so it would be a lesson to others. Of course these others are the poor and dispossessed masses of the society.

The pressures that the Islamic republic exerts on youth as a whole and the numerous restrictions that the youth face are not hidden to anyone. Here is a country where it is an offence for a girl and a boy even to walk together in the street. They would be interrogated and taken to police station. It is clear that in such a country the main culprit for all social ills is the existing system and the number one accused is the Islamic state. Brutalities, executions, stoning to death, flogging, torture and imprisonment are other parts of countless crimes of the accused.

Who Is Responsible For These Tragedies?

Azad Alizadeh, a worker at Tehran Cotton Textiles, committed suicide on 23rd August 2002 due to life pressures. Three days after the incident another worker at the same company, 57 years old Rahmat Omrun, attempted suicide but his colleagues were able to take him to hospital in time and save his life. Last year too, the news of suicide of a worker at Iran Timbre in September and a worker at Ahvaz Misagh, Mohammad Reza Moghadam, who had suffered respiratory illness due to work and later sacked who set himself alight, were reflected in state newspapers. These painful and tragic news indicate the harsh and unbearable conditions that capitalists and Islamic government defending their interest, impose on Iranian workers. The capitalist buys "worker's labour power", the only thing a worker has to sell, for a meagre price; but in exchange it does not even pay an adequate wage to the worker so that he could secure facilities for a mere existence. The worker, in spite of being the creator of all comfort facilities and riches of life, himself is deprived of these facilities and is even deprived of food, clothing and suitable accommodation and or other basic necessities of life.

The capitalist class and the religious state defending that class, to make greater profits, brutally exploit the workers. At the same time, when small numbers constituting that class, pocket huge profits and not know how to use them, the huge numbers in society, workers and their families, are grounded with worst possible economic and living conditions. Without any doubt, the income of majority of Iranian workers is under the poverty line. In the past few years workers and their families have been driven to greater poverty, hunger and bad health. Nevertheless this is not all. As capitalists take workers' lives bit by bit, any time they decide or feel workers are not yielding the profit the capitalists have determined for themselves, they dismiss workers and deprive workers of getting a meagre wage that does not even suffice to replenish their lives!

Now that that they are unemployed how should the workers live? Workers whose lives - with any quality - are dependent on selling their labour power to the capitalist, and in a society where workers are deprived of the minimum international standards in respect of social security! How should they see to their affairs? Currently millions of workers live in such a condition. Majority of those workers resist and struggle against the capitalists and the government guarding them. Workers resort to protest and struggle to extract their rights out of them daily. However there also workers who fall under the severity of these difficulties and since they are not able to provide for their spouse and children resort to suicide and or suddenly leave the joint life and never return home! In addition to these, every year tens of thousands of workers loose their lives at work and or suffer illness and loss of limb. These workers, who work for the capitalists in unsafe environments, are victims of capitalists greed who in order to gain greater profit refuse to spend on providing safe working conditions.

All these tragedies, misfortunes and disasters the working class faces are in the nature of the capitalist system. The prime culprit for all social ills including suicide and setting one's self alight among workers is this very capitalist system, a system which is built on blood and exploitation. In the heaven which the Islamic state has created for the capitalists, such symptoms are intensified more than ever.