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Which War? 🤔

By Comrade Mehdi Samee (in weekly talk on Radio Pishgam)

Every year during the month of Ramadan, Khamenei holds several meetings and lectures. The general theme of his talks is to draw attention to an outside enemy, and who better than the USA? He says, "The US is an enemy, and we have to resist them...we do not negotiate with them". He also, hypocritically, puts himself in the role of the opposition—complaining about high prices and that people's needs should be met. Khamenei continues talking about the progresses his regime has made, none of which are supported with empirical evidence. Finally, he talks about some specific issues saying, "there will not be a war," "we do not intend to go to war," and "the US are not able to go to war, either". I [Samee] had explained already in detail in a previous radio program why there will be no war. But we have to see which war we are talking about. If the purpose of the war is for the United States to crush Iran and cross its borders, it is not possible. Not only is it not possible, but it is not practical in American politics. If the purpose of the war is a proxy war, that is already going on now: whether in Yemen or Palestine, between Hamas and Israel, in Lebanon or Syria, and even to a degree in Iraq. A proxy war exists. One side of it is the Iranian regime, and on the other side is the United States and its allies ... continued pg 2

Iran arrests dozens at International Workers' Day Protests



Iranian authorities violently dispersed gatherings of independent Iranian labor organizations and arrested dozens of activists who were protesting in association with International Workers' Day (May Day). Protesters gathered May 1st in front of Iran's parliament building, where a number of well-known protester including Reza Shahabi, Kayvan Samimi, Hassan Saedi, Vahid Fereydouni and Mohammad Ali Eslaghi — were arrested. Teachers, retirees and students also joined the protests.

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Therefore, such a war exists already, and Khamenei considers it one of his strengths. He has said in his speeches, that is our “strategic and security power-play”. Another possibility that has been brought up is to bombard a few strategic locations, which I suspect now is not an imaginable outlook. When we speak of outlook, we speak of near imaginable perspectives. We are talking about prospects of the next two years. This is what it is about. But the fuss that some of the so-called oppositions are making about the dangers of war and so on, they should specify which war. When they mention example of Iraq and Libya, they mean war across the frontier—which is nonsense and propaganda from the regime's table.

International Day in Support of Political Prisoners

On the International Day of Repression, Imprisonment, and Torture of Human Rights, activists in Iran and other countries in the region become a daily driver for justice. Thousands in these countries are prosecuted, imprisoned, and tortured solely for the ‘crime’ such as: expressing their opinions; helping victims of war and social problems; and striving for a better world. The dictator regimes in these countries use any means to suppress people in order to stay in power. Meanwhile, millions of freedom-loving people, numerous trade unions, and countless humanitarian organizations around the world expose and protest these crimes against humanity and echo the voices of political prisoners and their families around the world.

This year, on the occasion of the International Day in Support of Political Prisoners in Iran, we are the voice of political prisoners in Iran, Turkey, Morocco, and Palestine. We are the voice of those who fight for freedom.

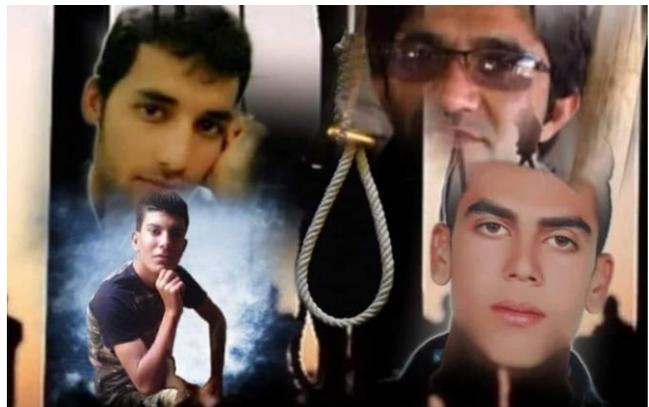
Death Penalty as an Instrument of Oppression of the People

According to reports by human rights organizations, 79 people have been executed in Iran in the last four months. Among them, two were under the age of 18. It is estimated that 273 people were executed in Iran in 2018, and 6,000 during the last 10 years.

The real number of executions is not known, but it is more than official reports. Iranian authorities use the death penalty as an instrument of oppression of the people. The Iranian Criminal Code allows for several execution methods, including hanging, firing squad, crucifixion, and stoning. However, hanging has been the only method used since 2010.

The 11th Annual Report on the Death Penalty in Iran by IHR and ECPM coincides with the 40th anniversary of Iran's 1979 revolution and the downfall of the monarchy.

IHR's report does not include extrajudicial killings at Iranian prisons. Iran is believed to execute the most people per capita and ranks second worldwide for the number of executions. The extensive list of crimes punishable by death in Iran includes alcohol consumption, sexual relations, and drug trafficking as well as “plotting against the regime”, “spreading corruption on Earth,” and “waging war against God.”



30 years in prison and 111 lashes

Responding to the news that Iranian human rights lawyer Amirsalar Davoudi has been sentenced to 30 years in prison and 111 lashes for his human rights work, including publicizing violations through a channel he set up on Telegram, a mobile messaging app, and giving media interviews.



Amnesty International's Research and Advocacy Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Philip Luther, said:

“This shockingly harsh sentence is an outrageous injustice. Amirsalar Davoudi is blatantly being punished for his work defending human rights

3 Iranian writers each sentenced to 6 years in prison

Three members of the Iranian Writers Association—Reza Khandan-Mahabadi, Baktash Abtin, and Keyvan Bajan—were each sentenced on May 15, 2019 to six years in prison by a Tehran court for alleged security offenses. Iranian authorities have never responded to concerns expressed by international human rights watchdogs about its gross violation of human

rights including the rights of Iranian writers and intellectuals.



The Iranian Writers' Association in the statement called the accusations “irrelevant” and “baseless”. Adding, that the evidence presented by the complainant against the writers were even more irrelevant. In a statement, the IWA said:

“This trial is not just the condemnation of three writers. This was not a trial against the IWA alone. It condemns all writers and others who want to enjoy the right to free expression”

Is environmental activism a crime?

While scores of human rights defenders and political activists remain behind bars for their peaceful activism, Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) increased their targeting of human rights defenders and activists. This includes environmental activists—accusing these activists of ‘illegal’ environmental projects as a cover to collect classified information, without providing any evidence of wrongdoing.



Corruption: An integral part of the Iranian Regime

Iran is run by a corrupt state. Corruption is so widespread, impossible to stop it. It is a tangled chain that includes the everyone involved in the system and goes as high as the leader, Khamenei himself. The situation is so intense that even the officials cannot ignore or cover it up. Iranian people understand and aware of this corruption and that it has caused hardship in their lives. The Iranian president, Hasan Rouhani, makes excuses and shifts the blame on others. In fact, corruption is an essential part of system and regime's officials have absolutely no intentions of fighting the corruption that is lining their pockets



There are injustices in many Iranian institutions, not least the justice system. The country's Chief Justice is Ebrahim Raisi: a controversial figure because of his direct involvement in the 1988 massacre of tens of thousands of opposition members executed in one summer. An Iranian newspaper, Hamdeli Daily, commented on the corrupt practices among officials, including widespread embezzlement, said "corrupt practices will never cease under the current leadership and the situation continues to go around in circles". It concluded that economic mismanagement and corruption is quite simply "an integral part of the regime".

Our Struggles For a Free Iran Will continue..

Although the regime is on the verge of collapse, its response has been cracking down on protests in an increasingly harsh and brutal manner.

In 2018 and 2019, Teachers, Students, workers, retirees and ... participated in numerous protests across the country amid deteriorating economic conditions, perceptions of systematic government corruption, and popular frustration over lack of political and social freedoms. Security forces and the judiciary have responded to these protests with arbitrary mass arrests and serious due process violations.. Authorities have also tightened their grip on peaceful activism, detaining lawyers and human rights defenders who face charges that could lead to long jail terms

A Few Long-Time Political Prisoners



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