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### Our Position on the Nuclear Program of Iran's Regime

Khamenei has spent billions of dollars of public wealth on developing a nuclear weapons program. This spending has caused the cost of living for the majority of people to skyrocket, leaving many to suffer financial troubles. As a result of such hardships, any withdrawal of the Regime's nuclear program would be in the interest of the



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### Iran's human rights situation worsening, says UN special rapporteur

Ahmed Shaheed highlighted the fact that Iran has the highest execution rate in the world and is increasingly imprisoning journalists. Ongoing negotiations on Tehran's nuclear program could overshadow abuses.



Ahmed Shaheed, the UN special rapporteur on Iran reports, since the 2013 election of Hassan

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## The Charter of the Organization of Iranian People's Fadaee Guerrillas on the Threshold of the Twenty First Century



1- The Organization of Iranian People's Fadaee Guerrillas is a communist organization dedicated to the principle "from anyone according to her or his talent and to anyone according to her or his needs". It opposes imperialism and capitalist monopolies. It considers socialism as the only alternative to the capitalist society, and the path to save humanity from war and want. In its opinion, the full realization of socialism is a global matter and the synonym to the process of weakening state. The organization considers itself a part of the global socialist and workers movement and relentlessly fights neo-liberalism and its aggressions against the standard of living and the livelihood of the people, which is leading society to decadence and destruction.

2- A socialist order is a democratic, pluralist, and secularist, separating religion and ideology from functioning of the state. Socialism is based on the direct participation of people in their own affairs and the recognition of their right of self-determination. The organization, opposes any undemocratic socialism, any composition of the communist party and state, any suppressive, determinist and arbitrary socialism, any interference in the private lives of the individual members of the society, and the socialist based cult of personality.

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### In brief

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### We Support Workers and Wage Earners in Iran in their Immediate and Basic Demands

The Organization of Iranian People Fadaee Guerrillas (OIPFG) supports the immediate and basic demands of workers and wage earners mentioned below:  
The right to form independent labor organizations for



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**3-** This organization considers the views of distinguished leaders and theorists of the global communist movement, including Marx, Engels, Lenin... not as "frozen dogmas" but as "practical guidelines". To this end, we reject any form of easy thinking, imitation, dogmatism, absolutism and petrification as the greatest deterrents to the development of progressive and revolutionary ideas. Our thoughts and theories are focused on humankind and in harmony with scientific gains. The organization is aware that in thought and theory, inevitably, there exist limitations, challenge, weakness, and tight corners, which can only to be overcome with efforts to conform to the genuine progress of the society, as well as the recognition of the scientific and technological gains of humanity. The organization rejects the idea that every question has a ready and prepared answer. Therefore, both in thought and theory, the organization advocate tolerance, forbearance, criticism, research, and objective inquiry of social practice as the criterions of theory.



**4-** The organization advocates modernism and accept that it is necessary to coordinate political advancement with the scientific and technological revolutions of the end of the twentieth century. We strive against any form of copying and limitation of institutions, values and traditional methods that distance us from scientific and technological developments that may be used to advance the interests and welfare of the people.

**5-** The organization endeavors to institutionalize a political, social, economic, and cultural process of development. The dynamic of long-term, internally generated, democratic, and consistent development moving to equilibrium is the directions principle of the organization. In planning for development the organization, in principle, treats and advocates as a priority, political development which will lead to the creation of a decentralized, democratic order based on political pluralism, and the disposition of democratic and key institutions for a deep rooted civil society.

**6-** The organization has been a constant defender of social justice. It has defended the workers' rights of organization, strike and industrial action, supervision and control; it has borne in mind the defense of workers and wage-earners in determining their own class directives in Iran; it lays stress on the public ownership of education, hygiene and public health, social security system, water, electricity, oil, heavy and strategic industries and important mineral reserves.

**7-** The organization persistently demands the end to discrim-

ination of any kind, such as gender, nationality, religion, and race. In the opinion of the organization, the principal unit of the society is neither the family, nor any other institution but individuals enjoying equal rights irrespective of color, race, religion, nationality and gender. The organization has placed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, its Covenants and other relevant international conventions on the top of its agenda, as a strategic principle. It has pursuantly strived against the ruling regimes of religious and gender oriented apartheid in Iran and has defended the feminist movement of Iran.

**8-** On internal and international levels, the organization is a consistent defender of environmental preservation and improvement. It, therefore, rejects any unilateral project or the destruction of the environment under the demagogic guise of economic improvements.

**9-** Internationally, the organization advocates peaceful coexistence, and the elimination of crisis, as well as the elimination of

all weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical, bacterial, etc.). The organization decisively supports all progressive movements, - the workers' movement to improve their living conditions; the feminist movement; movements to preserve and improve the environment; the international movement for the advancement of human rights; cultural - artistic movement to modernize the society; the international movement for population control; the movement to protect the children; the movement for youth participation in the affairs of the society; the movement for sexual rights; and the international movement against fundamentalism and racism.

**10-** On the threshold of the 21st. century, to achieve these ends as in the context of this charter, the first step calls for the overthrow of the Islamic Republic and the regime of the Guardianship of the juris consult (Velayat-i- Faqih) . The organization finds that the overthrow of the regime of the Guardianship of the jurisconsult, together with all its factions and internal bands, through a revolutionary armed struggles and in union with social movements, and the popular resistance of the people of Iran, is the only methodical remedy under the existing circumstances, the organization considers the overthrow of the regime to be its immediate duty, and supports every endeavor in this respect.

**11-** Given the actual conditions, the organization considers the National Council of Resistance of Iran, to be the democratic alternative to the regime of the Guardianship of the Juris consult, and deems participation in this coalition, as a necessary unified struggle, consistent with goals of this charter.

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Human Rights Watch called for the government to end the crackdown and free labor rights advocates in anticipation of International Workers' Day on May 1, as part of a joint campaign by Iranian and international rights groups to highlight the plight of workers.

"Iranian workers are on the front lines of the struggle to demand such basic rights as freedom of assembly and association," said [Sarah Leah Whitson](#), Middle East director at Human Rights Watch. "They are often the first victims of government crackdowns that aim to silence criticism."

The Iranian government's stranglehold on unionization and crackdown on labor rights activists have left workers without a voice to influence government policy and working conditions, even as the country's worsening economic situation is pushing many into poverty, Human Rights Watch said.

About 80 percent of workers are working under temporary, short-term or at-will employment arrangements, which severely restrict their benefits and provide little protection from summary firings by business owners, labor activists say.

The situation is particularly dire for the most vulnerable workers: women, children and Afghan migrants. Women are often the first victims of mass layoffs by companies, activists say, in part because of costs associated with providing health insurance and maternity leave. Labor activists say that some companies have sought to shirk their legal responsibilities to female workers by pressuring them to promise they will not get pregnant as long as they work for the company.

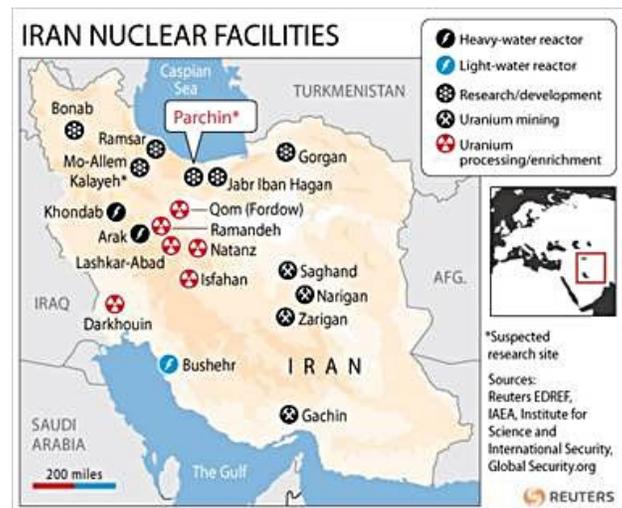
The number of child workers under age 15 has also increased. More than 90 percent of the 3.25 million children out of school were working. In Tehran alone 60 000 children work .

Regardless of sanctions or other causes of economic hardship in Iran, workers should have the right to organize, strike, and hold sit-ins, and speak out against government policies. The worsening crackdown on workers who try to exercise their rights is a flagrant violation of the Iranian government's obligations to its people.

### Our Position on the Nuclear ...

people. Thus, all attempts to set back the Regime's nuclear activity should be encouraged.

In January 2013, the resolution of the our organization's Supreme Council's seventh session stated: "Today, it is clear to everyone that the Regime's claim about becoming independent in energy and having access to nuclear technology is pretext for a nuclear weapons. We have repeatedly called for a complete halt to all operations and activities of the Iranian regime in the nuclear field". Although we are against the use of nuclear energy for variety of economic and environmental reasons, we believe the Iranian people, in a democratic state and with



expertise knowledge, should freely decide whether to use nuclear energy or not.

In the years after the America's occupation of Iraq, various circles spoke of the danger of "foreign war". Some, using sources from the official news agency of Russia, implied they knew the exact date of the attack. The Ministry of Information of the Islamic Republic used these threats of war to take advantage of people's desire for peace. In our evaluation, however, we do not foresee a major prospect for war—although considering Khomeini adventurism, there is a small possibility.

Khomeini's nuclear program has led to a major disaster for the Iranian people and the whole country. For this reason, we support the withdrawal of the regime of Iran from such destructive project. We consider this to be in interest of people and the country. For purpose of peace, this is a great step to prevent a devastating war.

Resolution of the Supreme Council of Organization of Iranian People Fadaee Guerillas.  
February 9, 2015

## Iran's human rights situation ...

Rouhani as president, “the overall situation has worsened. He also warned that new legislation under discussion risked deepening the problem of discrimination against women and minorities.



According to his report, at least 753 people, including 25 women and 13 minors, were executed in Iran last year alone, marking a 12-year-high.

Counting the 252 executions in the country since the beginning of this year, Iran has executed more than 1,000 people since January 2014, he said.

“Iran continues to execute more individuals per capita than any country in the world,” Shaheed said. Journalists, as well as activists, lawyers and opposition politicians are often charged with breaching a range of national security laws, including on propaganda against the system, and offending government leaders, he said.

Many had hoped that the election of President Hassan Rouhani, regarded as a moderate, would lead to improvements in the human rights situation in Iran.

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## We Support Workers ...

manual and intellectual workers (i.e. industrial workers, agricultural, teachers, nurses, workers in the service sector, etc...)

Adoption of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women—including economic, legal, political, and social discrimination

Recognition of the right to strike, demonstrate, and protests as basic rights of workers

The release of all political prisoners, including labor activists

Providing job security for all workers, abolition of temporary contracts, and immediate and full payment of unpaid wages

Legalization of the 8 hours work a day, two days off per week, and one month of paid annual leave.

Deterring the minimum wage by participation of workers’ real representatives and independent labor organizations; this must be in accordance with the increase in the real rate of inflation and based on the needs of the workers to live and provide a decent and dignified life for themselves and their families

Stop all layoffs and pushing workers into unemployment

Provide health care system for all workers

Total abolition of child labor

Providing retirement sufficient enough to live without financial worries

May Day must become a public holiday; any prohibitions and restrictions on Workers' Day ceremonies must stop

Resolution of the Supreme Council of OIPFG

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### Thousands of teachers taking to the streets to draw attention to wages that are below the poverty line

Another nationwide protest by Iranian teachers swept through dozens of cities throughout Iran on May 7, with thousands taking to the streets to draw attention to wages that are below the poverty line. During the protests, teachers held pickets with slogans such as “Poverty Line 3 Million [toman], Our Salary 1 Million [Toman],” “Free Imprisoned Teachers Bagheri & Hashemi,” and “State TV Censors Teachers’ Cries,” according to ILNA.

One day ahead of the protests, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Ayatollah Khamenei warned during a meeting with teachers on the occasion of Teachers’ Day that the “enemy” wants to “bring up seditious slogans and create trouble for the regime on the pretext of the livelihood of the teachers

Independent unions remain banned in Iran, strikers and protest participants are often fired and risk detainment, and labor leaders face long prison sentences—all of which is prohibited by the International Labor Organization (ILO), as well as other international covenants, to which Iran is a member