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Word of the Month



China-US relations and ambiguity in US return of JCPOA



Entering US President, Joe Biden, to the White House and announcing a return to diplomacy in the US approach to Europe and the return of this country to the environmental agreements and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, it was expected that the issue of the relationship with Iran would be included in the next steps and the return of the two sides to JCPOA will also be on a constructive path.

Although the US side showed steps to resolve the issue, but it was the Islamic Republic

that hesitantly refused to take a goodwill stance. The relatively cold and even tense relations between China and the US at the recent meeting of the two foreign ministers practically overshadowed the resolution of Iran-US conflict.

Basically, for Biden renewing the nuclear deal and the agreement with Iran, although important, but it is not a priority. However, lifting sanctions is vital for Iran. Although the rulers of Tehran are reluctant to this issue but it is easy to see that Iran's lack of a normal relationship with the world, and in particular the United States, is to the detriment of the Iranian people and against Iran's national interests.

March, the month of rising movements of Iranian toilers

The first half of March which coincides with the last weeks of the solar calendar usually sees a mounting movement of Iranian toilers to prevent a sharp decline in their livelihoods. This month, the rate of increase in the salaries of workers, retirees and other wage earners are finalized. The reality observed over the past few decades has been the constant decline in the purchasing power of poor where the inflation sours beyond limits.



Difficulties to provide basic needs have led to many protest movements in Iranian working environments. In addition to these



movements, retirees have also been protesting for several months now. They are trying to establish their own independent organizations which has led to weekly nationwide protests all over the country.

Increasing salaries and pensions in proportion to the real cost of living, the proper implementation of the law on equalization of pensions and having efficient and free health insurance are the most important demands of the retired workers. The salary of the majority of retirees covered by government is two million and 3 thousand Tomans (less US dollars) or less. Under supplementary insurance, the government has made health insurance semi-private and by increasing the premium paid by the insured, has abolished the free medical services. The current salary of retirees is actually a quarter of the cost of the minimum subsistence bracket and a third of the official poverty line. To add to the misery, a significant part of these meager salaries is spent on treatment and medicine.



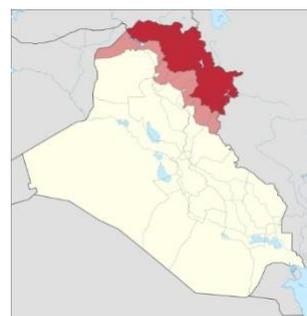
The statement of the political-executive board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) in support of these demands reads:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) justifies the demands of retirees and independent pension organizations and calls on independent workers', retirees' and teachers' organizations to attend in front of the Ministry of Labor building on March 7 to demand higher wages and other demands.

With the continuation of the cooperation of the trade unions around the demands for their rights, it will be possible to make the government to set back.

Hasty action of the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government

The Pope's travels to various countries and his meetings with religious and governmental leaders and prominent personalities of the peoples of the countries are usually presented as an opportunity to strengthen peace and friendship. All hosts also take measures and preparations in this regard as a gesture of friendship and peace. However, the leadership of the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, contrary to this procedure, and instead of understanding the importance of this trip in order to strengthen solidarity and friendship in Iraq and the region, took an irresponsible step away from understanding the sensitive political and geopolitical situation of the region by printing a stamp showing a greater Kurdish territory spread over the neighboring countries.



The office of National-Ethnic group of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) issued a statement protesting the move. In the announcement we read:

The existence and presence of people with different linguistic, ethnic, cultural and



historical origins and at the same time intertwined in the Middle East region and each of the countries in the region is a real thing. Struggling and striving to meet national and ethnic demands is one of the requirements for achieving lasting democracy in each of the countries in the region. However, the solution to the problems and responding to the demands of each of them is not by relying on nationalist sentiments and cultivating imaginary plans for state-building and expansionism and changing the current political boundaries, but by recognizing the existence and presence of all these differences in the region and the effort to democratically resolve national and ethnic issues.

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) has always stood by the oppressed people of our country and other countries in the region, in the struggle against any national and ethnic discrimination and cultural, linguistic and political impositions. The struggle for democracy and the establishment of a democratic society in each of the countries of the region depends on responding to the national and ethnic demands of the oppressed peoples and the establishment of a democratic and decentralized government. At the same time, in relation to this region full of national and ethnic diversity, we believe that dealing with national issues that are complex enough requires an increased sense of responsibility and wisdom. In the fight against any kind of national discrimination and oppression, any kind of extremist nationalism, whether ruling or non-ruling, must be opposed. Recourse to nationalist solutions, regardless of the realities of the region and its countries has detrimental consequences for all people in all countries of the region. No-one benefits of this.

Happy Nowruz, Welcome spring!

March 21st was the first day of spring and the start of the first year of the Fifteenth Solar

calendar century. The Political-Executive Board of the Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) in reviewing the most important events of the last year wrote

At the end of the fourteenth century a dark year passed by. The Covid-19 virus killed nearly 2.7 million people and left many around the world mourning the loss of their loved ones. The economy of the world's largest industrial centers collapsed as a result of this pandemic. Millions of people, especially in underdeveloped countries, were laid off without minimal social security. Inequality against this dangerous virus has become even more apparent.



In the last months of the year, however, the vaccine for this disease was discovered and the world has come out of anxiety and despair and the hope for better life is reviving throughout the globe. It is hoped that after putting behind Corona and based on the context of experiences learned, humanity will pay more attention to the general issues of today's world. It is hoped that the intertwining of the fates of all human beings at this time will become more apparent throughout the world. Corona revealed that the world, with all its divisions and differences, is facing a common threat. Therefore, it can only be defied with global solidarity.



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The statement describes the difficulties and the pains experienced by Iranian people in battling the Corona virus and the Islamic Republic for achieving democracy and elevating their living standards:

Last year, as in previous years, was the arena of great trials for the struggle of our people against the Islamic Republic. The struggle for a better and more humane life and the confrontation against the policies of the Islamic Republic in various areas of social life continued while the widespread corruption in the government system increased. Although US economic sanctions exacerbated the burden of poverty and unemployment but the change of government in the United States has made it possible to lift those sanctions and return to the Iran's Nuclear Deal. It is now clear that there is no other way than to de-escalate tensions with the United States and other countries and the start of unconditional negotiation. We hope that the civil struggles of the people of our country and the public opinion of the world will pressure both sides to pave the way for solving these problems.



The statement adds:

The Left Party of Iran (People's Fadaian) salutes the Iranian people, especially the political prisoners and the families of the martyrs who stood up for the truth and justice. We salute those men and women who oppose discrimination and fight for freedom and equality. Our party salutes the workers,

the toilers, the teachers and the retirees who continue to fight for their rightful demands. We greet those writers and intellectuals and artists who hold the banner of liberty. LPI salutes the leftist and democratic fighters who are ready to sacrifice their lives for freedom and social justice. We hope that the New Year will be a year for the people of our country to achieve their goals. Our party wishes all freedom fighters to unite in order to bury the ruling regime of our country and reach freedom and democracy and pave the way towards justice and equality. We hope that passion and enthusiasm flourish in the body and soul of our people while discrimination weakens. Let the seeds of hope to sprout in the heart of the homeland and the fragrance of freedom be sown in the skies of Iran as wide as possible.

Hoping for such a day, Happy Nowruz and Welcome Spring!

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Formation of the Congress of the 12 United Left Fronts of Spain



Dear comrades,

On the 26th and 27th of this month, the United Left Front of Spain holds its twelfth



General Assembly which is equivalent to the holding of a Congress. In this General Assembly, the socio-political trends of Spain and the world are discussed, as well as the adoption of strategic decisions in the areas and the election of a new leadership for our political organization.

We are holding the General Assembly at a time when the world is witnessing the decline of the United States as the dominant superpower and at the same time the rise of China as another superpower.

Although the problems caused by the presence of the Corona virus force us to hold our General Assembly virtually, because of the fraternal relations and cooperation we have with political parties and organizations, we would like to invite your party to our twelfth General Assembly.

In the coming days, we will send the technical details for your representative to attend the inaugural meeting and the Secretary General's speech. These are the moments we would like to share with you.

We would be delighted to meet you at our Virtual General Assembly.

With the most sincere brotherly greetings.

Alberto Garzon Spinosa: Secretary General

Fern Perez: Head of International Relations



Message to the Twelfth Congress of the United Left Front of Spain, March 26 and 27, 2021

Dear Comrades,

It is a pleasure to share this with the Congress of the United Left Front of Spain.

Your party is seriously pursuing the goals it has set for socialist, republican, feminist, environmental protection and international solidarity.

In a year of participation in the ruling coalition, Podemos has achieved significant success in fighting Corona and the fight against neoliberal capitalism and right-wing populism and in defending the interests of the workers and the working class.

Our party pursues the same goals as you for peace, freedom, democracy and social justice.

The most important obstacle to advancing our goals is the Islamic Republic and its human rights violations and on the one hand the back-breaking sanctions of the United States of America which puts the most pressure on the working class of our country.

With sincere hopes for our efforts to succeed.

While expressing my sincere solidarity with you, I wish the forthcoming Congress success in achieving the goals set forth.

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