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**Fadaian Organization (aghaliyat) - Committee Abroad**

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**The Stockholm Conference Has Been A Success**

## **A Socialist Alternative is Both Necessary and Possible!**

"A socialist alternative is necessary and possible", was said at the Stockholm Conference, called by six Iranian communist parties and organisations. The Conference was held on 22 September in Stockholm.

Yadi Shishvani from "Communist Fadaian Unity Organisation", Salah Mazuji from the "Communist Party of Iran", Siavosh Daneshvar from "Worker Communist Party (Hekmatist)", Hassan Hesam from the "Rahe Kargar" (Workers' Way) Organisation, Azam Nouri from Fadian Organisation (Aghaliyat) and Saeed Sohrabi from "Haste Aghaliyat" (Minority Cell) all spoke at the conference. Participants were given sufficient time to express their opinions. Organisers of the conference issued two

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## **Main points of the Immediate Programme of the Fadaian Organisation (Aghaliyat)**

### **For overthrowing of the Islamic Republic and establishing a soviet government**

The Fadaian Organisation (Aghaliyat) is struggling for a social revolution and a socialist society which will consist of free and equal men and women. The immediate political task of this revolution is to overthrow of the Islamic Republic, smash the state apparatus and create a soviet government. The soviet government will immediately implement:

In the soviet government, which is the most advanced type of democracy; masses exert their direct rule through the soviets that function as both legislating and executing bodies. Functionaries will no longer be appointed but will be elected by the majority of voters, and can be recalled and ejected by electorate as immediately. The maximum wages of the

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functionaries will not be higher than a skilled worker's. compulsory military services will be abolished, and people will be armed under the command of soviets. The nationwide congress of the delegates from the soviets of workers and tailors in urban and rural areas will be the highest ruling institution in the soviet government.

State and religion will be completely separated in the soviet government. All privileges for religions, and designating a religion as the official religion will be nullified. Grants from the national budget to religious institutions will be totally banned. Schools and universities will be absolutely free from religious control.

The equality of all citizens, and their enjoyment of full political liberties, unconditional freedom of conscience, expression, media, assembly, demonstration and strike, the formation of political parties, trade unions, councils and economic and democratic organisations will be guaranteed and censorship will be eradicated.

Sex-based oppression and discrimination will be uprooted, and all discriminatory laws against women will be re-

voked. Women will enjoy full equal social and political rights with men. Women will be paid equally for equal work. Compulsory code of dressing will be banned.

National oppression and discrimination will be abrogated, and the ethnicities living in Iran will be given extensive regional autonomy. All these ethnicities will be given the right to speak and study in their own language, and use their languages in the workplaces, meetings and public and state departments.

A comprehensive social security system will be created for workers and tailors so that everybody will enjoy social security benefits throughout his/her life. Education up to secondary level will be compulsory for all. Higher education will be free for all. Everybody must benefit from decent accommodation. Until providing housing for the entire population, rents will be decided proportional to workers' wages. A housing benefit will be paid by the government to make up the housing cost. The soviet government shall provide job for all job seekers. As long as unemployment has not been eradicated, a job seeker's al-



The Organisation of Fadaian (aghaliyat) is a communist organisation that fights for overthrowing of capitalist order and establishing of a communist society.

The Organisations of Fadaian (aghaliyat) fights for establishing a society without classes where every sort of exploitation, oppression, discrimination, social inequality and suppression are abolished. All the society's free and equal members live in happiness, welfare and their abilities are thrived.

The immediate goal of the Organisation of Fadaian (aghaliyat) is overthrowing the Islamic Republic of Iran and establishing the Soviet State of Workers and Toilers. Soviet State, which is the manifestation of the most consequent and complete form of democracy, will establish the broadest and most complete form of political freedoms, and with fulfillment the democratic, social and welfare demands the socialistic changes will begin.

**Long live Socialism!**

lowance will be paid proportional to living conditions of the jobless people.

Temporary work contracts will be abolished, all workers will be employed as permanent employees. The minimum wage will be determined proportional to the costs borne by a four-member family. All workers will benefit from full social insurance. Maximum work hours will be limited to 40 hours a week. Workers will have two days off and one month paid leave. Work hours of the workers engaged in mines and other hard and hazardous jobs will be reduced to six hours a day and 30 hours a week. Child labour and the work of people under 18 will be banned. Men at the age of 55, or after working for 25 years, will be retired. For women, the retirement age will be 50, or after working for 20 years. The minimum age and work experience in hard and hazardous jobs will be 45 years and 20 years, respectively. Workers' representatives will have the right to dismiss employees and supervise the recruitment process. The labour law will be written in cooperation with workers' organisations and associations. Internal regulations for manufactures will be enacted by workers' representatives.

All debts of poor peasants to the government and banks, financial institutions, capitalists, landowners and usurers will be forgiven. The peasants will be paid interest-free loans, and their needs for technology, machinery, fertilizers, seeds etc. will be met. The government will improve transportation, irrigation, water transmission, medical centres and cultural facilities in order to upgrade welfare in villages.

All large industries and businesses owned by

big capitalists, imperialist monopolies and religious institutions will be nationalised. Banks will be nationalised and merged into one state bank. Means of communication, big transportation firms and foreign trade will be nationalised. Distribution of goods will be based on a cooperative planning. All lands, ranges, forests, natural and underground resources will be nationalised. All lands owned by big landowners and religious foundations and endowment properties under the Islamic laws will be confiscated and immediately transferred to the peasants organised in cooperatives and unions. Indirect taxation will be abolished, and a rising tax on wealth, incomes and inheritance will be levied. The use of commercial secrets will be banned and workers' soviets will exert control over production and distribution.

Secret diplomacy will be abandoned, and the people will be informed of negotiations, pacts and treaties with other states. All enslaving treaties will be revoked.

### Fadaian Organisation (Aghaliyat)



statements titled *"A socialist alternative is necessary and possible"* and *"A message to the Iranian working class"* which were read. About 230 activists attended the conference and more than 20,000 viewed it live through media.

We will post the text here:

### **Stockholm Conference September 2018**

## **A socialist alternative is necessary and possible!**

Iran is at the threshold of a crucial political development. Mass labour protests are growing everywhere and are pushing the country towards an all-out revolutionary crisis. The Islamic Republic, as the Islamic rule of capitalists, has put workers and toilers in a situation that they really think they have nothing to lose but their chains. February and January protests were the crux of political and class conflicts in Iran, and have re-emerged with the tide of mass and labour protests.

Today, all forces and antagonistic classes know that the present situation cannot last long. The Islamic Republic is over in the minds of a large part of the population, and an alternative to it is the order of the day. The ruling classes, including the legal opposition and representatives of the bourgeois opposition, are trying to direct the power handover with minimum intervention of workers and toilers. The entire failed Islamic reformism, referendum, national reconciliation and alternative-forging are aimed to keep the bourgeois state apparatus and its oppressive organs intact against the revolutionary action of the working class and the left/socialist camp.

We are fighting for a revolutionary overthrow of the Islamic Republic and smashing all organs and institutions within it that the power of the ruling classes rests on. We believe that the revolutionary overthrow of the Islamic Republic should lead to a social revolution and stripping bourgeoisie of its political and economic power, and constructing a new worker and socialist order. The government coming out of this process will be of the type of the Paris Commune and soviets that ensure the rule of the majority of citizens, a government that will eliminate class differentiation, the conditions in which classes persist, and ultimately will remove itself as the rule of class and will replace the old bourgeois society and its class conflicts, with a society where individuals' freedom and actualization of potentials would be a precondition for the freedom of all people and the actualization of their potentials.

While overthrowing the regime is the main theme in Iran's politics today, the most essential question is how to put an end to the Islamic Republic and how to answer the question of political power. Different social classes and their campaigns and parties present depict this process and the alternative system differently. To bourgeois forces and the right camp – including monarchists and the People's Mujahedin Organisation of Iran (MEK) as well as nationalist forces, which support a military intervention or a coup, and also centrists and republicans, which have always stuck to a wing of the regime and now, bankrupt and hopeless, support a "referendum" and "free elections" under this regime and in other words compromise and collaboration with the rulers. To them "overthrowing" means saving the apparatus of repression, compromise with the political Islam and religious



and institutions and military and security organisation, cutting the hand of workers from political power, detaching mass protests from political demands, promising trivial changes and reforms, continuing the status quo, and reconstructing the capitalist state.

We, the parties and organisations in this conference, as part of the working class and socialist camp in Iran, declare that we resist any bourgeois compromise and any attempt to forge so-called alternatives in the absence of the working class and toilers, and we will not accept any bourgeois states, whose common essential mission is to continue exploitation, repression, and humiliation.

The conference announces that a socialist alternative is possible, necessary and urgent. We will do everything in our power to build such an alternative. This alternative embraces extensive forces; the workers and toilers who no longer tolerate exploitation, poverty, servitude and suppression; the women who challenge a sexual apartheid and patriarchal discrimination; the young people who are struggling with joblessness and despondency; the people who are combating environmental catastrophes and the regime's indifference have launched vast campaigns; the freedom fighters who seek an end to despotism and long for unconditional liberties of conscience, expression and assembly; and all those who struggle for eliminating oppression and discrimination, and gaining freedom. This colossal mass must find its place in the socialist alternative camp.

We sincerely believe that the advancement of the working class, with its organisation in councils and independent labour organisations, in the

course of growing strikes and protests and their solidarity with other social movements, with a socialist prospect and strategy, can ensure the revolutionary subversion of the Islamic Republic and class relations and open a future free from the miseries of the capitalist system. Hence, the government which raises from the revolution, a soviet worker government, should dissolve the army, the so-called revolutionary Guards, the police and all organs of suppression, bureaucratic apparatus, propaganda and ideological machine of the Islamic Republic and abolish sharia law and other inhuman laws of the regime. Such government should arm workers and revolutionary people in defence of their freedom against the resistance of the Islamic counter-revolution, and counter the aggression of any force to the people's liberties and rights. This government will declare the overthrow of the Islamic Republic and will guarantee the advance of the revolution of workers and toilers by taking fundamental measures as follows:

Enforcing the workers and toilers' power through the organs of their direct rule, expanding soviets in the workplaces, communities, cities, regions and throughout the country in place of the Islamic Republic through implementing universal suffrage and secret balloting for all citizens, employing all forms of direct participation of masses. All people above 16 will have the right to be a candidate for all elective posts. The majority of electors will have the right to recall representatives at all levels

Detaining, trying and punishing leaders of the Islamic Republic in open courts



Releasing political prisoners, abolishing the "political crime", eliminating political prisons, abolishing capital punishment and torture

Separation of religion from education, freedom of accepting religion or being non-religious, abolishing all religious laws, dissolving religious foundations and institutions and confiscating property and endowments and spending their resources to meet the people's urgent needs

Enforcing worker control on production and distribution

Providing livelihood and welfare for all citizens, according to today world's standards, by soviets and elected organs of workers, providing unemployment allowance for all job seekers above 16 and all those who cannot work because of physical or mental problems, providing free education and health for citizens.

Abolishing sexual discrimination and oppression by smashing sexual apartheid, revoking anti-woman discriminatory laws, declaring full unconditional equality of men and women in all aspects of personal and social life, creating equal opportunities for them.

Prohibiting child work, providing and ensuring education, health and happy life for children, treating as a crime any type of child abuse and sexual offence against children, protecting children by the government.

Rejecting all types of oppression, discrimination and inequality by declaring full equality

of citizens irrespective of gender, religion, nationality, race; destroying national oppression and resolving national question by recognising the self-determination right and the right of separation by referring to the votes of nationalities. Meanwhile, we favour free and wilful unity of all inhabitants of Iran, and we believe this unity benefits the working class and masses of toilers.

Unconditional freedom of conscience, expression, press, assembly, organisation, and strike. Prohibition of inquisition

Abolishing commercial secrets and secret diplomacy

Taking urgent and immediate measures to protect the environment, including vital water, soil and clean air

Establishing social ownership of key industries, banks, services and trades in the transitional revolutionary period

To socialists and leftists, the implementation of above demands is the content and meaning of the revolutionary overthrow of the Islamic Republic. We call workers, toilers, communists, left and revolutionary forces, labour organisations, women's equality movements and other political and socialist activists to endeavour for the defeat the Islamic Republic under the banner of socialism. For this camp, it is vital to propagate the prospect, meaning and the content of a revolutionary overthrow of the Islamic Republic and relying on it in every stage of the struggle and balance of power.

The Stockholm Conference calls on communists, workers, toiling masses and free-



dom fighters to join the Socialist Alternative and play a role in forming it and helping its triumph. We have entered a fateful period that will determine the destiny of next generations. Our today's revolutionary decision, will and practice can forge this future. A socialist alternative is necessary and possible. This alternative should put an end to miseries of capitalism through fighting against the Islamic Republic and overthrowing it.

Down with the capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic!

Long live freedom, long live socialism!

Long live the unity of activists in the socialist alternative!

A spectre is haunting Iran, and the proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains...

### **Signatures:**

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 Organisation of Rahe Kargar (Workers' Way)  
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### **We support the...**

demands through solidarity and the continuation of their nationwide strike, through the support of other drivers and workers, and through organized combat.

The organization of Fadaian (Aghaliyat) again supports the nationwide strike of truck drivers and all their demands.

The Fadaian (Aghaliyat) Organization welcomes the solidarity and support of the strikers by the workers of the Khuzistan Provincial Passenger Fleet and uses this occasion to call for solidarity by all other drivers, dockers, urban bus drivers in all provinces hoping these will join the call Nationwide.

While the Fadaian (Aghaliyat) organization supports and defends the activists of the nationwide strikes and their efforts to establish independent organizations and conduct organized combat, it strongly condemns the arrest and intimidation of these activists and calls for their immediate and unconditional release.

**Long live solidarity and the nationwide strike!**

**Down with the regime of the Islamic Republic! - Long live the council government!  
 Long live freedom! - Long live socialism!**

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**Fadaian Organization (aghaliyat)  
 Work - Bread - Liberty - Council Government**

## **We support the nationwide strike of truck drivers and strongly condemn the arrest and intimidation of strike activists!**

According to the latest news reaching our organization, the security forces of the Islamic Republic are attacking and arresting workers in the nationwide strike of truck drivers in numerous cities. Other activists of the strike, who are mainly active in social media, are also threatened and intimidated by repressive bodies. Many others have been summoned in by the security forces.

On the fifth day of the third round of the nationwide strike of truck drivers, the government officials responsible have not only failed to respond to the demands of the strikers, but have chosen open confrontation out of fear to stop the unity and soli-

arity of truck drivers and stop the spread of the strike to other industries. Oppression has been put on their agenda.

The solidarity strikes with the truck drivers, such as the passenger fleets in Khuzistan province, which also protested against the miserable economic situation, continued today. Some travel companies such as Iran Peyma, Hamsafar, T.B.T, Royal Safar and several other companies in the cities of Ahwaz, Abadan, Khoramshahr, Mahshahr, Izeh and elsewhere have canceled their full service and canceled ticket sales.

The nationwide strike of truck drivers and truckers and the solidarity strike of Khuzistan province's public passenger fleet have multiplied the fear of the regime of the Islamic Republic.

Nevertheless, there are some responsible people who deny that they are even in a strike going on. The head of the Roads and Transport Organization, who is also Deputy Minister of Transport and Urban Planning, obscenely questions the nationwide truck driver strike. While many truck drivers have to stop working due to old and worn tires, he claims that the tires distributed over the past month went beyond the needs of the road transport fleet and more than 130,000 rubber tires were distributed among truck drivers. At the same time the forgetful liar promises that from next week tires would be distributed.

It is clear that the strikers can not and should not believe the empty promises of the government organs. They can only make their



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The victory of our strike depends on your support

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