

Iranian Khuzestan; Protest over water shortage turned into anti-regime demonstration

People in the southern city of Khorramshahr, Khuzestan Province, engaged in clashes with the police forces. Oil-rich Khuzestan suffers from high unemployment rate, ethical pressures against Iranian Arabs, poverty and environmental crises. However, this time the protest started over the shortage of drinking water and the salinity of the tap water. Although several large rivers are running in the province, the people don't have access to clean water.

On 29 June, masses of the working people came out against this intolerable situation. The regime, instead of listening to the people's demand, sent the police to suppress them. The people confronted the police by changing

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Last week, the regime's supreme leader Khomeini convoked a meeting with President Rouhani and the cabinet. The meeting discussed economic problems and social crises that have panicked the regime's officials.

The escalation of the economic crisis as well as mass protests across the country had compelled Khomeini to form a supreme economic council in order to coordinate the regime's policies. Apparently, the formation of this council, where pro-Rouhani elements have a majority, actually give a greater role to Rouhani. However, this could not prevent the conservative Council of Guardians from rejecting Rouhani's bills for joining the international anti-money laundering convention.

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slogans "death to dictator", "death to Khamenei" and "death to Rouhani". The police shot at the protesting people and wounded 11. Again, the regime's officials described the protesting people as "saboteurs and rioters". The police arrested ten and announced it has planned to arrest 35 more.

The people in other cities and towns, such as Abadan, Sar Bandar, Kut Abdollah, Khur Musa, Ahvaz and Mahshahr, showed solidarity with Khorramshahr.

The protest in Khorramshahr once more showed that the people's campaigns across the country has a similar content, and it is to change the situation radically through overthrowing the Islamic regime. As was seen, protests over drinking wa-

ter shortage quickly turned into a political protest. Similar protests broke out in Bushehr and Borazjan in southern Iran.

But what should be learnt from Khorramshahr? The people must know that a real unity and solidarity, and not just express-



ing solidarity, is needed. If masses in other cities poured into streets and supported Khuzestan's people the regime would not have been able to send hordes of anti-riot mercenaries to suppress the protest. This is a weak point of the movement that is exploited by the regime.

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The regime mobilises its forces all over the country and send them to isolated and separate campaign. Iranian people across the country must recognise any campaigns as part of their struggle against a common enemy.

The other shortcoming with this stage of the struggle is the absence of organised involvement of Iranian proletariat. In almost all current protests, workers and their families are the main force but the fact is that they take part as an amorphous mass. Only when workers across the country organise a political mass strike the regime will lose its power and the path will be paved for the consolidation of protests in all towns and cities, and these various forms of struggle will finally lead to an armed insurrection and the fall of the Islamic Republic.

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Whether the bills are approved or no, the economic and political crises are so deep that the Islamic regime can only count its last days. The regime's tactics can at best increase make life a bit longer.

Health Minister Hassan Hashemi said last week: "The storm is imminent, we must realise that the crisis is serious". Another cabinet member asked for the formation of a group in the cabinet to cope with the crisis.

Rouhani has promised that the people would not suffer from any problems regarding energy, transportation and staple goods. But this is just an expression of inability of the regime. The people already face problems in providing their needs. A glance at the current circumstances shows that the Islamic regime does not have

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Regime continues imprisoning university students

The Iranian regime has started harassing and prosecuting university students because of their participation in nationwide January protests alongside workers and the poor. On 18 June, Tehran University students staged a rally against the security forces' breaking in colleges and arresting students and the shameless sentences by the courts that have decided to put students behind bars from two to eight years. The sentences are so shocking that even the Education Ministry officials have shown "dissatisfaction" and said they would discuss this with judiciary officials.

The judiciary that was silent on the outrageous sentences finally confirmed five students have been sentenced to between one

to eight years in prison while the Education Ministry officials said that the number of the students involved was 11. The Tehran prosecutor general resorted to the bare-thread accusations that the students have been in contact with exiled political parties.

The Iranian student movement has a 60 year notable history of militancy. University students have always been in the forefront of fighting alongside the working class. During January's protests, which marked a turning point, this was reflected in students' slogans against both ruling factions, the regime has angrily decided to punish students and as a way to try to block the growth of left wing ideas. We condemn the imprisonment of Iranian students and call for their immediate and unconditional freedom.

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any means to tackle the crisis. Despite its huge oil revenues and release of frozen assets from the West, the economic recession has escalated and the inflation rate has increased.

The Islamic Republic is dying but the important question is that what is going to replace it. To answer this question, one must say what government and relations can resolve these problems and satisfy the needs of workers and toilers. The working people's demands are job, social security, housing and freedom. Undoubtedly, no bourgeois force has a solution to these demands because the current problems have roots in the governing capitalists system, and the deep class differentiation is a result of the capitalist relations. Only the soviet government of workers and toilers and socialism can put an end to these problems and present a way out of the crisis.



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