

The bourgeois alternative to the continuation of capital accumulation

**In the margin of the reformists victory in the
presidential election of Iran**



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Introduction

When Iran's Interior Ministry announced the successful presidential election, and the victory of the reformist candidate, Hassan Rohani, the Bourgeoisie held a carnival of triumph and joy. Instead of green, this time the color purple symbolized the reform movement. This victorious applause and fanfare caused Tehran's stock exchange to prosper, and the value of the Rial, the Iranian national currency, increased against foreign currencies. The ideologues and journalists of the bourgeoisie focused on the victory of the reformist candidate. Politicians from around the world expressed their hopes for the reform process in Iran and even sent congratulatory letters. Despite being unstable and temporary, the reformist victory is a victory for the whole bourgeoisie. Understanding and evaluating the context of this bourgeois triumph and its consequences is important for the working class and the class struggle.

The victory of Rohani from the perspective of the left of capital

Before the presidential election, the left of capital announced that there were no conditions for their involvement in the election, so the election is ordered, is

an appointment and their boycott of the election consequently gave rise to a lively political atmosphere. We have examined this question in detail in our pamphlet, "Parliamentarianism means the dictatorship of the capital, long live the Communist Revolution" and have emphasized that the left of capital are not opposed to the concept of parliamentary elections, but they are rather protesting against the conditions of election. It was in such a context that in the electoral circus, the radical phrase tendencies of the left of capital, worse than the traditional tendencies of the anti-revolutionary left of capital, carried out demagoguery and threw dust in the eyes of the working class.

Worker Communists, the Hekmatis fraction, tried to take advantage of these conditions to play the role of pressure groups and put pressure on the Islamic regime rather than the bourgeoisie, and enforced the political opening of the Islamic regime and wrote:

"We have announced that the period of so-called election campaign of the ruling faction still can and should be the scene of the largest protests of the people against the whole of government and all of its factions. Maximum pressure can be put on the Islamic regime in these days. We can disrupt their calculations and turn it to the benefit

of the people and to the opening of the political space.”[1]

Due to the high voter turnout at the election, 72.7 percent (at the same time as the disaffiliation of about 27 percent of the people in the electoral circus) and Hassan Rohani’s majority vote, the left of capital announced that this “No” was «the great “no” of people to the Khamenei». Both factions of the Organization of the Revolutionary Workers of Iran, as well as the faction named “Central Committee” and even “the Executive Board” reiterated this demagoguery. Worker Communists also repeated this disgusting demagoguery. Siavash Daneshvar, a member of the Central Committee of the Worker Communist Party - Hekmatist (the faction of Rahman Hosseinzadeh) writes:

"If we put aside a small fraction of [people] who believe that Rohani, Rafsanjani and etc are their true political representatives, most people with pragmatic calculations have shown, through their vote, that they didn't vote for Rohani but rather said “no” to the current situation. It's not voting for the regime and most of all it is not a vote for Rohani. It is a “no” protest against the government and an effort to create a gap in it.”[2]

The other faction of the Hekmatist sect, namely the Moderesi faction, also repeat the same disgusting nonsense that the people voted in the election to say no to the Supreme, and they wrote:

“The lack of votes for the conservatives [(principalists), the name that they call themselves] and the sympathizers of the Supreme, was a “no” to the core of the Islamic Republic and the Supreme. The failure of the conservatives and especially the negligible votes of Jalilee [the closest candidate to the Supreme] literally means a rejection of the regime’s nuclear policy, a policy under the direct leadership of the Supreme. It is true that people under such circumstances participated in the election, but still they held their color and put their stamp on the election, by saying “no” to the candidates of the regime.”[3]

The Worker Communist Party of Iran led by Hamid Taghvaei, who, during the protests in 2009 against election fraud (calling for the removal of Mousavi as president) announced the start of the revolution and played the role of the left wing of the green movement, has also declared the victory of Hassan Rohani as a sign

of widespread protest of the people against the Islamic Republic and wrote:

“The mockery of the Islamic Republic's election has ended ... but the result is, before anything else, a further sign of the widespread protest and outrage of the people against the Islamic Republic.” [4]

Due to the reasons given by the political apparatus of the left of capital, the election of Hassan Rohani was a “no” protest against the government. The real translation of this argument is that the left of capital, by boycotting the election, also boycotted the protests and was against the protestations of the people. Such delusions indicate on the one hand the anti-revolutionary positions and on the other hand the loss of structural consistency even within the same anti-revolutionary positions.

Ali Jawadi, another member of the Central Committee of the Worker Communist Party - Hekmatist, in contradiction to his party comrade (Siavash Daneshvar), claims that people did not participate in the elections, because there was not a free election. Because if the elections were free, the candidates of the Islamist regime also wouldn't get a hundred votes! The Ali Jawadi's reasoning is that, in countries where there are

free elections, a “vote” is the vote of the people and parliamentary representatives, who are the true representatives of the people. In other words, the left of capital deny the role of ideologues and the media in the creation of public opinion and forget the important doctrine of the great thinker of the proletariat, Marx, that the ruling ideas in any society is the opinion of the ruling class. Ali Javadi uses seemingly radical words such as the following demagoguery, writing:

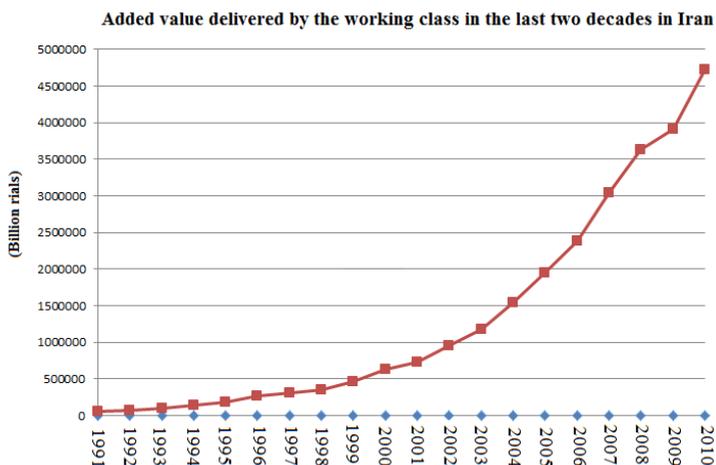
"The claim of the Khamenei, the leader of the thugs of the Islamic regime that says that each vote in this “election” is a vote for the Islamic regime, is false. The truth is this: these are people who have no choice; their vote doesn't reflect their opinion. They are not showing support for the regime's thugs. These people are seeking the overthrow of the regime. Even those parts of the community that actually, and not on the basis of claims of the Islamic regime, participated in the mock election of the regime, did not vote for anyone...according to Mansoor Hekmat, not only in a free election but even in elections like those of Afghanistan, Turkey and Pakistan, monsters like these do not get a hundred votes. From our

point of view, the people did not participate in any “election”.[5]

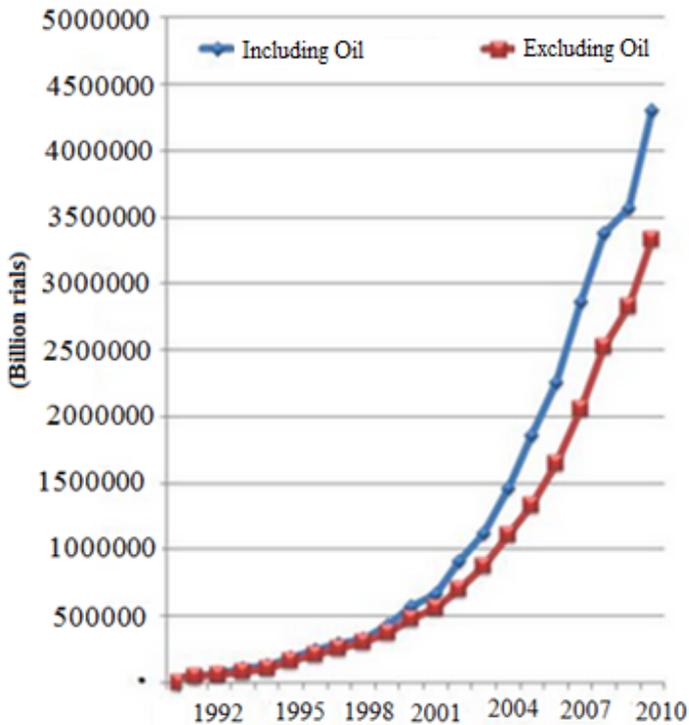
The contexts of Rohani’s selection

As we've already announced, for its survival capital needs the accumulation of capital, without which capitalism is meaningless. The capital according to the circumstances of time and history can take the form of different political superstructures such as Nazi ideology in Nazi Germany, social democracy in Western Europe, Stalinism in the Eastern Bloc, Maoism in China, Islam in Iran and so on. But what they all have in common is that the capital does not know God, democracy, Nazism, but only the accumulation of capital, because as a living organism, if fresh blood does not come into its life cycle it dies.

With the beginning of the reconstruction resulting from the reactionary and imperialist war between Iran and Iraq that began with the arrival of the “Commander construction” (Rafsanjani) and continued for eight years with Khatami and Ahmadinejad, in other words, over two decades after the end of the war and the beginning of reconstruction, the exploitation of the working class of Iran has been unprecedented **in the history of capitalism in Iran.**



Over these years the working class of Iran has delivered thousands of trillions of rials of added value to the community of Iran, while the majority of the working class of Iran lives below the poverty line. The Statistical Center of Iran has presented a diagram where the source of the undeniable fact is stated clearly and in detail. The above diagram, whose source is the Statistical Center of Iran, expresses this undeniable truth with clarity and detail. The opposite chart shows that the source is the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic with very little difference in the figures, as confirmed by the Statistical Center of Iran, and states the generated added value including oil and also excluding oil.



But the accumulation of capital in Iran in recent years has faced problems including the global crisis of capitalism on the one hand and the international bourgeoisie's sanctions on the other.

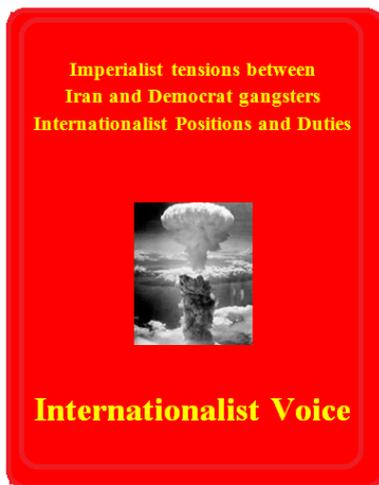
Let's not forget, for the first time, in the past two years Iran has had two consecutive years of negative growth. The continuation of this situation is unacceptable and harmful to the capital. In such circumstances, the

bourgeoisie must be able to guarantee the reproduction of social capital as a part of international capital. The risks and difficulties of impeding the production of surplus value and consequently the process of capital accumulation must be removed and the bourgeoisie must prepare itself for the protests and rebellions of the working class.

It was supposed that Hassan Rohani would play the role of a saviour of the Islamic bourgeoisie when he entered the field. He stressed the adverse factions within the Islamic bourgeoisie. On the one hand he is supposed to reduce the tension within the various factions of the bourgeoisie and also between the Islamic bourgeoisie and the democrat gangsters, and on the other hand he is supposed to prevent the radicalization of workers' protests, by spreading illusions and poisonous propaganda within the working class under the reformist banner.

Iran, in line with its imperialist ambitions, demands the right to play a regional power role.

Large gangsters (big imperialists) want to weaken its



role. Turkey and Saudi Arabia are the other gangsters who have a claim to regional power. (For more information see the pamphlet “Imperialist tensions between Iran and the Democratic gangsters - Internationalist positions”). We should not forget that America, in order to protect its imperialist interests and in order to impose itself as the World's only superpower, changed the regimes in Iraq and Afghanistan, (with a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars) and in practice provided the contexts of Iranian influence in Iraq and Afghanistan and actually helped Iran in its claim to become a regional power. But the crisis in Syria and the consequent tension between Iran and Hamas has weakened Iran's position. On the other hand the recent protests in Turkey were in favour of the Islamic bourgeoisie.

Iran continues to insist on its imperialist interests and plays its role as a regional power, rejecting the pressure and punishment of big gangsters who try to appease its demand and position. It is in line with these ambitions that the parliamentary speaker of the Islamic bourgeoisie stated:

“Without economic power, we can not play an effective role in the world.”



This tension seems to have assumed the form of a nuclear crisis and has become one of the major problems between Iran and the Democrat gangsters and in this tension Iran's attempts to acquire nuclear technology is the major problem. The undeniable fact is that the nuclear crisis is a code name for the imperialist tensions between Iran and the Democrat gangsters.

Iran, despite the punishments of the Democrat gangsters, continues to pursue its ambitions in line with demanding regional power. Even the supreme leader of the Islamic bourgeoisie, Khamenei, admits to this fact; he declared that resolving the nuclear issue of Iran would be an easy task if the West set aside its grudge policy, in other words, if the west accepts the right of Iran as a regional power. The Supreme Leader of the Islamic bourgeoisie says:

“Some countries that constitute the opposite front of Iran and falsely call themselves the international community, do not, with their grudge policy, want to resolve the nuclear issue but if they put aside the grudge policy, resolving the Iranian nuclear issue is easy and simple work.”

It should not be forgotten, that despite the fact that Pakistan achieved nuclear technology and even attempted to produce nuclear weapons, the West did not punish Pakistan as much as Iran. One of the important reasons for this is that Pakistan does not claim to play a regional power role.

The new and necessary tactics of the Islamic bourgeoisie are to reduce sanctions or at least prevent them from spreading. The reduction of sanctions or at least the non-proliferation of sanctions will give the Islamic bourgeoisie the opportunity to remove a part of the problem of the accumulation of capital.

It was in order to achieve these objectives and conditions that the Supreme Leader, for the first time in the history of the Islamic bourgeoisie, preferred “Iranianess” to “Muslimness” and, to ensure the security of the capitalist system, entered the scene for the

“realization of an epic election” only a few days before the election and said:

“Even those who don’t support the Islamic system will vote because of the country.... It may be that someone, for some reason, will not support the Islamic system but will want to support his country.”[6]

Who is the criminal Hassan Rohani?

Hassan Rohani is one of the few clerics who, since 1961, has had a close acquaintance with the criminal Khomeini and he is the first person that gave the «Imam» title to the criminal Khomeini [it must be stressed that the imam position in the Shiiti of Islam is of very great importance, only a handful in the history of Shiiti has received such position and got such a title]. Hassan Rohani was a Representative of Parliament for years, representing the Assembly of Experts, a member of the



Expediency Discernment Council and representative of the supreme leader in the National Security Council. Hassan Rohani was the deputy war commander during the reactionary and imperialist Iran-Iraq war (1983 - 1985) and from 1985 to 1988 was head of the central headquarters of Khatamolanbya. He was the commander of the air defense of the armed forces between 1986 and 1996.

Hassan Rohani will bring reform, freedom and prosperity to the people of Iran. The basic question is who is going to carry out these reforms? In their first action, supporters of the same reform saviour were arrested by security forces. In the meeting on the 2nd of June 2013, supporters of Hassan Rohani (who are supposed to be an extra division for the reform government), that attempted to chant slogans were arrested by security agents and subsequently the chiefs of Hassan Rohani's campaign released a statement demanding the release of the detainees. Rather than complaining that the arrest of the supporters was wrong, he preferred to prevent the creation of scandal and attracting the attention of foreign media and wrote:

“The release of the youths who were trying to create a political epic shall take place

immediately in order to to prevent scandal and attracting the attention of foreign media.”[7]

Even more absurdly, a few days after the arrest of Hassan Rohani’s supporters in Tehran, members of his campaign staff were arrested by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards on the 18th of June 2013 on charges of “disturbing public order”, and the next day were transferred to Tabriz prison.

Despite all of this, Hassan Rohani is loyal to the supreme leader and at the announcement of the final results of the presidential election on June 16, 2013 , Hassan Rohani met with Supreme Leader Khamenei. The Supreme Leader, while wishing him success, provided him with the necessary guidance.

Continuing his loyalty to the Islamic bourgeoisie, Hassan Rohani’s first action after declaring his victory was to visit the grave of the executioner Khomeini, once again renewing his covenant



to continue to adhere to the goals of that criminal. [8]

Hassan Rohani is one of the links in the chain of the bourgeoisie who has had an important role in all the

crimes of the Islamic Republic. His opinion of the student uprising (that it had become an extra division of the reform movement during the events of 9 July 1999), shows how he clings to his loyalties tooth and nail:

"These few hundred thugs are not something that should concern our nation or the dear and champion people of Tehran. Which country in the world tolerates such violent actions as these? These people are far too low and humble for us to explain their actions as an attempt to overthrow. Where in the world and in which country and which state are riots, vandalism and disruption of the public order such this tolerated? Unless the security authorities of the powerful Islamic Republic of Iran will tolerate these events... the continuation of this situation for our system, our country and our nation will not be tolerated. Yesterday an absolute command was given about these elements, yesterday evening a decisive command was issued: any kind of action by these opportunistic elements, wherever they may be, will be severely and decisively dealt with and they will be crushed ... fortunately, most of these elements were arrested yesterday and last night. All of

these people will be interrogated. Among those arrested are evil people, criminals, supporters of bankrupt and opposition groups, people who were suspected of bribery, all of these things are seen.”[9]

Why was there not election fraud?

The basic question that arises is why the fundamentalist faction, led by the supreme leader, did not try at all costs to seal the victory of their preferred candidate? Something they did with the vote in 2009, when they engineered the vote process. The fact is that the bourgeoisie finally came to the conclusion that in the current situation, in the face of the collapse of the economy (for the first time Iran has had two consecutive years of negative economic growth), international sanctions and the threat of military strikes, the threat of riots and mass protests, Hassan Rohani can better respond to the challenges and save the sinking ship of the bourgeoisie from imminent destruction than candidates of the fundamentalist wing of the bourgeoisie can. The Conservative faction of the bourgeoisie, with their military and security forces (Revolutionary Guards, military, Ministry of intelligence information) did not consciously try to carry out election fraud like in 2009. In

order to avoid possible revolts, a bankrupt economy, regional and international isolation, runaway inflation and high unemployment, a temporary retreat of this faction was necessary.

Hassan Rohani is the Islamic bourgeoisie's alternative response to new critical conditions. He is supposed to pull the shipwreck of the Islamic bourgeoisie from the storm and be the savior of the bourgeoisie from the crisis that has taken it over. Not only the leader of the conservative bourgeoisie but even the links in the different institutions have come to this conclusion. Hossein Alaei, the former commander of Revolutionary Guards, in an article entitled "Victory of the people", writes:

"In their elections the people have shown that they do not like the foreign policies of the country over the past 8 years ... So, with the arrival of a new government, the people want to see an improvement in Iran's international position and increase Iranian credibility in the world."[10]

Abbas Ali Kadkhodai, the spokesperson of the Guardian Council at the time of the election (he is no longer a member of the Guardian Council), maintained

the correctness of the election and in an interview with the TV News network on 15th June 2013, he announced that:

“This election is the election where we did not observe any violations.”

In other words, one of the high authorities namely the spokesman of the Guardian Council declared that this time there was not election fraud. In other words, what Mr. Kadkhodai means is that this time they did not try or did not want to carry out election fraud, but in other elections this was not the case.

Sometimes they try to liquidate each other but now the common interest of bourgeoisie is more important than the personal and factional interests. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the chairman of the Expediency Council while his eligibility for candidacy for Presidency was not confirmed, declared:

“If the enemies of the Islamic Republic are fair, they must accept that Iran held one of the most democratic elections in the world, without the shadow of a doubt.”[11]

The fact is that the fundamentalist faction of the bourgeoisie, led by the supreme leader, is taking over the

key institutions such as the judiciary, Legislature, the Guardian Council, Radio and TV, etc. The fundamentalists had warned Hassan Rohani that in selecting his cabinet members he had to broker a cross-factional deal. Otherwise, he would face the problem of obtaining the vote of confidence in Parliament. However, Hassan Rohani appeared on Channel One television of Iran and said:

"We believe that with the efforts of the people the new season of empathy has begun. I press warmly the hand of all moderate Islamists, reformists and conservatives."

The speculation was rife that the idea of a government of reconciliation was provided by Rafsanjani to Hassan Rohani, and that the purpose of this project was that present ministers from all factions would reduce factional disputes and strengthen, in the short-term, the position of the entire bourgeoisie, including the position of the supreme.



From the 18 ministers who were introduced to the Parliament, 15 ministers got a vote of confidence, while belonging to different factions of the bourgeoisie, although the majority of them belong to the reformists that were in the cabinet of the governments of Rafsanjani.

Bourgeois institutions declaring loyalty to Hassan Rohani

During the developments of 2009, with the protests against electoral fraud and the failure to elect Mousavi as president, some people who particularly belonged to the green movement claimed that President Ahmadinejad was not the president of the conservative faction of the bourgeoisie but was the president of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Ministry of information intelligence, and thus was borne to power through a coup by the security institutions and the military.

For this reason, Ahmadinejad was called the president of “military- security”. Four years ago, we explained the baseless and unfounded nature of such theories and claimed that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was a Conservative president. At the end of his presidency, due to differences with the conservative faction, a faction that he was president of, Ahmadinejad

actually became even less valuable and was even prevented from giving speeches at celebrations or important gatherings.

Recently the documentation centre “Safir” (Ambassador), an integrated media related to ‘Atlas’ which operates under the supervision of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, produced and distributed several films, one of which is called ‘Which deviation?’ which is against Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The basic question is how do the supporters of the theory of the President of ‘Military-security’ explain their unfounded and discredited ideas?

This time, in a statement after the definitive victory of Hassan Rohani, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards congratulated the great and history-making victory of the supreme leader of the time and announced the readiness of the force to engage with the future government. The Iranian Revolutionary Guards wrote in their statement:

“Certainly this is the expressive answer of the nation to the supreme leader of the time and the wise and sage leader of the Islamic Revolution; despite extensive efforts by Western- Zionist empire media to prevent the maximum participation of the people in the elections and the creation of the political saga, the new era

can once again dictate the power and strength of the Islamic Republic in the face of obstinates and transfer the strong and meaningful message to the hopeless camp of the enemies of Islamic Iran...

The Revolutionary Guards of the Islamic Revolution, with congratulations for this great and historical victory to the supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution, his holiness dear Imam Khamenei, the noble Iranian nation and the esteemed and elected President his excellency Hojjat Al-Eslam doctor Mehdi Hassan Rohani, states its overall readiness to interact and cooperate with the next government in the context of tasks and the legal obligations assigned.”[12]



Subsequently, the General Staff of the Armed Forces issued a statement and through it considered the election of Hassan Rohani a great victory and congratulated the Iranian nation for this victory, announcing that this victory is an arena for showing the adherence of the supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution. Of course, Firouz Abadi, chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces had previously announced:

“The first view of Basij [a contra-revolutionary paramilitary organisation] is that there should be clergy at the head of it is supreme. A practical requirement of the supreme means that you must accept whatever he says, even if you do not grasp it or to harm us.”[13]

One after the other, bourgeois institutions also congratulated the election of Hassan Rohani, and expressed their willingness to cooperate with his government. The head of broadcasting of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ezaatola Zarghamy, said in a letter to Hassan Rohani:

"The national media is ready to work with the nationally elected president and to assist the new government in achieving the goals of the

people, especially in the areas of the economy and welfare. “[14]

Even the Guardian Council Secretary Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, one of the strong links of the conservative factions because do not rear from the flood of congratulation, congratulated the victory of Hassan Rohani and at the same time pointed out that Hassan Rohani must be loyal to the province of the supreme.

The reaction of the market to the election of Hassan Rohani

Following the victory of Hassan Rohani the value of the Iranian currency (rial), which had lost its value sharply in recent years, increased and the price of foreign currencies such as the dollar and the euro fell. Gold prices, especially that of gold coins, fell. In recent years car prices have both increased sharply and then declined. Tehran stock faced the growth of mass prices and long queues to buy and for the



first time in the history of 46 years of stock was on channel 47 thousand and 817 units.

The value of the stock left behind a record of two thousand two hundred and seventy (2270) trillion rials. This growth reflects investors' welcoming of the economic policies of Rouhani's government.

It should be emphasized that the positive reaction of the stock market to the election of Hassan Rohani is a cross-reaction. Although "Rescue the bankrupt economies of Iran" and "Return of the value of Rials" were Hassan Rohani's electoral slogans, the undeniable reality is that the bankrupt economy of Iran is less due to incompetent leaders of the Islamic bourgeoisie than it is to the bankruptcy of global capitalism and the devastating effects of the global crisis of capitalism, which has a more destructive effect in the periphery countries of capitalism than in the metropolitan capitalistic countries.

The world bourgeoisie and the election of Hassan Rohani

As previously mentioned, the world bourgeoisie has frequently announced its unhappiness and dissatis-



faction with the policies and actions of the conservatives (fundamentalists), and at the same time it has been proposed that the orientation of the reformist faction has been supported and urged by the international bourgeoisie. It is for that reason that a flood of congratulations and the hope to improve and expand political and economic relations around the world has been sent to Hassan Rohani.

Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated Hassan Rohani for his victory, expressing hope that his choice will have an impact on the expansion and strengthening of bilateral ties. The Prime Minister of Great Britain, David Cameron, in a letter to Hassan Rohani, expressed hope that Hassan Rohani would take a new path and that the politics and political relations between the two countries would improve step by step.

But during a telephone conversation with his Iranian counterpart in September, William Hague, the Foreign Minister of Great Britain, had already expressed readiness, on behalf of the UN General Assembly, to visit the new Foreign Minister of Iran, which would help to improve relations between the two countries. During his visit to Tehran, Lapo Pistelli, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and member of the Italian Parliament, met Mohammad Javad Zarif, Iran's new foreign minister, and brought a letter from the Prime Minister of Italy, Enrico

Letta, to the office of the President. He stated that the Italian government is encouraging the Iranian government to promote dialogue with the international community. Laurent Fabius, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, said in a statement that France is ready to cooperate with Iran's president-elect on different topics. The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of Germany announced that Hassan Rohani's words are correctly orientated and are very constructive, and the future will determine the extent to which Hassan Rohani's words are implemented. Afghan President Hamid Karzai congratulated the victory of Hassan Rohani to the supreme leader, the people and government of Iran.

Of course the French bourgeoisie tried to satisfy even its short term interests at the selection of Hassan Rohani. The sales of the great automobile company, PSA, that produce the Peugeot and Citroën cars indicates a 15 percent reduction in the first quarter compared with the year before.

American sanctions of Iran's automotive sector resulted in this company facing serious problems. Iran was the second largest market for the company.



Philippe Marini, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee of France, highlighted the American sanctions that targeted the Iranian automotive industry and especially Iran Khodro Industrial Group, the most major car company in Iran and said:

“Due to the importance of the relationship that it has with the automotive industry of Iran, the French automobile industry is the biggest victim of the sanctions ...Dozens of French companies that operate in the automotive sector can not supply their components and service to Iran due to sanctions.”[15]

Philippe Marini announced these sanctions in the short term could result in catastrophic consequences to the automotive industry of France and massive unemployment would follow in the French automotive sector. Philippe Marini declared this a national emergency issue and urged the French government to act as soon as possible in order to remit France immediately from the unilateral sanctions of Iran by America.

Peugeot’s income from the automobile market of the Iran Khodro company was more than one billion euros in 2005.

After the oil industry, the automobile industry of Iran is the most important, most concentrated and most modern part of Iran's industrial sector, producing more than 550 thousand cars annually. But in quantitative terms, the workforce of Iran's automotive industry is not only the biggest in Iran but is also the largest and most advanced automotive industry in the Middle East, especially since it was highly developed in recent years.

Meanwhile, in Iran the tractor industry is separate in that the main factory is located in Tabriz with branches in Urmia and Kurdistan. The tractor factory produces annually about 18 thousand tractors of various types which are exported in part to the neighbouring countries and also to Latin America and Africa.

Due to the patent that America has in the automobile company of PSA that produces Peugeot and Citroën cars, the transmission of any technology or any component or equipment to the Iranian automotive industry is the target of American sanctions. The consequences of the sanctions were that the cost of production of automotive equipment rose by more than 40%, which means that the automotive industry of Iran is faced with a serious problem.

The automotive industry authorities have considered replacing French companies with Chinese enterprises. Meanwhile, acquiring components made by Chinese

companies has its own problems, in that they are also of poor quality. There are speculations that in the event of a failure with Chinese companies, the production of car technology should be reconsidered, and vehicles could be produced with the frames and equipment of today but with “Peykan” (a lower standard car that is no longer produced in Iran) motors. The “Peykan” motor compared with the Peugeot motor has less technology and will be a serious setback for the Iranian automobile industry. The opposite picture shows an example of a “Rana” car that Iran Khodro began to produce and which entered the production line in 2012.



Continuation of the hell of capitalism

The basic question is what does reform mean in the decadent system of capitalism? Will our living standards improve under the reformist government or will the same hellish capitalist system continue? We can look at the examples of the dictator states on the periphery of capital such as Iran and Democrat gangsters like Great Britain.

Doctor Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli recently started as the Interior Minister of the reformist government and he served as a member of the conservative government of Hassan Rohani, which has a close relationship with Ali Larijani, the chairman of parliament who belongs to the conservative faction of the bourgeoisie. When doctor Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli's family was going to move to another house, they discovered that a listening device had been implanted in the bedroom.

Last month, Ali Motahari, [16], from the conservative faction of the Islamic bourgeoisie and a parliament member who is also related to the chairman of the parliament, announced the discovery of a listening and filming device in his office. He claimed that the ministry of intelligence was responsible for the installation of surveillance systems. When the minister of the reformist government discovers a listening device in his bedroom, what should normal people seek in their

house? Does this not mean that the ministry of intelligence will invade even the most private lives of people as well?

Some may say that such things can only happen in dictator-run countries like Iran. The lives of people in democratic countries are more secure. Internationalists have announced that they do not have any suspicions that democratic institutions and democrat gangsters like dictators wiretap and put the lives of their own citizens and citizens of other countries under surveillance. Democrat gangsters like dictators pressure and threaten newspapers and if their threats and pressure do not get results then they show also their dictator nature.

Alan Rusbridger, Editor of the Guardian newspaper says that the security forces of Great Britain, after a long period of pressure and threats, destroyed any information in the Guardian's computers provided by Edward Snowden. The Guardian was the first media that disclosed Edward Snowden's information about the National Security Agency and America's spying on its citizens and the citizens of other countries.

Recently the British newspaper 'The Independent' disclosed that the information they obtained from Edward Snowden shows that Great Britain has established a large organization in one of the Middle Eastern countries to

extensively listen to and keep under surveillance telephone, email, and other exchanges of information in the Middle East.



Now we return to our own reformist government. Khatami, the former reformist President, at the meeting with board members of the Islamic Association of Tehran University on 19th June 2013, announced that people should not have unwarranted expectations of the future government, should not take the election campaign

seriously and should prepare themselves for tough times, saying:

“The government cannot perform miracles. Tomorrow inflation and devastating unemployment will not go away and the external relations will be modified. You should not have high expectations.”

It was during the reformist government of Khatami that the largest job cuts took place, it was during the rule of the reformist Khatami that the workers of Khatoon Abad, only because of their protest against unemployment, were slaughtered and several workers died.

The smallest improvement in our living conditions is not possible under the reformist government. Payment of unpaid wages, defence of employment, defence of livelihoods and many basic and primitive desires: all these things are only possible through the our independence struggle, the class struggle. The expansion and intensification of the class struggle is the only real alternative to improve our living and working conditions. As long as wage slavery and the capitalist system exist, our living conditions are those of modern slavery. Unemployment, poverty, homelessness, marginalization,

war, bloodshed and massacre and prison will be a part of our hellish life.

Unlike the bourgeois ideologists and the left of capital, our hellish life is not a product of ineptitude and conservative gangs and Ahmadinejad, but it is a product of the upside down capitalist system whose stench and filth has spread around the globe. The consequences of the capitalist crisis in Greece, Spain, Portugal, etc. are not less than in Iran (The opposite photo shows a scene of anti-capitalist protests in Greece). The working class of Iran, despite being one of the most consistent and most experienced working classes in the Middle East, that has recorded a lot of great battles in its historic memory, however, participated in the parliamentary circus of the bourgeois election.



In order to fulfill these goals, the international bourgeoisie is putting pressure on the conservative faction of the bourgeoisie and supports the reformist

faction. Because in such circumstances the continuation of capital accumulation is easily achievable. To complete this scenario, the bourgeois media have tried to cover their reformist faction.

While the capitalism system still played a progressive role in the community, and there was still the possibility of reform in society, and while the communist revolution was not on the agenda, communists tried to use the parliamentary forum and impose social reforms to benefit the working class. Even during the development period of capitalism, Communists had no illusions about the parliament and parliamentarism, because in the capitalist society the ruling class holds all the apparatus of subjective and ideological production, and produce and give direction to public opinion. Marx, with all his wisdom, when capitalism was still very young and even played a progressive role in society, namely in 1846, explained the role of the bourgeois class in the production and guiding of public opinion very clearly:

“The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas, i.e. the class which is the ruling material force of society, is at the same time its ruling intellectual force. The class which has the means of material production at its disposal, has control at the same time over the means of mental

production, so that thereby, generally speaking, the ideas of those who lack the means of mental production are subject to it. The ruling ideas are nothing more than the ideal expression of the dominant material relationships, the dominant material relationships grasped as ideas; hence of the relationships which make the one class the ruling one, therefore, the ideas of its dominance. The individuals composing the ruling class possess among other things consciousness, and therefore think. Insofar, therefore, as they rule as a class and determine the extent and compass of an epoch, it is self-evident that they do this in its whole range, hence among other things rule also as thinkers, as producers of ideas, and regulate the production and distribution of the ideas of their age: thus their ideas are the ruling ideas of the epoch.”[17]

The class struggle is the only alternative

With the arrival of capitalism in the era of decline that began with the First World War, the era of imperialist wars and proletarian revolution began. It was no longer possible to impose stable reforms on capitalism, no longer possible to use the tribune of parliament against the bourgeoisie, the communist

revolution was on the agenda. After this date, the Communists declared that in the era of decadence and rottenness of the capital, participating in the electoral exhibition and parliamentary circus served only to strengthen democratic illusions. The most free and democratic elections are also a demagoguery against the working class and impedes the exercise of the power of the workers. Most free parliamentary elections are in order to weaken the class struggle and lead to legal channels and sterilize the class struggle.

For us all bourgeois factions (Conservative, Reformist, Democrat, etc.) are equally reactionary. Struggle against wage cuts, mass unemployment, austerity measures etc are only possible through class struggle. We can only rely on our class forces to defend the interests of our class. Our interest is only in the struggle, because the class struggle in its evolutionary process leads to the revolutionary destruction of the capitalist state. The working class' struggle toward the communist revolution to bring down the capitalist misery will result in a world free of class, exploitation and wage slavery, the world humans deserve.

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Notes:

[1] The mockery around the periphery of the Islamic government elections, an article by Ali Javadi

[2] The “light at the end of the tunnel” for women, Rohani and the Temperance - Siavash Daneshvar

[3] Selection of Rohani, background and results / Interview of Communist with the Azar Modaresi

[4] Statement of Communist Workers Party on Election Results of 1392

[5] Ali Javadi: On the sidelines of the mockery of the electoral results – the website of Iran Tribune

[6] Iranian Students' News Agency - 12 June 2013

[7] Aftab News - 3 June 2013

[8] Fars News Agency - 16 June 2013

[9] Fars News Agency - 9 June 2013

[10] Khabar News - 9 June 2013

[11] As above - 15 June 2013

[12] Fars News Agency - 16 June 2013

[13] Fars News Agency – 20 December 2012

[14] Khabar Farsi – 16 June 2013

[15] Radio French International (RFI) – 26 June 2013

[16] Ali Motahari is the son of Morteza Motahari. Morteza Motahari was the most important theoretician of the Islamic Republic and was assassinated later in 1979 by a group named “Furqan” and after his death, Khomeini said: “Motahari was a part of the body of Islam and the result of my life.”

[17] The German Ideology - Marx

Basic Positions:

- The First World War was an indication that the capitalism had been a decadent social system. It also proved that there were only two alternatives to this system: communist revolution or the destruction of humanity.
- In our epoch, the working class is the only revolutionary class. Furthermore, only this social class can deliver the communist revolution and end the barbarity of capitalism.
- Once capitalism entered its decadent period, unions all over the world were transformed into organs of the capital system. In turn, the main tasks of unions were to control the working class and mislead them about its class struggle.
- In the epoch of decadent capitalism, participating in the parliamentary circus and elections only strengthens the illusion of democracy. Capitalist democracy and capitalist dictatorship are two sides of the same coin, namely, the barbarity of capitalism.
- All national movements are counterrevolutionary, against the working class and the class struggle. Wars of national liberation are pawns in imperialist conflict.
- The reason for the failure of the October Revolution was the failure of the revolutionary wave, particularly the failure of the German Revolution, which resulted in the isolation of October Revolution and afterwards its degeneration.
- All left parties are reactionary: Stalinists, Maoists, Trotskyists and official anarchists etc. represent the political apparatus of capital.

- The regimes that arose in the USSR, Eastern Europe, China, Cuba etc., while being called “socialist” or “communist”, only offered a particularly brutal and barbaric form of capitalism: state capitalism.
- The revolutionary organization constitutes the avant-garde of the proletariat and is an active factor in the development and generalization of class consciousness. Revolutionary organizations may only take the form of revolutionary minorities, whose task neither is to organize the working class nor take power in its stead, without being a **political leadership**, or a political compass, where revolutionary organizations’ political clarity and influence on the working classes are **the fundamental elements for the implementation of a communist revolution**.

Political belongings:

The current status, positions, views and activities of the proletarian political tendencies are the product of past experiences of the working class and the effectiveness of the lessons that political organizations of the working class have learned during the history of the proletariat. Therefore, Internationalist Voice can trace its own roots and origins back to the Communist League, the First International, the left wing of both the Second International and the Third International, and the fractions that defended proletarian and communist positions against the degenerating Third International, which was represented by Dutch-German fractions, and **particularly Italian Fraction of the Communist Left** and the defence of Communist Left traditions.