

Execution of political prisoners in order to induce an atmosphere of fear in Iran



***Let's organise a united campaign to confront
the execution of political prisoners!***

As proclaimed in the notice issued by the Public Court and the "Islamic Revolution Court" of Iran, early this morning- Sunday May the 9th- five political prisoners were executed in Evin prison in Tehran.

Farzad Kamangar, Shirin Alam Hooli, Farhad Vakili, Ali Heydarian and Mehdi Eslamian were the 5 prisoners who were hanged without a fair and public trial and on the basis of manufactured and unsubstantiated allegations. The 'Islamic Revolution Court', which is one of the suppression machines of the coup perpetrators, claimed in its notice that the political prisoners who were executed were engaged in "terrorist acts, such as setting bombs" in state buildings. Such baseless allegations are manufactured by the security organs of the theocratic regime. These individuals and in particular Farzad Kamangar, the martyred teacher, and Ms. Shirin Alam Hooli, had many times and on different occasions rejected the allegations and charges made in their cases. Farzad Kamangar, who was a committed and dignified member of the educators community of our nation, had repeatedly rejected the false accusations such as bombing and membership of PJAK, and had called the process of his prosecution and trial as unfair. He and Farhad Vakili and Ali Heydarian had been in jail since 2006. Shirin Alam Hooli was arrested in May of 2008 and during the entire time in prison was subjected to psychological and physical coercion by torturers. Mehdi Eslamian was also arrested last year, shortly after his brother had been executed.

The time chosen by the theocratic regime for these executions is not accidental. Approaching the anniversary of the election coup d'état, generating an atmosphere of intimidation and fear and casting a shadow of police state over the political landscape of the country, is the goal that the ruling reaction has in its agenda. In addition to attempting to split and divide the popular movement and creating national and ethnic divisions by executing Iranian-Kurdish political prisoners, this crime is part of the plots of the regime to cast a shadow of security-military atmosphere over our nation to lay the grounds for further intrusion of organs such as the Guards Corps (Sepah). The coup perpetrators committed this crime today and executed these five political prisoners in fear of the continuing struggle of masses as we approach the anniversary of the election

in which Ahmadinejad was installed as the president in the course of a coup and widespread [electoral] fraud.

We must not lose our sight and alertness in dealing with the conspiracy of the criminal reactionaries and shouldn't stay silent. The way to confront the plots of the coup perpetrators is a united, joint and organized struggle.

Tudeh Party of Iran strongly condemns the execution of political prisoners. While warning about the continuation of executions and the danger that threatens the lives of all political prisoners, especially the followers of other schools of thought [other than Islam], Tudeh Party of Iran calls for the organisation of a joint campaign to prevent crimes and executions committed in the prisons [of the Islamic Republic].

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