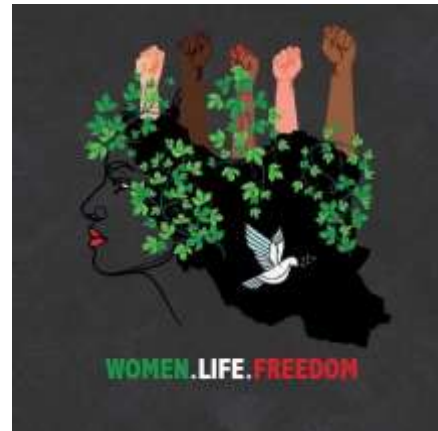


IRAN: REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM



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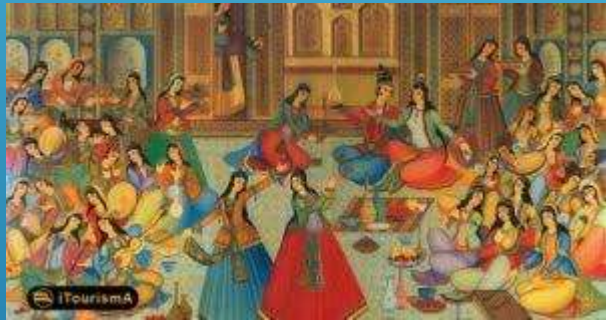
Misogyny: Cause and Effect of Tyranny

Patriarchy & Power ↓

Women enjoyed a high-ranking position in ancient Iran



Amazon Women Queen Zarineh



Religion

Women Generals (Airtimes) Women in the Book of Kings



NATIONAL & GENDER MINORITIES



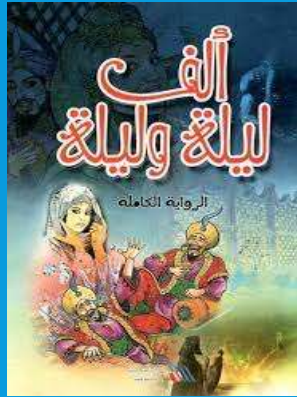
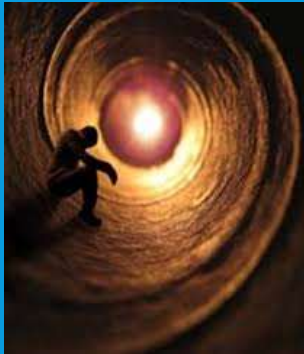
- ▶ Iran is a multi-national country: Azaris, Kurds, Turkmens, Arabs, Baluchis, Fars, etc.
- ▶ Suppression of Movements for Federalism
- ▶ Religious Minorities: Zoroastrians, Armenians, Assyrians, Jews, Baha'is.
- ▶ LGBTQI+

PHILISTINISM: THE CULTURE OF 1001 NIGHTS



Culture of Tyranny is based on economic, political and social factors. Social Darwinism is propagated leading to violence & suppression from the top and subordination from people: history of suppression

Culture is a collection of ideas, customs, and institutions inculcated historically



The sinister vicious circle of tyranny and philistinism

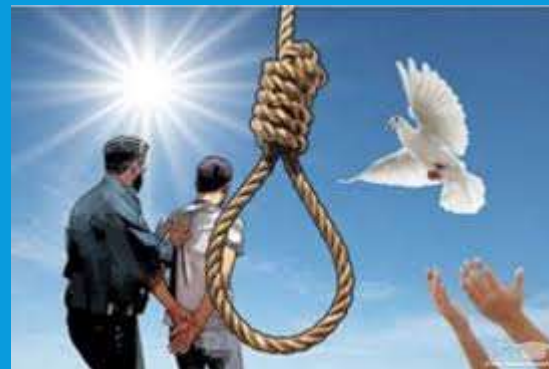
FEBRUARY 1979: REVOLUTION OR COUNTER-REVOLUTION



- Oil Super-boom and Intensification of Tyranny
- Cold War & the Need for a Green Belt
- Failure of the Shah's ambitious plan
- Oil crisis and its spread to all-embracing crises
- Vacuum & fuelling of a mass reactionary movement
- Replacement of a secular dictatorship with a decadent theological tyranny
- Fascism: One God, One Faith, One Word, One Leader
- The Result: Absolute Rule of Theologians

ANACHRONISM

- Structure of Power (Absolute Rule Theologian: Supreme Leader supported by IRGC & Basijis. President, parliament and judiciary are at his hands.
- Imposition of decadent dogmas to the dynamic life by a totalitarian regime (specifically in areas of women's rights)
- The praise of death & necrocracy
- IRGC controls the entire economy like generals in Latin American. Privileges for Basijis. Anachronism is the source of tyranny and suppression



ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Revenue:

Oil (90%), gold & other minerals (10%)

Expenditures:

- Military (IRGC, Basijis, army, security)
- Ideological expansion (Religious institutions and propaganda, non-Iranian religious students, Shrines in Iraq & Syria), Al-Mustafa, etc.
- Military ambitions (Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, etc.)
- Nuclear programs
- Theft and embezzlement (elites)

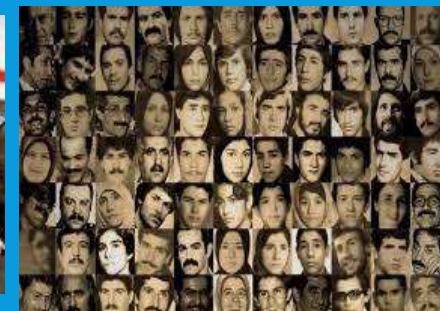
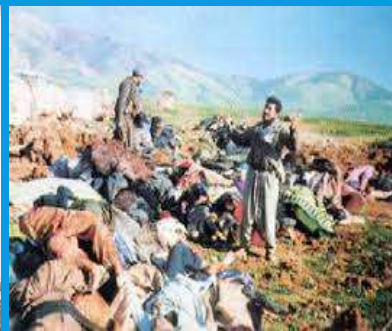


ECONOMIC ROOTS OF POPULAR DISCONTENT

- Since the establishment of the regime, the population has grown to 84 million from 36 million before.
- Participation in economic life: Women 13.3%, men 68.7%
- Unemployment: women 16%, men 7.9%
- Youth (18-35) Unemployment: Boys 13.8%, girls 28.3%
- Number of university students: 3.1 million (girls are 20,000 more than boys)
- Within the 10 years, the gap between the richest and poorest has increased from 11 times to 14 times
- Zero economic growth
- 60% of employees have no insurance
- Inflation: 40% vs. global average 2.5%
- Rate of Abject Poverty: 18.4%



BRUTAL SUPPRESSIONS



- Aug. 1978: Cinema Rex Fire
- Aug. 1979: Occupation of Kurdistan
- 1981-82: Street Massacres
- 1980-1988: Iran-Iraq War
- Aug. 1988: Massacre of Political Prisoners
- June 2009: Suppression of Green Movement
- Dec. 217: Against Inflation and Economic Corruption
- Nov. 2019: Against Increase of Fuel Prices
- July 1400: Water Crisis in Khuzestan

MAHSA (ZHINA) AMINI ACTED AS A SPARK

Upon the arrival of the Kurdish girl, 22, Mahsa Amini (Zhina) to Tehran from Saqqez on 13 Sep. 2022. She was arrested by Morality Police for violation of the dress code (Hijab). She suffered a head injury either in the van or in custody. She died in hospital 3 days later. This sparked a protest in Tehran and spread across Iran. Hundreds of women abandoned Hijab. Many cut their hair as a symbol of lamentation and freedom. They began a peaceful demonstration with the slogan of "Women, Life, Freedom."



WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM (ZHAN, ZHIAN, AZADI IN KURDISH OR ZAN, ZENDEGHI, AZADI IN FARSI)

> A song by Shervin Hajipour acted as a trigger. The following are two English versions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nD2u8NuRIw>

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAqQkw9-ics&t=31s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wOtYZaGE98>

▪ > **Dancing without Hijab:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocQJ-QqlzCY>

➤ **International Solidarity**

UN System, EU, AI, Celebrated people

➤ **Demonstration of Kurdish women of Syria**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo7s5ilOaXY>



BECAUSE OF SUNSHINE
AFTER THE LONG NIGHTS HAUNT



Finals

***the
Voice
of
Germany***

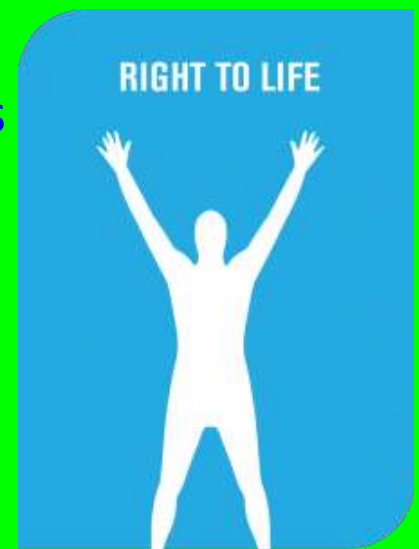






HUMAN DIGNITY: WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM

- Realization of women's denied rights
- Women's Rights are Human Rights
- Convention of Elimination of all Forms of Discriminations against Women
- Right to Life (abolition of death penalty)
- UN Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights



CHILD & YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

➤ There are 16 million elementary & High school students



➤ Government's attempts to indoctrinate: Bombardment of propaganda acts negatively



➤ Sharing the plight of family & dichotomy

➤ The plight of children: 5000 homeless in Tehran



➤ Child execution

➤ Internet & child self consciousness



SOLIDARITY BY IRANIANS IN EXILE

- There are 13 million Iranians in diaspora
- There were demonstrations in almost all countries where Iranians lived



BRUTAL SUPPRESSION

448 were killed:

- 100 in Baluchistan
- 105 in Kurdistan
- 61 children
- 29 women
- Arrests: 18000
- Many at risk of Execution
- Killed by IRGC, Basijis & mercenaries
- Full support of the Supreme Leader
- Denial: fallen, bitten, suicide, others
- Revolution has been continuing



PEDOCIDE



Diana Mahmoudi

Kian Pirfalak: The God of Rainbow







BALUCHISTAN

- Protest started after the news about the rape of a 15-year-old girl, Mahoo, by the IRGC commander
- More than 100 people were massacred.
- Moulawi Abdul Hamid's call for accountability has been put down
- Protests and suppression have been continuing
- Khoda Noor Lajaei has become a symbol of heroism



KURDISTAN

- Kurds are a distinct national; majority are Sunis; divided among four countries
- There is a war-like situation there



- IRGC and Basijis use anti-aircraft weapons against civilians
- They take wounded people from hospitals and do not give bodies to families.
- There is acute shortage of medications and basic necessities

TORTURE & OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT

- Rape against young women & men (testimony of a women smuggled out)
- Beating, flogging, breaking bones, etc.
- Torture against children and giving them sedative drugs (Vasprovat of sodium & Certraline 50)
- Torture was so severe that youth like Yalda Agha Fazli and Arshia Emamgholizadeh committed suicide after release.



UNIQUENESS OF TODAY'S MOVEMENT

- Women's leadership and men's support
- Youth participation
- Spontaneity and horizontal leadership
- National solidarity
- International solidarity
- Secularism & plurality
- Non-violence
- Rejection of the whole system
- Continuation





CONCLUSION

- The present regime is not intended and capable of reform
- With the ever-increasing militarization of Iran, the crisis will continue
- There might be more suppression, but people are determined
- Solidarity between diaspora and inland should be solidified
- The movement should find ways to include cross-section of people
- We need help to support wounded, starved survivors and bereaved families, specifically in Kurdistan and Baluchistan.