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SHAME TO THE P.U.K. LEADERSHIP'S TREACHEROUS CRIME .. DOWN WITH THE TURKISH INVASION

The recent invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan by Turkish troops came as another indication of the real danger of the imperialist conspiracies against the Iraqi people, Arabs, Kurds and national minorities. The flimsy excuse of the ambush of Turkish soldiers a fortnight earlier could not and should not have warranted this flagrant violation of all international laws, conventions and codes of conduct. The only legality Turkey, a council member of Europe, can claim is that it had the full blessing and prior approval of the Iraqi fascist regime.

The Turkish aggression was neither an accident nor an isolated act. It was as a premeditated plot as was the military coup of the 1980 which brought the Turkish Junta to power. The latest tour of the Middle East by the US Secretary of State and his meeting with the Iraqi deputy Prime Minister (Tariq Aziz) in Paris was a prelude to the Turkish invasion. It coincided also with the visit of the US Chief of Staff to Turkey, member of the NATO pact. Only a few days earlier, military tribunals in Deyarbakir in Kurdistan of Turkey, sentenced 35 Kurds to death, 28 to life imprisonment and 333 to prison terms of between 3 and 36 years. Moreover, these harsh sentences were neither the first nor the last mock trials in Turkey. In a country where at the best of times of civilian democracy it is a criminal offence to speak Kurdish in public, these travesties of justice are hardly surprising to the Kurds.

The Turkish invaders now marauding Kurdistan were unleashed by American imperialism aided by NATO alliance. It was designed to prolong the crumbling Iraqi fascist regime. The Turkish invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan has surrounded hundreds of villages in the mountains where the Iraqi Kurds had taken refuge from Iraqi army attacks. As well as having inflicted casualties and losses on the indigenous population, the invading foreign troops have taken thousands of people as prisoners into Turkey.

The Turkish invasion of Kurdistan was preceded a month earlier by a cowardly criminal act committed by the treacherous (Patriotic Union of Kurdistan - PUK) leadership against the partisan movement (Peshmerga). On May Day the leadership of PUK attacked the strongholds of the P.D.F. (Patriotic Democratic Front) partisans. The Iraqi Communist Party ICP bore the brunt of the attack on its headquarters, printing, broadcasting and field hospital. Although by far the most ruthless onslaught yet on the P.D.F. partisans it was by no means the first criminal act committed by the PUK leadership.

In this latest criminal act, more than 50 partisans and other militants of the ICP were murdered and more than 70 injured.

The timing of this aggressive treacherous act was sinister, for it came when the PDF was increasing its political and military activities in celebration of the Kurdish new year, Newroz, and the first anniversary of the uprising in Kurdistan. At such a time the PUK Talabani leadership was plotting against PDF and ICP partisans in collusion with the ruling Ba'ath fascist junta in Baghdad.

We, in the KSSE - UK branch, strongly condemn this act of treachery by the PUK leadership against the genuine fighters against the fascist dictatorship in Iraq.

We also condemn their collusion with the Turkish junta whose troops invaded Iraqi Kurdistan from the other direction in violation of all international laws. We also condemn the Iraqi Ba'ath fascist regime for its collusion with Kurdish traitors and Turkish fascists by inviting foreign troops to fight the Iraqi people, thus endangering their national sovereignty and independence..

We fully pledge our whole-hearted support for our Kurdish and Iraqi people in their struggle to overthrow the fascist regime and establish democracy in Iraq and autonomy for Kurdistan.

We shall redouble our efforts in exposing the crimes of the Iraqi Ba'ath fascist junta against the Iraqi people Arabs, Kurds and national minorities and the crime of collusion with the fascist junta in Turkey, by inviting troops to invade Iraqi Kurdistan in a desperate attempt to crush the partisan (Peshmerga) movement.

- We pledge to enhance solidarity in Britain with the Kurdish and Iraqi peoples.
- We call upon the British trade union movement, British and overseas student and democratic organisations, and all who cherish peace and freedom, to join the growing solidarity activity with the Kurdish people.

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Stop the Turkish military junta's war in Kurdistan

Eversince the junta seized power in a military coup of 12 Sept. 1980, there has been an intensification of repression aimed at the Kurdish people in Turkey and in parallel the democratic rights of the peoples in Turkey as a whole are suppressed. Under the guise of combating terrorism the Turkish generals are, in fact, terrorising the people by waging mass arrests, torture and executions.

The sinister measures of the junta in Kurdistan is hidden from the outside world through black-out and a complete censorship. Thousands of Kurdish democrats and nationalists are detained under martial law regulations, hundreds of them were brought before military tribunal after they had been tortured in prison. The latest victims of this bloody campaign were 35 Kurdish activists sentenced to death by army court at Diyarbakir. A further 28, including 10 teenagers, were given life sentences, and 333 others received prison terms of between three and 36 years (The Sunday Times, 29 May 1983). These harsh sentences, were neither the first nor the last mock trials in a country where at the best time of its democracy it is a criminal offence to speak Kurdish in public.

Any expression of Kurdish national identity is brutally suppressed not only in Kurdistan of Turkey, but also in other parts of Kurdistan in collaboration with the neighbouring countries ruling Kurdistan (Iraq & Iran). The recent invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan by Turkish troops come in line with this. Two elite units, a commando brigade and an airborne brigade estimated to be about 7,000 Turkish soldiers were deployed in Iraqi Kurdistan in order to fight the Kurdish people's resistance movement (Pesh-Marga) on behalf of the crumbling Iraqi Baath regime.

This operation was carried out at a time when the Saddam's dictatorial regime is in deep political, economic and military crisis as a result of mounting popular opposition, using various forms of struggle including armed resistance, to this fascist regime. Turkish attack has come at a time of deepening political crisis of Turkish regime after what so called referendum on a new constitution, which in fact institutionalize fascism in Turkey. The attack has also coincided with the visit of the US chief of staff to Turkey and when biggest joint NATO exercise carried out in Turkey. It is inconceivable that Turkey could have ventured into such a major military and political operation of interference in Iraq internal affair without prior consultation with and the approval of United States and NATO alliance.

In several places, the Turkish troops penetrated more than 20 miles into Iraq to surround Kurdish villages in the area. These villages are in danger of complete annihilation. As well as having inflicted large numbers of casualties and losses on the indigenous population, the invading troops have taken thousands of people as prisoners into Turkey. Furthermore, thousands made homeless as a result of the Turkish aggression.

We appeal to all those who cherish freedom, human and democratic rights to intensify their efforts to bring to a halt the campaign of terror in Turkey and demand:

- *** The immediate release of all the political prisoners and detainees, including those sentenced to death.
- *** The immediate withdrawal of Turkish troops from Iraqi Kurdistan.
- *** The restoration of democracy, free trade union and political parties.
- *** Send your telegrams, letters and resolution of protest and condemnation to: President General K. Evren, Ankara-TURKEY.
- *** And send copies of letters and delegations to: Turkish Embassy, 43, Belgrave Sq., London SW1. Tel: 01-2355252.

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TURKEY — KURDISTAN — IRAQ

THE N.A.T.O. CONNECTION

The recent *invasion* of Iraqi Kurdistan by Turkish troops came as a shock to most observers. The flimsy excuse of the ambush of Turkish soldiers a fortnight earlier could not and *should not* have warranted this flagrant *violation* of all international laws, conventions and codes of conduct by, of all, a member state of the Council of Europe. The only *legality* Turkey can claim is that it had the full *blessing* and prior approval of the *Iraqi* Regime.

The Turkish aggression was neither an accident nor an isolated act. It was as premeditated a *plot* as the military Coupe-de-Tat of 1980 which brought the Junta to power. The latest tour of the Middle East by the U.S. Secretary of State and his meeting with the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister (Tariq Aziz) in Paris was a prelude to the Turkish invasion. It *coincided* with the visit of the U.S. Chief of Staff to Turkey, member of N.A.T.O. pact, forming its strategic Eastern flank and a buffer zone between the U.S.S.R. and the Middle East. Only a few days earlier, military tribunals in Diyarbakir in Kurdistan of Turkey, sentenced 35 Kurds to death, 28 to life imprisonment and 333 to prison terms of between 3 and 36 years. Moreover, these harsh sentences were neither the first nor the last mock trials in Turkey. In a country where at the best of times of civilian democracy it is a *criminal offence* to *speak* Kurdish in public, these travesties of justice are hardly surprising to the Kurds.

The Turkish Grey Wolves now marauding in Kurdistan were unleashed by U.S.A., aided by N.A.T.O. Alliance and abetted by the Council of Europe States. It was designed to prolong the crumbling Iraqi Baath regime. The Turkish invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan has surrounded hundreds of villages in the mountains where the Iraqi Kurds had taken refuge from Iraqi army attacks. As well as having inflicted casualties and losses on the indigenous populations, the invading foreign troops have taken thousands of people as prisoners in Turkey.

The Turkish invasion of Iraqi Kurdistan was preceded earlier in the month by the bloody clashes among the Kurdish Pesh Margas (Partisans). This act, too, was neither isolated, nor an accident. It was part and parcel of the same Imperialist-Reactionary scheme being plotted against the peoples of the Middle East in general and the Kurdish people in particular. On the International day of celebrations, May Day, the leadership of the P.U.K. attacked the strongholds of the P.D.F. (Patriotic Democratic Front) partisans, inflicting heavy casualties and losses. The I.C.P. (Iraqi Communist Party) bore the brunt of the attack on its headquarters, printing, broadcasting and field hospital. Although by far the most ruthless onslaught yet on P.D.F. partisans, the May Day massacre was by no means the first committed by the P.U.K. (Patriotic Union of Kurdistan) in 1983.

At a time when the PDF were increasing their activities in celebration of the Kurdish New Year, *Newroz*, the first anniversary of the *uprising* in Kurdistan and on the occasion of the international solidarity, *May Day*, the P.U.K. Talabani leadership were *plotting* against them in *collusion* with the ruling racialists in Baghdad, Ankara and as far beyond as Washington. Rumours of an impending *international plot* and of *Secret* negotiations between the *Iraqi* regime and certain *Kurdish* groups have been in the press for nearly two years. Each time we have discarded them as deliberate rumours propagated by enemy warmongers. Alas, we were mistaken. Although this treachery was not unexpected of the P.U.K. leadership, its timing, scale and co-ordination caught us by surprise.

It is *significant* that

- 1) The P.U.K. has clashed with *all* PDF parties somewhere at sometime.
- 2) There have *not* been any clashes between PDF groups for the last 4 years.
- 3) There are no P.U.K. forces in the area of Kurdistan, invaded by Turkish troops or as far south as the Lower Zah River.
- 4) The Iraqi artillery shelled P.D.F. positions, and helicopter gunships flew over them only a few days before the P.U.K. aggression. Moreover, the well-equipped P.U.K. fighters were making their drills within firing range of the Iraqi army without any interruption.
- 5) Every time a P.D.F. was achieved in Kurdistan, especially between the K.D.P. (Kurdistan Democratic Party), and I.C.P. (Iraqi Communist Party), the present leader of P.U.K. (Patriotic Union of Kurdistan) mischief Jelial Talahani has fought one or the other.

We in the K.S.S.E. — U.K. branch of the P.D.F. condemn this stab in the back by the P.U.K. Talahani leadership is as a treachery against the whole Kurdistan people. We also condemn their collusion with the Turkish junta whose troops invaded Iraqi Kurdistan from the other direction in violation of all international laws, etc. We also condemn the Iraqi Baath regime for its collusion with other Kurdish traitors and Turkish fascists by inviting foreign troops to fight the Iraqi people, thus endangering their national sovereignty and independence.

We fully pledge our wholehearted support for our Kurdish and Iraqi people represented by the P.D.F. in their legitimate struggles for national rights and democracy.

We call upon all world progressive organisations, Trade Unions, Students Unions, etc. to deplore this Imperialist Reactionary as an act of aggression against our people.

Long live the aimed struggle of Pesh Marga Kurdistan and Iraqi Partisans of the P.D.F. against the Saddam Baghdad regime.

Down with world imperialism, regional reaction and fascism.

P.D.F. (Patriotic Democratic Front)
K.D.P. (Kurdistan Democratic Party)
I.C.P. (Iraqi Communist Party)
P.U.K. (Patriotic Union of Kurdistan)

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THE 26th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE K.S.S.E
INSPIRES US TO STRUGGLE

With the passing of each year, ever since its foundation in 1956, our society forges ahead with more determination to fulfill its prime objectives. The driving force behind such resolution has been the devotion and commitment of the Society's members to the principles of being an independent, progressive and democratic organization, defending the rights and interests of Kurdish Students from all parts of Kurdistan who reside abroad.

At a time when we convey to the Kurdish Students best wishes for a year full of successes in academic, social and national fields, our people in Kurdistan and the peoples in the Middle-East as a whole are passing through one of the most critical stages of their history.

In Turkey, there is an escalation in the persecution of Kurdish nationalists by the military junta, which seized power on 12th September, 1980. The coup-d'etat was initiated in Washington, planned at NATO military headquarters and finally executed in Ankara. Under the guise of combating terrorism, the Generals are, in fact, terrorising the people by waging mass arrests, torture and executions. Our Kurdish People in Turkey bear the brunt of this fascist attack by the military junta. According to Turkish official figures released on 11th Oct., 1982 and published in The Guardian on 12th Oct., a total of 18,086 people were in detention awaiting trial, and a further 8,683 were still serving gaol sentences for political reasons, under Turkish martial law provisions at the end of August, 1982.

In Iran, the country is passing through tense historical juncture. Imperialism and its puppet reactionary elements inside and outside Iran are engaged in conspiracies devised and systematically carried out to undermine the Revolution and to divert its path from popular anti-imperialist Revolution. At a time that we follow with anxiety some recent news of the renewal of the military campaign against the Kurdish People, we reiterate that the Kurdish question should only be solved peacefully by democratic means, ensuring Autonomy for Kurdistan. Such a solution will, undoubtedly, strengthen the unity of the Iranian Peoples in their fight against imperialist-backed Iraqi aggression and against reactionary and opportunistic forces who are trying to bring back a fascist pro-imperialist regime to Iran.

Iraq, the crisis of the present fascist Baath regime is worsening. The time is intensifying its campaign of terror and repression against the entire Iraqi people. Its campaign in Kurdistan is aimed at the extermination of the Kurdish people together with their heritage and culture. The opposition to the regime is developing in various forms of struggle. Mass demonstrations and strikes, supported and combined with intensified action by armed partisans, Pesh Merga, have spread all over Iraqi Kurdistan, developing into a popular uprising. The bloody Baath regime of Saddam Hussian is relying more and more on the military and economic support of imperialism and reactionary Arab regimes of Saudi, Jordan, Egypt, ... in order to keep in power. Instigated by and on behalf of the U.S. of America, Saddam waged an aggressive war on the Iranian Revolution on 22nd Sept., 1980. Two years of fighting has, so far, claimed the lives of tens of thousands of young men, with many more wounded in each of the two devastated countries.

One political result of the humiliating defeat of Saddam in the war so far, was the postponement and transfer from Baghdad of the non-aligned countries summit conference to another venue. The much-awaited outcome of the regime's crisis is the collapse of Saddam's Baath dictatorship. In order to achieve this patriotic aim and to accelerate the downfall of the regime, it is necessary to step up the armed resistance, strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between all national democratic forces. More importantly, reaching an accord between these forces should be based on the understanding that they are all entitled to operate and organise in Kurdistan, denounce monopolistic tendencies and abandon fratricidal conflicts.

In Syria, there can be no lasting solution to the Kurdish question without a comprehensive democratic national solution for Syria as a whole. It is essential to reach such a solution in order to consolidate Syria's stand on the front line against imperialism and zionism in the region. Especially at a time when Israel has waged a genocidal war on Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, perpetrating a large scale massacre.

Having achieved their objective by hook or by crook the Zionist conquerers of Lebanon unleashed their Phalangist mercenaries upon the defenceless women and children of Sabra and Chatila Palestinian refugee camps. They conducted an orgy of horrible murders lasting many days and nights before the Israeli hosts "realized" that their guests might have had too much blood to drink. The P.L.C. is the main but not the only target of these Imperialist-Zionist-Reactionary onslaughts. The progressive Lebanese forces are targets, too. Yet another target is the non-Lebanese who found Lebanon as the only haven after escaping from political persecution of their own neighbouring countries. Some of our Kurdish People are among these political refugees. Like them too, the Kurds

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