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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'état 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.

In Iraq, the crisis of the present fascist Baath regime is worsening. The regime 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 demonstration 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.O 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 have become victims of these fascist attacks.