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The capitalist society which has cast its shadow of exploitation and plunder all over today's world, relies on the lack of rights and deprivations of millions of workers and toilers who produce the wealth of today's world by the strength of their own arms.

An insignificant minority has drawn the immense majority of the people of the world to slavery, poverty and deprivations. This deprived majority, this rank of hundreds of millions of workers and toilers throughout the world, must rise as a united whole against this capitalist minority and all its system of exploitation and oppression, in order to achieve its legitimate rights and establish its new society.

We communists are the standard-bearers of the workers' world revolution. A revolution which by smashing the rule of the exploiting classes, by setting-up the legitimate rule of the workers, and by placing the means of social production in the collective ownership of those who work, will ensure the real and complete equality of human beings in a communist society, free of oppression and exploitation.

Today, under conditions that the Islamic Republic is trying, by the force of guns, to impose its reactionary laws on the masses in Kurdistan in the service of capital and capitalism; under conditions that the other forces defending capitalism in Iran, by verbally defending a half-hearted autonomy, are trying to remain silent on the fundamental demands of the revolutionary movement in Kurdistan;

The Kurdistan Organisation of the Communist Party of Iran-Komala - as the vanguard force of the revolutionary workers in Kurdistan, clearly declares the main points of the certain and undeniable rights of the workers and toilers of Kurdistan — whose realisation is ensured by the present revolutionary armed struggle — and calls on the deprived and toiling people of Kurdistan to raise the banner of these revolutionary aims against the Islamic Republic and any other force defending exploitation, despotism and national oppression.

DECLARATION OF THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE TOILING PEOPLE IN KURDISTAN

1. Direct and free participation in determining the political destiny of the society and the way of its administration is the certain right of every human being.
2. Any person above the age of 16, man or woman, can take part in elections for any representative organ. Any person above the age of 18, man or woman, can be elected for any representative organ.
3. The administration of Kurdistan at all levels, from top to bottom, must be carried out by the elected organs of the people and with the direct participation of the people themselves.
4. Every one is free in his or her beliefs and in their expression and propaganda. No force can take away the freedom of expression, political belief, and ideology from the workers and toilers. Checking on people's beliefs and imposing beliefs on the people is prohibited.
5. The right of self-determination is the undeniable right of every nation. People of Kurdistan are free to determine the political destiny of Kurdistan, the form and structure of the political rule, and the legal and administrative relations, in any way they wish. The application of force by any state or political power to prevent the free exercise of authority of the people of Kurdistan in determining their own destiny is rejected, and is doomed to be defeated before the legitimate struggle of a nation. Insurrection and armed struggle against such measures is the unquestionable right of the people of Kurdistan and is a just and legitimate reaction.
6. Every one is free to have any religion or not have a religion. Any discrimination in any field, on the basis of the religious or non-religious beliefs of the individuals, is rejected. In order to ensure the freedom of belief for all individuals, religion must be separated from the state and official education, and declared a private affair of the people.
7. Gatherings, demonstrations, and using assemblies, press, radio and television, for the free expression of beliefs is the undeniable right of the deprived masses. The complete freedom of forming or joining any political, trade, and mass organisation must be ensured and observed.
8. Any toiling individual, employed or unemployed, and any person who is prepared to work in order to secure his or her livelihood, must enjoy a comfortable life and full social security. Welfare and full social security is also the undeniable right of all those who for various reasons, such as old age, illness, disablement, etc, are unable to work. Every one is free in the choice of job. It is the certain right of the toiling people to enjoy time for leisure, rest, recovery of strength, and the opportunity to have cultural and intellectual development.
9. Women have equal rights with men in all areas of social life, in production, in family, and in all economic, political, and cultural fields. Women's slavery by the ruling classes must be ended. Women and men must receive equal wages before equal work.
10. Any person above the age of 18, man or woman, is free to form family at his or her own will.
11. No one can be forced to marry against his or her will. Marriage by registration in official institutions, is recognised by the society. Individuals are free to hold or not hold special religious ceremonies for marriage. Men and women have completely equal rights in all matters relating to family, divorce, guardianship of the children, and inheritance.
12. The individual, his or her place of residence, correspondence and mail, are immune against any kind of violation. The personal integrity of every individual is immune against insults, slander and disrespect. Every one is completely free in travelling and in choosing his or her place of living and residence. The deportation of individuals and any form of their forced displacement, whether singly or as groups, is condemned and prohibited as an anti-human act and the violation of basic human rights.
13. The physical health of the people must be ensured. Free and suitable health care and treatment must be provided for people in cities and the furthest villages. All members of the society have the right to enjoy suitable housing.
14. Free education and equal opportunity for enjoying the scientific, cultural and technical achievements of mankind, must be provided for every one. Illiteracy, the legacy of the rule of capital and capitalist exploitation, must be uprooted.
15. Having and carrying guns is the right of every toiler in Kurdistan who has taken up arms in the struggle for freedom, or in order to maintain the security of himself or herself, and his or her family and other class comrades. No one has the right to disarm the militant workers and toilers of Kurdistan. The forced dispatching of people to the war fronts is prohibited. Any conscription by the Islamic Republic in Kurdistan is forbidden.
16. The religious and reactionary laws of the Islamic Republic must not be implemented in Kurdistan. The formation of secret courts is rejected. All judges, at all levels, must be elected by the people themselves. All trials must be public.
17. In all trials, the principle is that the accused is innocent. No physical punishment or harm may be inflicted on the accused and offenders, whether as a punishment, or in the course of the various stages of detention, interrogation, legal procedures, trial, and the period of imprisonment. The detention of individuals by the Islamic Republic is prohibited, and in any case, even the judicial organs elected by the people do not have the right to detain any person for more than 24 hours, without charging him or her.
18. All laws and institutions which are the manifestation and protectors of national oppression must be abolished and dissolved. Any economic, political and cultural discrimination against the people of Kurdistan is rejected and condemned.
19. People of Kurdistan are completely free in enjoying their national culture, in using their national language in official correspondence and in state institutions, and in teaching their language and culture in schools.

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS OF KURDISTAN!

The realisation of these aims is only a step towards the complete destruction of the decadent capitalist system in Iran and the establishment of a workers' government. Get organised in your Communist Party and rally the large masses of the deprived people of Kurdistan in the ranks of your revolutionary struggle and under the banner of your Party, in order to realise these legitimate and undeniable demands.

DEPRIVED AND TOILING PEOPLE OF KURDISTAN!

These are your certain, elementary and undeniable rights. These are the rights which the revolutionary workers, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Iran, will secure and ensure on the first day of the victory, and Komala is already struggling with all its strength, and relying on your organised and armed power, to turn one by one of these rights into the current tradition and laws in revolutionary Kurdistan. Know your certain rights, and defend them against any encroachment of the reaction and counter-revolution. Raise the banner of the Declaration of the Basic Rights of the Toiling People in Kurdistan against the enemy, and against the suppressor in any colours.

The Kurdistan Organisation of the Communist Party of Iran — Komala — calls on all the revolutionary political parties and all the people of Kurdistan, Iran, and the world to seriously defend this Declaration.