

Leave Palestine Alone, Think About Us!

Student Movement Coordination Committee for Democracy in Iran

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Honorable and Freedom-loving people of Iran,

Day by day, the military and political crisis in the region of the Persian Gulf and the Middle East is getting deeper. In the region, every government and political force that is realistic and intellectual is looking for a logical solution to avoid a military clash; which, have become the forecast for the region due to the lunatic policies of the pro-war forces, the defendants of terrorism- be they overt or covert- and the producers of weapons of mass destruction. Under such circumstances, the usurpants of political power in Iran- that from the very beginning had based the establishment and solidifying of their inhumane order upon systematic government-sponsored terrorism against their own people- are attempting to shamelessly support the pro-war factions and the Palestinian terrorist groups through the forced gathering of government employees and Hezbollah thugs.

While the United States of America names the regime ruling in Iran as a member of the axis of evil, the European Union maintains that one of its preconditions for expanding its trade and economic relations with the Islamic Republic is the official recognition of the two governments of Israel and Palestine, and the Iranian nation at every opportunity cries "*Lave Palestine Alone, Think About Us,*" he rulers of tyranny with disregard for the demands of their own people as well as public opinion in the West, continue to gather their mercenary forces and government employees for their outdated play of the so-called "Universal Day of Ghods" {meaning Holy and implying the City of Jerusalem} and they continue with their shows and statements of anti-Semitism. It is interesting that despite the expansion of the people's outcries- with slogans such as "*Khatami, Khatami, Resign, Resign,*" "*Leader: Get Lost,*" and "*Down with the Taleban, Whether in Kabul or Tehran*" - once again, the powerless President of the regime [Khatami], who mutters about lawfulness and national interests, by shutting his ears and in order to fool the public, has invited the people to participate in the "Ghods demonstration".

The Islamic Republic, since its inception, has constantly tried to show the shadow of a foreign enemy upon the Iranian nation. Despite the support of the American government {Carter administration} to the mullahs for gaining power in Iran, the founder of the Islamic Republic used the [US embassy] hostage crisis in order to fully consolidate his power; and, from the same time, by labeling the US, which is from the other hemisphere, "The Great Satan", and Israel, which is in the region, the "Occupier of Muslim Lands," he introduced them as the sworn enemies of Iran; and, subsequent rulers have honored this "tradition". Now that the people of Iran want to establish peaceful relations with the US and believe that both the nations of Israel and Palestine have the right to exist, the Islamic Republic sees no choice but to perform widespread propaganda in the government-owned media and to release statements in support of the mandatory observation of the Day of Ghods.

The rulers of the Islamic Republic are incapable of understanding the simple fact that in a political environment where more than ever opposing forces are gathering against one another, such that on one side exist the pro-war forces and the supporters of the culture of terror and violence, and on the other, exist the forces that desire a peaceful and constructive resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the act of observing a Day of Ghods in support of violence is a lunacy that is neither advantageous to the Palestinian nation nor does it coincide with the national interests of the people of Iran. The defense of peace and calm in the Middle East is not attainable through the support for terrorists and war-mongering groups; rather, it is to be attained through the pursuit of political dialog between the two sides while simultaneously removing the roots of fundamentalism, terror, and violence.

The "Student Movement Coordination Committee for Democracy in Iran" is of the belief that in accordance with international charters, both nations of Israel and Palestine have the right and the capability to live alongside one another as two free and independent states. This committee, while condemning the agitating acts of the Islamic Republic, requests that the freedom-loving and struggling nation of Iran, especially the youth and the students, deliver a crushing response to the promoters of anti-Semitism and terrorism by boycotting the sham and mandatory demonstration of the so-called World-wide Day of Ghods.

Long live Freedom!
Long live Secularism!

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