

# IRANIANS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

## A CALL FOR BROAD INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN OPPOSITION TO US GOVERNMENT THREATS OF SANCTIONS AND WAR AGAINST IRAN

**Iranians For Peace and Justice (IFPJ), issues the following call for the formation of a broad campaign of international solidarity for establishment of grassroots democracy in Iran and in opposition to threats of sanctions and war by the US government against Iran:**

The events and developments of recent months and weeks all point to the fact that Iran is facing dangerous times. The adventurous policies of the US government towards Iran are the same policies, which lead to the invasion of Iraq despite widespread opposition both here and around the world. Deadly consequences of these policies have wreaked havoc on the Iraqi people and enraged all conscious people of the world. More than one hundred thousand Iraqis, mostly civilians, have been killed, countless others are disabled or maimed and destruction of that country's infrastructure are the results of this senseless invasion which was carried out under the feigned guise of spreading democracy and eliminating weapons of mass destruction. Seasoned observers of US politics agree that the neo-conservatives in power today, have surpassed their co-thinkers from the previous US administrations in their propensity for politics of war and aggression. Therefore, there is no doubt about danger and seriousness of potential for either economic sanctions or outright invasion of Iran.

On the other hand, over a century of struggle has taught the Iranian people that the fight for independence, democracy and social justice cannot be isolated from the movement against forces of foreign intervention. This lesson has been reaffirmed many times by the collusion between the Iranian reactionary regime and the western imperialists to suppress working-class movements over the past 27 years. Presently, the US threats against Iran have strengthened the anti-democratic forces in Iran and have thrown a life jacket to that crisis-ridden regime. Invoking nationalist unity in the face of the imperial threats, the regime in Tehran has been given an opportunity to suppress progressive and working-class opposition as well as the progressive anti-imperialist forces in Iran.

**We believe and as evidenced by the events in Iraq, economic sanctions or military intervention against Iran would be the biggest danger that is threatening the people of Iran and the region.** Everyone concerned for sovereignty, independence, democracy, peace and justice in Iran should voice their opposition to this threat. Indeed, it is the formation of the broadest coalition for national unity and international solidarity in opposition to the aggressive positions of the US government, which is the key to stopping any possibility of military adventure against Iran. **We must help to build this unity.**

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