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Execution of a Citizen

Wednesday morning, November 11, 2009 a citizen of Iranian Kurdistan, Ihsan Fattahian, was executed .

For readers in Iraq, the news might raise their attention for two or three seconds. They may say: "What's the big deal!, hundreds or thousands are being killed in Iraq! Why highlight this story of a man executed by the Iranian Islamic regime, perhaps because he had committed a terrorist act against the authorities". Other comments might be less explanatory, merely ironic, careless, or apologetic, or whatever. But it's not so. The issue is not just about "murder". It is about a "murder" committed by a dominant class against another oppressed class. Then, it becomes politics. Execution of a citizen is a political issue. It is even at the heart of politics .

Execution of a citizen is a political communiqué, an action, a process, of magnificent importance to the bourgeois class, a “job” that it brags and boasts about. The Issue goes beyond the limits of forsaken humanism, or the tragedy of a human being informed of his exact time of annihilation. The execution means, a weapon, a tool, a process with all the necessary rituals, laws, rules, judges, courts, lawyers, employees, "notary publics", prisons, executioners, mullahs and Imams, TV anchors and journalists, intellectuals, academics, connected and rooted in the heart of the contemporary political system, stems from the Koran, Islam, religions, ideology of ethnicity and patriotism, Rightness; in short the whole of contemporary bourgeois arsenal. Execution highlights the features and countenance of the ruling class which is unable to survive as an exploiter, not only in Iraq,

or Iran, Saudi Arabia or Pakistan, Yemen or Somalia, Morocco or Egypt, not even in the heart of US, without the perpetuation of death penalty, the killing of citizens under the pretext of protecting society from crime. "The execution of a citizen" then, becomes the bearer of this whole vicious process .

The "execution of a citizen" is politics, which embraces all crimes and injustices of contemporary bourgeois class against human beings. Only from this position, are we able to understand its relationship to humanity (its inhumanity). It is a crime of those who defend capitalism against the exploited; a crime of the bourgeois class against (ALL) mankind .

I do not ask, nor am I delusional to ask, from those who defend capitalism, to fight or criticize death penalty, neither from the position of humanism, nor from political awareness, but I ask of it from those who claim to defend communism, the victory of socialism, humanity, the estranged workers and oppressed women, the deprived toilers, and say: the execution of a citizen in Iraq or Iran, Kuwait or Saudi Arabia, Egypt or China, Pakistan or the U.S., is an example of an objectified pain, not a violation of some masked "executioner" to an anonymous victim, but a violation against all humanity. Every time a person is being executed, the same rope, the same bullet, is being rolled around the neck, penetrates the heart, of all humanity. In my opinion, it is only through this understanding can we find the meaning of the "in" humanity in execution. Only from real human beings can we sense the calamity of "execution of a citizen". Just as the slavery of a human being in some remote corner, means the slavery of all mankind .

Let's fight against the execution of Ihsan Fattahian, not because he was innocent or criminal, not because the trial was "unfair", not because he was a killer or not a killer, committed a crime or not committed, but because the execution of human beings is the necessary way for tyrants to produce more tyranny and injustice, more resentment and bitterness, more needs of individuals for murder and violence, raise more and more brutality, unscrupulousness and perpetuation of fear and inhumanity. We must stop this .

The struggle against death penalty is not the task of bourgeois and capitalists, their intellectuals, politicians, or paid journalists; it's the duty of representatives of humanism: workers, socialists, leftists, egalitarians, humanists, and secularists. This is the task of the civilized humanity .

Let us banish the "execution of a citizen" forever.