

Lal Khan

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Lal Khan is a political activist and Marxist political theorist. He is an acclaimed theorist in the International Marxist Tendency, alongside Alan Woods. He was a physician by profession but no longer practices that. He is currently the leader of the Pakistani Marxist organisation *The Struggle*, and editor of its newspaper.^[1] He also writes a weekly column for the *Daily Times*.^[2]

Contents

- 1 Early life
- 2 Career
- 3 Publications
- 4 See also
- 5 References
- 6 External links

Early life

In the 1970s, Khan was a student of medicine in college and a political activist in Pakistan when the military coup of General Zia ul Haq toppled the Pakistan Peoples Party government, and subsequently hanged the country's first democratically elected prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.^[3] He was imprisoned for a year, then went to university in the capital of Pakistan, Islamabad.^[4] He moved to The Netherlands in 1980 to escape the sentenced to death him in Pakistan.^[5] During his time in exile, he graduated from the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, and continued to reside in the Netherlands for eight more years. In his years of exile, he became acquainted with the works of Alan Woods, a Trotskyist political theorist in the British Labour Party. In the 1988, he returned to his country and quit his profession as a doctor, and has been working full time in revolutionary politics ever since.

Career

He worked for the International Marxist Tendency (IMT) that is an international Trotskyist organisation which is based on the ideas of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Trotsky.^{[6][7][8][9]} The Struggle advocates a socialist transformation of Pakistan. It demands the nationalization of the commanding heights of the economy under workers control, an end to religious extremism and radicalism, the eradication of unemployment and free accessible education for all Pakistani citizens.^[3]

On 12–13 March 2011 the largest congress of The Struggle was held in Lahore . These annual congresses are held to analyse the performance of the International Marxist Tendency and to formulate new strategies for social change and revolution.^{[10][11]} In October 2013, Khan accused Malala Yousafzai's supporters in the West of

Lal Khan



Lal Khan addressing 30th Congress of The Struggle

Born	1956
	Bhaun, Punjab, Pakistan
Nationality	Pakistani
Alma mater	Nishtar Medical College
	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Occupation	Political theorist, activist, writer
Movement	International Marxist Tendency
Website	http://www.struggle.com.pk/

appropriating her and concealing her socialist background.^[12]

Publications

- *Partition – Can it be undone?* This book examines the historical background of partition of the Indian subcontinent, and the formation of Pakistan and India.^[13]
- *Lebanon-Israel War*. Written in 2009, this book discusses not only the current conflict between Lebanon and Israel in detail, but also looks at the history of wars and revolutions in the whole region. The changing role of Iran in the region and the possibility of an invasion of Iran are also discussed in detail.
- *Pakistan's Other Story – The Revolution of 1968–69*. This book examines the student and political activism of the late 1960s which gave birth to a revolution. Khan argues that due to lack of leadership courage, the opportunity to establish a worker's state was lost.^{[14][15]}
- *Kashmir, A revolutionary way out*. This book examines the possibility of the liberation of Kashmir under a united South Asian socialist federation.^[16]

See also

- Marxism
- Trotskyism
- International Marxist Tendency
- Ted Grant
- Alan Woods

References

1. Sampath Perera (30 June 2012). "New Pakistani prime minister appointed" (<http://www.wsws.org/articles/2012/jun2012/paks-j30.shtml>). *World Socialist Web Site*. International Committee of the Fourth International (ICFI). Retrieved 24 July 2012.
2. "Lal Khan" (<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/Columnist/lal-khan>). Daily Times. Retrieved 15 February 2014.
3. "Interview with Lal Khan from Pakistan" (http://www.newyouth.com/archives/interviews/interview_with_lal_khan_from_pak.html). Newyouth.com. 8 June 1999. Retrieved 19 March 2012.
4. "Lal Khan" (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xT-kRuCoRc). *Meri Jedojehad* (in Urdu). 7 November 2010. AAJ TV.
5. Sher Khan; Hashim Bin Rashid (21 October 2007). "Blacked out" (<http://tribune.com.pk/story/419212/blacked-out/>). *The Express Tribune*. Retrieved 11 August 2012.
6. "A Brief History of the International Marxist Tendency" (<http://www.marxist.com/history-marxist-tendency.htm>). In Defence of Marxism. 12 August 2006. Retrieved 12 March 2011.
7. Paramita Ghosh (21 October 2007). "Social revolution only way out". *Hindustan Times*.
8. "Pakistan – Comrade Jam Saqi's House raided: He vows to carry on the struggle against the dictatorship for revolutionary socialism!" (<http://www.marxist.com/jam-shaqi-house-raided.htm>). In Defence of Marxism. 12 November 2007. Retrieved 20 August 2013.
9. "Veteran Pakistan Communist speaks to Marxist.com – Jam Saqi" (<http://www.marxist.com/veteran-pakistan-communist-jam-saqi040407.htm>). In Defence of Marxism. 3 April 2007. Retrieved 20 August 2013.
10. "The Struggle congress 2009 – Pakistan Marxists on the move!" (<http://www.marxist.com/pakistan-congress-2009.htm>). In Defence of Marxism. 27 March 2009. Retrieved 12 March 2011.
11. Anonymous. "Historic 32nd congress of Pakistani section of IMT – First Day" (<http://www.marxist.com/historic-32nd-congress-of-pakistani-imt-1.htm>). In Defence of Marxism. Retrieved 21 October 2013.
12. Lal Khan. "Malala's ordeal" (http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\13\story_13-10-2013_pg3_4). Daily Times. Retrieved 21 October 2013.

13. R. L. Singal (12 August 2007). "View from the left" (<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2007/20070812/spectrum/book5.htm>). *The Tribune*. Retrieved 29 July 2012.
14. Mamoon Chaudhry (18 August 2012). "Review: Pakistan's Other Story: The Revolution of 1968–1969 by Lal Khan" (<http://dawn.com/2012/08/18/review-pakistans-other-story-the-revolution-of-1968-1969-by-lal-khan/>). *Dawn*. Retrieved 18 August 2012.
15. Mahtab Bashir (30 December 2008). "Dr Lal Khan's book launched" (http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2008%5C12%5C30%5Cstory_30-12-2008_pg11_9). *Daily Times (Pakistan)*. Retrieved 24 July 2012.
16. " "Kashmir, A revolutionary way out" by Lal Khan" (<http://www.struggle.com.pk/kashmir-ordeal-a-revolutionary-way-out-by-lal-khan/>). *The Struggle* (in Urdu). 18 April 2012. Retrieved 11 August 2012.

External links

- Official website of The Struggle (<http://www.struggle.com.pk/>)
- Website of the IMT (<http://www.marxist.com/>)
- Website of Youth for International Socialism (<http://www.newyouth.com/>)
- Website of Pakistan Trade Union Defence Campaign (<http://www.ptudc.org/>)
- Lal Khan (<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/Columnist/lal-khan>) in the *Daily Times*



Wikimedia Commons has media related to ***Lal Khan***.

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lal_Khan&oldid=663827390"

Categories: Living people | Pakistani political theorists | Pakistani revolutionaries | Pakistani Marxists | Pakistani Trotskyists | Pakistani expatriates in the Netherlands | International Marxist Tendency | Quaid-i-Azam University alumni | 1956 births

-
- This page was last modified on 24 May 2015, at 17:51.
 - Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.

طَبَقَاتِي جِدُو جِهَد

The Struggle | طبقاتی جدوجہد — Voice of Socialism in Pakistan Peoples Party & Labor Movement

<http://www.struggle.com.pk/>