Lal Khan

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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]

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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/

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 Zulfiqar 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

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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

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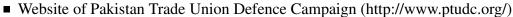
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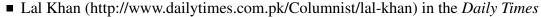
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External links

- 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/)





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