



#### ALTERNATIVE WORKERS NEWS IRAN

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### Stop Genocide in Gaza- Palestine!

#### Ceasefire Now!

# The immediate and unconditional ceasefire is in the interest of the Palestinian and Israeli workers and oppressed people!

The ongoing brutal Israeli genocide in Gaza is a human tragedy which extends every moment. This tragedy has gone further than the issue of war between Palestine and Israel, and it has affected the world. In fact, This human killing crisis must be seen as a tension between the world's capitalist blocs, whose solution also must be solved internationally. In the new round of war and genocide of the Palestinian people by the Israeli government and military forces, has the comprehensive supports of American and European governments.

Unfortunately, the ruling capitalist governments with their imposed reactionary and anti-human rules tried to suffocate the International solidarity and support for the Palestinians, but fortunately, despite the policies of the war-mongering states, the international social protests are expanding, and the peace loving and progressive people of the world have come out to the streets of every city and capital, condemning the genocide of the Israeli's government and its military forces.

These movements are increasing and will put pressure on those governments that consider the

war's continuation as a blessing!

Against to the present crisis, If the current anti-war protests be organized and expanded to the extent of a social movement, it will have the capacity to push back the war-mongering governments, and bring about the urgent war stoppage, and fulfils an immediate end to war, and the realization of the effective and sustainable peace in the region. Without doubt, a long lasting peace will eventuate only by the social movements not at the summits of the governments and capitalist blocs. A just peace that is based on the common interests of the workers and oppressed Palestinians and Israeli people. Immediate and unconditional stoppage of the war in Gaza!

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# In the necessity of organization and coming to streets



Reza Shahabi - Evin Prison

2023/11/03 - These days, many articles in the official media deal with the livelihood problems of workers, and sometimes they also interview some figures and retirees. The reflection of the intolerable situation of the workers in the official media, which had a habit of denying or belittling the workers' issues, shows the progress of the workers and imposing their demands on the ruling relations. Also, union and labour activists have helped to further these demands by actively participating on social media and newspapers in various ways.

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## "Retirees and the 7th Development Program"



Ismail Garami (Retirade worker)

When it comes to the seventh development plan and its relationship with workers and retirees, it should not be looked at in a static way, because this program is the continuation of 44 years of oppression and injustice that has been imposed on workers and retirees.

A government that was supposed to support the oppressed ones!, and brings the capitalists and feudal lords to the trial, today is trying to "legalize" its anti-labor measures in favour of the capitalists. The mafia government and the defender of ...

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## The New round of the protest of the oil worker



October 21, 2023 - Protests by oil, gas and petrochemical workers have been taking place intermittently for months. The latest round of protests by oil workers started in October of this year. According to the reports published by the oil workers, on Monday, September 25, a number of laid-off workers of one of the contractors of the first phase of the Howeyzeh Gas Refining Company gathered in front of the company in order to achieve their demands.

These workers, who were working with...

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## The retirees of Shush have lost a comrade!



The dirty, profiteering system of capitalism is the cause of such atrocities.

Dear friends, retirees of Shoosh and all over Iran, unfortunately, we have been informed that our comrade, Ms. Soghra Kurd, has passed away.

Ms. Soghra Kurd was one of the pensioners in the city of Shoosh, who were present on the street floor during/on Sundays protesting to fulfil their human wills and demands.

Ms. Soghra Kord was a suffering and oppressed...

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## Reyhaneh Ansarinezhad, Labor activist was transferred to Evin Prison!



Today, November 6, 2003, Labor activist Reyhaneh Ansarinezhad was transferred to Evin Prison to serve her outrageous four-year sentence.

Reyhaneh Ansarinezhad was arrested in her residential address by the Ministry of Intelligence on May 12, 2022, and after spending 78 days of detention and interrogation was released on bail of 1.5 billion Toman (\$US 30,000.) . She was sentenced to 4 years in prison by Branch 15 of the Revolutionary Court, and two years of prohibition on cyberspace activities, and banned from traveling...

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Reza Aghdasi, the deaf fired worker from Iran Khodro, has been imprisoned and accused of acting against national security!



Reza Aghdasi, the laid off worker from Iran Khodro, who is deaf and suffers from several health issues and was under doctor's observation, has been imprisoned since October 24, and in the revolutionary court he has been accused of "gathering and colluding with the intention of disturbing the national security, propaganda activity against the regime, attending illegal labor gatherings and membership in hostile groups".

one week after Reza Aghdasi's arrest, on October 31, Tehran's revolutionary court sentenced him to gathering and colluding with the intention ...

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#### A deadly week for the Iranian workforce!



In the week when tens of workers, porters (koolbars or the porters who carry diverse merchandise on their shoulders in the mountains and border areas in order to eke out a living) and Sookhtbars (the fuel carriers who make a living by selling fuel or smuggling due to unemployment and poverty) have lost their lives or have been injured.

Ali Abbasi, the General Director of the Mazandaran Province's Coroner's office, has reported of the increase in the workers' deaths in the first six months of the year.

He said that there has been an increase of five percent in the first six months of 2023 compared to the first six months of 2022. In this period 69 people, all males, lost their lives in Mazandaran.

25"people fell down, 19 as a result of the electrocution, 13 as result of being hit by a hard object and 12 others as a result of other incidents".

September 25th, a worker of the South East Rails, Hossein Khederi lost his life after being hit by a train's wagon. On the same day a landscaping worker was gravely injured after falling from a tree and lost his life on the way to hospital. Again on the same day a furniture making worker was a victim of gas poisoning while resting in the workshop...

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#### **Short News**

\*-Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, the contracting workers of the railway lines maintenance are demanding the implementation of a job classification plan in their work. The contractor by refusing to implement the job classification position of the workers is giving the workers the minimum wage possible and is refusing to pay the workers any work bonus and does not pay the overtime nor are the work in holidays and the workers deprived of supplementary insurance bonuses.



\*-Saturday 21<sup>St</sup> October- the retirees of Mellat and Saderat bank in protest to their financial condition and non-payment of their owed wages from the retirees coffer, gathered in the Samieh street of Tehran in protest.



- \*-The retirees of the steel industry on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October gathered in protest in the cities of 'Isfahan' 'Ahwaz' 'Roodbar' and 'Tehran'. The retirees of social security gathered in protest in the cities of 'Arak' 'Dezful' 'Shoosh' 'Ahwaz.' and 'Kermanshah' on the same day.
- \*- A group of Yazd nurses gathered in front of the Yazd Governorate on Tuesday, October 24, and demanded payment of outstanding claims, payment of overtime and overtime for the past year in accordance with the Nursing Services Tariff Law, payment of hardship allowance, consideration of the work history of corporate nurses and handling of nurses' welfare matters.
- \*-The protesting workers of food processing 'Takdaneh' situated in 'marand' (East Azerbaijan) gathered in protest to low wages and lack of job leveling, stopped work and gathered in the factory grounds.

#### Some of the slogans of the retirees this week!

- \*Army of the country, social security, unity unity!
- \* we have heard many lies and will not anymore!
- \* No humiliation, no abjection, down with this justice!
- \* Our message to the government, shame, shame!
- \* From 'Khuzestan' to 'Tehran', shame on the management!
- \* When our term comes, the coffer is empty!
- \* Social security, what a wrong name!
- \* The retiree's refrigerator is emptier than before!
- \* The half wage, if you keep silent that is all!
- \* The imprisoned teacher must be freed



- \*- The workers with hard working conditions of 'Gilan' province have gathered many times in front of the governmentship and said that although they have been promised their retirement deadline, it has not been accepted. Their condition is such that the contractor for not paying the full insurance benefit to the workers has listed them as simple workers to the social security department and this department has agreed to the contractors' report and is making it hard for the workers.
- \*-The nurses also, like other wage earners, are struggling, which includes lack of job security, temporary contracts, low wages, delayed wage payments and high work pressure and compulsory overtime.

The house of nurses that oversees the nurse's difficulties has published a letter from the medical science of the 'Boushehr' university stating that they have voted in favour of the nurses in regards to hard working conditions and compulsory overtime and i.e. against the law.

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"The Committee in Solidarity with the Iranian workers Movement -Abroad" of solidarity groups and individuals outside of Iran that support Iranian Workers'. Struggle for:

- (1) Democratic rights and economic. Justice;
- (2) Exposing anti-labour policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (3) Building bridges between the Iranian and international workers' movement.

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