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Happy International Working
Women's Day

Joint announcement of 17 leftist and democratic institutions

On the upcoming of March 8 2024 along with the Iranian social movements struggle against discrimination and inequality!

This year, we welcome the anniversary of March 8 International Women's Day in a situation where women in Iran are still oppressed and being discriminated against under the rule of the ruling class .

The Islamic Republic of Iran, by implementing the misogynist medieval laws, has imposed the most sexual and class discrimination against women and considers them second-class citizens economically, politically, and socially .

From the very beginning, the Islamic Republic began the era of all-round repression in society by attacking women's rights, and for more than four decades, every attack on women's status has been a precursor to more all-round repression in society.

Today, it is impossible to talk about International Women's Day without paying attention to working women .

What highlights and honours the importance of this day was the struggle of hundreds of women workers in New York textile factories on March 8, 1857, who went on strike to protest against low wages, long working hours, inhuman working conditions and not having the right to vote. In a bloody class battle, they imposed their demands and demands on the bourgeoisie, and it was because of these struggles that this day was named March 8 as International Women's Day...

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Joint statement of Independent Organizations

The Nightmare of Fake "Confederation" Builders

On February 24, 2024, a group of individuals with known identities, declared the formation and existence of an entity under the title of Labor Confederation of Iran - Abroad. The infamous Iran International TV sent a special reporter to this gathering place, and announced the formation of this "Confederation" as "an important event". Although for us who are familiar with the background of these types of people it was no surprise, it still made us sad that these people offer their naivety and wisdom as cleverness and are intent on taking the workers backward.

Fortunately, in this short time we have witnessed the enlightened reactions towards these people who did not think they would encounter such a big opposition. These types of people had before engaged in "Charter" making and now thought they could get away with phony and fake "organization" building. They thought that they lacked their "workers confederation" and...



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The livelihood basket, a tool for disclosure or a tool for demagoguery

From: *Ismail Garami* (retired worker)
 Faramarez Toufighi, a so-called labor activist and a member of the "wage committee", talks about the minimum wage in a conversation with Ilina (Iranian news agency) on March 1, 2024. Following his calculations, he says, "Last year, in the wage committee, the subsistence basket rate was calculated unrealistically (unrealistic?!), about 14 million Toman (\$US280.00 approx.)." In recent days, the economic managers of the government announced the inflation of January this year at 43.7%. Therefore, if we apply this 43.7% inflation, (which is not very real?!), to the livelihood basket of the previous year, we come to the conclusion that the effect of inflation on the livelihood basket is 6 million and 200 thousand Toman (\$US124.00); In fact, assuming the correctness (which is questionable?!) of the official statistics, we should add 6,200,000 Toman (\$US124.00) to the artificial basket of 14,000,000 Tomans (\$280.00 approx.) of last year...

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The real formula for determining the wages of workers has been determined!

Wage increased by 84%?

Aayat Asadi, the main labor member of the Supreme Labor Council

Today, the gap between wage and the poverty line has widen; Twice these wages do not reach the poverty line; The increase in wages and its proportionality with the living expenses are cleared as daylight; The wage resolutions of the Supreme Labor Council are also clear, and the wage increases of the last two years can be summed up; But a simple sum does not convey all the facts; Of course, in the case of workers at other levels, the cumulative increase in wages has been much less than these words, and we must know that the country's valuable and productive workforce is in the same range of other levels. How much did the 57% increase in wages in 2023-20024, which they are constantly maneuvering about, bring in Rials' term? Only one million and 500 thousand Toman (\$US30.00)! In the same period, the house rent has increased...

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Parts of the analytical article by "Retired Union Group"

What does increasing the retirement age mean?

The workers respond

In the past days, the Islamic Consultative Assembly, "people's representatives" voted in favour of a resolution in which, due to "demographic changes" and "disparity of resources", the increase in the retirement age was announced as "one of the influential factors in improving the status of the funds". Following the news of such a resolution, which had already reached the workers' ears from all corners, explanatory texts and videos were published one after another. Several issues have been emphasized in the justification arguments:

1. The life expectancy in Iran is 76 years and the average retirement age is 51 years, and the number of years of receiving pension is high.
2. Many countries have increased the retirement age. Germany, Spain, South Korea, France, Greece, etc.
3. Lowering the retirement age compared to 1952: because "according to the legal bill of social insurance for workers..."

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Negotiated wages instead of wage increases

In the absence of independent trade unions, the workers' power will weaken further!

the country, who are protesting the spread of poverty and the low level of wages and the backwardness of these small wages .

Recently, it has been heard that the government is still trying to add salt to the wounds of the workers by updating the anti-labor recipe of agreed wages. Negotiated wages are a trick of the government, employer and capitalists to suppress more wages, make labor cheaper and legalize the protection of the employer and give the absolute right to exploit and put pressure on the workers by the government and the capitalist class.

Negotiated wages are illegal even in the labor law of the Islamic Republic. Because according to the labor law of the Islamic Republic, the minimum wage must be determined according to the law. Although the workers are aware that the Islamic Republic does not respect any law, even the laws it has approved...

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Extracted From the joint statement:

"Another basic point that should not be forgotten is that in the struggle for wage increase, like in other fields of class struggle of workers, the solidarity and unity of the working class and the creation of sustainable economic and social organizations (unions or similar organizations) are important and the first priority. The struggle of workers in the economic-social arena alone cannot achieve the desired results. Therefore, at the same time as the struggle for economic demands, promotion and training and practical activities must be carried out to establish the independent political struggle of the working class and its organizations take place: Because the class struggle of the workers will have a chance to win only if it is carried out unitedly, organized and based on the long-term goals and immediate goals of the working class and with the broad and active participation of the masses".

Down with exploitation and wage slavery!

Bread, Job, Freedom!

Happiness, Wellbeing, prosperity!

26 January 2024

**Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Workers' Syndicate
Retired Union Group**

**Coordinating committee to help build labor
organizations**

Retired workers of Khuzestan

**The Federation of International
Education and the International
Confederation of Trade Unions jointly
registered a complaint against the
Islamic Republic to the International
Labor Organization (ILO) committee.**



These two international Trade Union Organizations demanded the release of 14 prominent members of the teachers' movement and labor organizations who are illegally imprisoned in Iran.

In the complaint of the Federation of International Education and the International Confederation of Trade Unions, the Secretary General of the Committee on Freedom of Associations of the World Labor Organization was asked to oblige the Islamic Republic to unconditionally release these Syndicate and labor activists. [Read more this link](#)

**In the 17th year of Zeinab Jalalian's
imprisonment, 1383 days have passed
since her deportation to Yazd prison**



Zainab Jalalian, the only female political prisoner sentenced to life imprisonment, spends all seventeen years of her imprisonment in prisons (Evin, Khoy, Dieselabad, Kermanshah, Kerman Central Prison, and Yazd) without a single day off... [Read more this link](#)

**Zeinab-Jalalian's message on the occasion
of 8th March International Women's Day
Extracted from Zainab Jalalian's open letter:**

"In advance, I congratulate all the women of the world and all the people on the 8th of March. This year, March 8th and the days of Nowrouz (Persian New Year), and Spring have arrived. But on this March 8th, women and many people in general have sacrificed their lives for... [Read more this link](#)

Paris, March 4, 2024

**To the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic
of Iran**

Sir, We are very concerned about the news that has reached us regarding three Syndicalists from Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat-e-WAHED), currently in prison. According to the information in our possession, Reza Shahabi's state of health requires immediate and urgent neck surgery, otherwise serious and irreversible complications may arise. Despite severe pain in the neck area and high blood pressure, to our knowledge, no hospitalization is currently scheduled for surgery.

Davoud Razavi suffers from knee pain, arthritis, vision problems, and gastrointestinal illnesses. It was reported to us that despite several haemorrhages, he continues not to receive the medical treatment and care his state of health requires.

Hassan Saedi lost most of his teeth in prison due to untreated gum and mouth disease. According to our information, the loss of his teeth caused digestive problems. He urgently needs dental treatment outside the prison... [Read more this link](#)

SHORT NEWS

protesting workers in the south. The FALAT-GHAREH Company of LAVAN

1st March 2024 – The Main Demands: the removal of infiltrated and inept bosses, removal of wage ceiling, correction of wage's base, removal of the limit in reiterating age, full implementation of the 10th article, arrears payment, Non-separation of jobs in operational areas.

The employed workers of FALAT GHAREH in Lavan Island today coinciding with the election of Islamic Council, demanded their unanswered demands.

Saturday 2nd march 2024

The continuation of the protest by the workers of the third pillar of the southern gas complex

Today, on Monday 4th march the protest by the workers of the third pillar in regards to their demands in various refineries of the southern gas complex is continuing. The workers in the previous day gathered in various complexes to pursue their demands. Workers gathered in different refineries of this complex last day and according to reports, these gatherings were widespread and in some phases of the refinery, workers refused to eat and rest at noon and continued their protest gatherings in front of the office building. Their main demands:

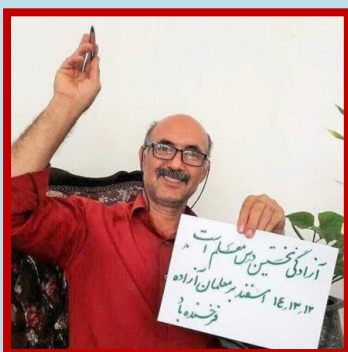
The removal of the intermediary contractors supplying of the workforce, correction and implication of the job classification plan, increase without prejudice in wages and receiving the welfare equal to other pillar oil refineries.

The removal of inept managers, cancellation of the wages ceiling, cancellation of the limitation of the retirement years, return of the deduction in taxes, the implementation of the 10th rule and payment of backpay, absence merger & interference with the retirement coffer.

Sunday 3rd march 2024.

Rasool Badaghi has been freed by bail

Rasoul Bodaghi the secretary of the centre for the teachers guild in Islam Shahr, member of the council for of the teachers guild, has been freed by bail on Sunday 3rd march



Shiraz: the protest walk by the nurses and medical staff towards the provincial government building in regards to unfair payments and overtime and other demands



In recent months each time by creating an excuse a wave of hatred has been put upon Afghani refugees in Iran

The Afghans in Iran, Syria, Turkey, Lebanon and Filipinos, Pakistani, in Qatar. Mexicans and South Americans in the USA are all the victims of the same politics. They are all used for keeping the capitalist system working and have to bear their inhumane conditions and these conditions will not change until the capitalist system is overthrown.

The protest by the hospital personnel of Kahnouji for not receiving their wages

The nurses of Kahnouji have protested for not receiving their arrears and stated that the continuation of work under these conditions is not possible.

The gathering by the workers of Shoush in regards to their arrears and insurance rights!

The gathering in protest by the water and sewage workers of the city of shoush for non-payment of wages for several months.

About us

"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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