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*Note: Some important statements regarding May Day unfortunately reached us after the publication of Bulletin No. 210. Given their importance, they are published in this issue.*



## **An open letter to unions and workers' Organisations Sponsoring a rally at ILO's 2025 annual conference in Geneva in solidarity with of workers' struggle in Iran**

Every year, hundreds of workers and labour activists in Iran are threatened, fired, arrested, imprisoned and tortured by the Islamic Republic of Iran for exercising their basic labour rights. Currently, a considerable number of labour activists are behind bars. A few independent labour organisations that have partially survived the government's sustained onslaught and suppression are under constant and colossal pressure, their activities are severely restricted, and many of the founders and members are either imprisoned or live in constant fear of persecution and long periods of incarceration without trials .

As a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO),

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## **The nationwide strike of truck drivers and heavy vehicle operators in Iran has entered its tenth day**

The strike was declared by the "Union of Truck Drivers and Transporters of Iran" in protest against the unpleasant working and living conditions and is currently ongoing in over 100 cities. The union, with the slogan "The demand for justice will not be silenced by repression—we will continue our strike,"\* has called for a week-long nationwide strike . In addition to truck drivers and transporters, recent strikes and protests by bakers, retirees, and other social classes of society have sparked a new wave of dissent and dissatisfaction against the Islamic Republic .

The "Australia Committee in Solidarity with the Iranian Workers' Movement" supports these strikes, protests, and their legitimate demands.

## *Rally in Support of Workers' Struggles in Iran*

### *Join Us:*



6 June 2025 | 12:00–3:00 PM

Place des Nations, Geneva

The "Workers' Delegates" from Iran attending the ILO Conference do not represent Iranian workers.

We Demand:

- The unconditional release of all imprisoned workers and political prisoners in Iran
- An immediate end to arrests, torture, and executions

We Stand with Iranian Workers in Their Struggle For:

- The right to form independent workers' organizations- —not state-sponsored bodies
- The right to protest and strike
- Job security and safe working conditions
- Fair wages that meet the cost of living
- An immediate end to all discrimination based on gender, race, nationality, religion, belief or any other grounds.

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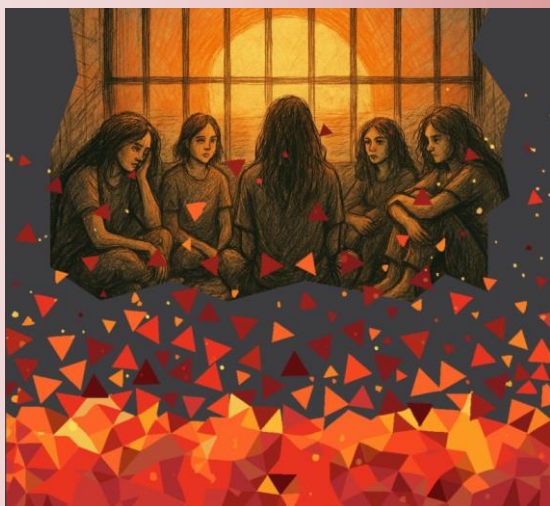
## **On MayDay**

-We  
- the workers  
;struggle for our rights  
- They  
,suppress our wages to continue exploiting us  
and if  
,There is no excuse for suppression  
,they will create an explosion  
,fire  
or some debris  
... on our heads  
;In order to destroy us  
On May Day  
,Of this year  
As if  
They Have knot  
Our fate  
;...To the of Saturdays' Hell  
Don't know  
What is going to happen  
-what are they doing  
whether the eagle becomes starless  
Or talonsless  
Or the wingless white dove  
...flutters among the corpses  
We  
Hopeful  
To life  
Being  
Only  
Know  
!They can't  
- Separate us from struggle  
;They can't destroy us  
,We, the exploited  
,The oppressed  
,The unemployed ones  
The expelled ones  
-The imprisoned ones  
The ones who have been covered in blood  
,The hungry ones  
Until don't eliminate  
-The exploitation of man by man  
... We will not be destroyed

" Metalworker "



## May Day celebration in Evin's prison ward 8th!



On May 1st, 2025 , the guild, political and civil activists imprisoned in Evin's prison ward 8th gathered together and by distributing sweets and reciting poetry, and short speeches. celebrated MayDay. A significant number of ordinary prisoners joint as well.

**where workers receive the "lowest wages" in the world**



Among the 13 countries where workers receive the "lowest wages" in the world, Indonesia, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, Armenia , Ukraine and Iraq receive higher wages than Iranian workers. In Iraq, which is itself on the list of countries with the lowest wages, its workers receive twice as much as Iranian workers.

## A plant that had grown toward the light

**Dear Sharifeh!**

I remember my "happy and pleased" humming during the open-air time in the prison. We changed, we read together and with one blink and laugh, first it was ours, we wanted to live in a place, but it seems like it was just in the beginning,

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*Joint statement from two political coalitions on the occasion of May Day:*

**Iranian workers and toilers, you have no choice but to overthrow the ruling regime**

The death and injury of hundreds of workers and employees in the explosion at Rajai Shahr Port in Bandar Abbas on the eve of the International Workers' Day anniversary, after the deaths of mine workers due to lack of safety last year, is only a small part of the devastating situation of oppressed Iranian workers after 46 years of the ruling Islamic fundamentalist regime in Iran... [Read more at link](#)

**It is not far away the day when we destroy the wheel of this upside down world"!**

*The declaration of the Iranian Writers Association on the occasion of the May First 2025*

*Long live May First, the international day of the workers*

Working class is an international class, a class with radical chains, a class whose very existence is the verdict for the disintegration of all classes. It is an international class since it bears witness to an international pain and suffering, it is a class that does not recognize any nation, ethnicity, religion, cult, sect or sectarian agenda.

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## The Mafia wolves' war for takeover of Saipa Car Company!

According to Tejarat News(Trade News), there is a serious competition has taken placed between Kerman Motor and DotOne Holding, whilst the transfer of Saipa Car Company to the private sector, the final stage is approaching.

Unlike Iran Khodro, which was accompanied by a wave of criticism from regulatory bodies and public opinion, the transfer of... [Read more at link](#)

## Short News

-\*Monday, May 12, official employees of the Iranian Offshore Oil Company in the Lavan region gathered to protest the salary cap, the failure to implement Article 10, payment restrictions, and unfair segregation of jobs in operational areas.

-\*Tuesday, May 13, Arak Aluminum Workers Rally to Protest the Factory's Frequent Power Outage  
This morning, a group of Arak Aluminum Workers staged a protest rally in the factory grounds to protest the crippling power outage .

According to ILNA, according to the workers, more than 4,000 workers are working at the Arak Aluminum Factory, and the job security of some of them has been jeopardized due to the frequent power outages.

According to these statements, due to the worn-out boilers and rectifiers, the plant will not be able to reduce even one megawatt more, and the imbalance caused by the power outage will cause irreparable damage to the huge Iralco complex. Therefore, if the power outage continues, irreparable damage will be caused to the plant and ultimately to the employment of 4,000 workers, the consequences of which will be borne by the authorities. Yesterday, members of the Iralco workers' council protested against the crippling power outage in front of the central governorate.

-\*Tuesday, May 13, oil industry retirees gathered in front of the Ahvaz Amaniye Retirees Center to protest the non-payment of equalization of salaries, low incomes, #prices and #inflation, and the looting and plundering of the oil pensioners' fund.

-\*Tuesday, May 13, protest rally of retirees of #Abadan\_Petrochemical\_Company in front of the governor's office of this city.

-\*Wednesday, May 14th, due to severe power outages, production at the Bagheran Cement Factory has been suspended since Wednesday, May 14th.

-\*On Wednesday, May 14, according to Tejarat News, as the electricity shortage crisis reached its most severe level, the Ministry of Interior sent a text message to the managers of steel and cement factories, ordering them to stop production.

-\*Wednesday, May 14, the Social Security Organization and pension funds plan to increase the basis for calculating pensions from the average of 24 months of salary to 31 months from the beginning of 1405 (1426), and from the following years, add one month to this number every year up to a maximum of 35, which will lead to a reduction in the salaries of employees upon retirement.

On Thursday, May 15, the Qazvin National Housing applicants gathered to protest the skyrocketing increase in housing construction and delivery, the lack of loan \*-increases and timely delivery of units, and the contractor's failure to fulfill its obligations. The national housing applicants, who are from the lower deciles of society and workers without a home, despite the legal payments they have made with a thousand and one misfortunes and hardships, are now facing the failure to deliver their shelter in most parts of the country and have been protesting weekly since last year. <https://t.me/ettihad/133296>

-\*Thursday, May 15, bakers in Shahinshahr, Isfahan, gathered in front of the governorate, protesting the non-payment of subsidies, the functioning of the Nanino system, heavy costs and low income, <https://t.me/ettihad/133323>

-\*Thursday, May 15, retirees of the Telecommunications Industry of Iran (ITI) protested in front of various government institutions, including the Fars Governorate. Workers and employees of the telecommunications industry are demanding the payment of back wages that have not been paid for years. These retirees have not received any salary in the last three years of their employment, and their claims have remained pending since then, eighteen years ago. <https://t.me/ettihad/133435>

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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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