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A conversation with the working class and other toilers along with their responds

It is asked why, despite the fact that the Islamic Republic is facing deep economic crises and poverty prevails in a widespread part of the society, the people's reaction towards a fundamental change in the society has a slow process?

Is it only violent repressions, political, social, and civil restrictions that prevent the formation of broad popular movements, especially the protest movement of workers and toilers?

Everyone who lives in Iran has directly been faced with the political, economic and social pressures, repressions and restrictions created by the reactionary Islamic fundamentalist regime and its repressive institutions. For this reason, similar questions have been asked from everybody in this regard.

In this statement, we intend to answer this question in the form of a short conversation, and at the end, we will also state our solution...



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The Supreme Labour Council of Iran or the supporters of Capitalists!?

The minimum wage for the Persian calendar of the year 1403 (2024) was determined and as usual declared by the representatives of capital owners in the last days of March 2024.

Based on this declaration, the minimum wage for the year 1403(2024) has been increased by 35.3% compared to the last year. The Wage increase of other levels was decided to be 22% in addition to the fixed monthly wage of almost 7000000.00

Toman(approximately\$US140.00) per month. The minimum wage, with regards to other items, will be 11107000 Toman(or Almost 12000000.00 Toman per month, which is equal to \$US240.00 per month) for the year 2024 Based on the Statistic Canter of Iran, of 65 million Iranians over 15 year of age, 24 million have been employed. According to the same source, the definition of an employee is someone who has worked at least one hour per week, as well as a person who has worked for a member of their family, without receiving any wage.

Even though such statistics demonstrate part of the reality in Iran, it's enough to prove the wretched conditions of the oppressed Iranian masses.

"TV Drama Show"

Unlike the previous year, the government had organized the "2024 wage Puppetry".The lying apparatus of the Islamic Republic had invited the experts!? And the workers' representatives!? And...

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Joint Declaration of Independent Organizations Expanding and deepening of the absolute poverty under the cover of the law and with the help of the capitalist stick

Guardians of the capitalist system under the name of "the High Council of Labor" , after raising an uproar for a few days of disgusting and condescending puppet show, have declared the minimum wage and other levels of wages for 2024.

Considering the composition of the individuals in this council, who are government representatives, bosses' representatives and a government made group so called representatives of the workers, there was no hope of achieving anything from their internal futile discussions for the workers.

The result of this abject triangle, which in reality was between the government and the bosses, was already predetermined: the expansion and the deepening of the absolute poverty among the workers and in the society for the benefit of the capitalists, a show of force against the workers. According to the decision by "the High Council of Labor", the minimum wage for 2023 was 5.3 million tomans (\$US 106.00) per month is now 7.2 million tomans (\$US144.00) per month, which is nominally 35 percent more, but considering the rate of inflation for 2024 which is 35 percent, the real wages will suffer a reduction. Even if we consider the extra pay for the housing, grocery, children support, being married support and the seniority extra pay, still a worker, who is on minimum wage with two children...

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The ultimatum of the Minister of Labor (Mortazavi) is for exercising power in the Supreme Labor Council and degrading workers' wages.

Mr. Mortazavi, Minister of Finance, says: "If tomorrow the labor representatives resist their words and we do not reach a single conclusion regarding the issues, the proposals of all three groups will be put to a vote without consensus, and will be approved and finalized by the majority vote". Individuals or organizations that have a positive capacity for the Supreme Labor Council and especially intend to strengthen the radicalism of the so-called labor representatives with compassionate recommendations are doing something in vain . Instead of developing awareness and strengthening radicalism among the masses of workers and retirees with correct and decisive analysis and action, these delusional people are constantly spreading illusions among workers and giving wrong addresses . Turning a blind eye to different events and periods in the life of the Supreme Labor Council and...

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The continuation of protests by workers of the third pillars of Ghachsaran Oil and Gas Company and official oil associates



On March 17, official oil workers gathered in two oil and gas exploitation companies, Aghajari and Continental Plateau, in Khark to protest to the their unanswered demands. The main demands of the official workers are:

- dismissal of anti-labor and corrupt officials,
- removal of the wage ceiling,
- modification of the wage floor,
- removal of the limitation of retirement years,
- full implementation of Article 10 and payment of its arrears,
- non-separation of jobs in operational areas and non-encroachment on the oil pension fund.

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The first strike of the New Year; Khorasan railway workers stopped working



Khorasan railway workers stopped working on Wednesday, the 21 of March, due to non-payment of their wages and benefits, to mark the first labor strike of the New Year.

The Telegram channel of the workers and employees of the maintenance of the railway line and technical infrastructure wrote that the wages and benefits of these employees at the end of the year have not been paid and due to being in the month of Ramadan and Nowrouz, they have faced many problems. The problems of railway workers are not only...

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The insolent attack on the dismissed workers of National Steel Group will not go unanswered

The mercenary agents of the security unit of the National Steel Industrial Group attacked the laid-off workers in front of one of the company's entrances. Today, Saturday, the 6th of April 2024, a number of Melli Group Workers, who were fired from their jobs during the recent protests, since the beginning of the year, in order to pursue their return to work, and as a sign of protest against the dismissal orders, planned to set up a tent and sit -in, in front of the company.

guard and its corrupt manager with the looters in the National Steel Group. ...



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How did the bitter year of 2023 pass for Iranian nurses? Hoping for a better and less painful days in the New Year!



Parastar (Nurse): After all, we must congratulate all our dear nurses and colleagues on the New Year of 2024, and wish them a better and less painful year. The year 2023 for #nurses in the country has ended, while it can be safely said that it was one of the most bitter and darkest years of nursing activity in the past few years. One of our heartfelt hopes and wishes for our colleagues is that at least 2024 will not be as dark and depressing. The main pressure that was put on the nurses in 2023 was from the decisions made by the ...

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New prisons under construction in Iran For their construction, the construction budget line is foreseen



Source: Budget Law 1402 of the whole country

Salmas prison - Capacity of 500 prisoners
Damghan Prison - Capacity of 250 prisoners
Tehran prison -
Tabriz prison - Capacity of 5000 prisoners
Varamin Prison - Capacity of 1000 prisoners
Semnan prison - Capacity of 500 prisoners
Kashan prison - Capacity of 750 prisoners
Ahwaz prison - Capacity of 4500 prisoners
Shiraz prison - Capacity of 5000 prisoners
Behbahan Prison - Capacity of 500 prisoners
 + 59 other prisons in other cities
 + 100 temporary etention centres

Women who produce silk thread. They create hundreds of colours and beauty, but they are deprived of the minimum of life!

The women workers of silk production in North Khorasan do this laborious work for hours. In the last five years, according to statistics, the number of silk weaving workers has decreased significantly, because their insufficient and low wages have caused many male workers to leave this job. Instead of them, women workers work, who are paid much less.

Paying less wages to women workers has become a custom in all small workshops. Big factories prevent the employment of women.

In small workshops, the exploitation of women workers is much more intense. Long working hours and low wages and their suffering.



Young people are at the top of the list of unemployed people in the country

Statistics Center data show that the unemployment rate of youth in the age group of 15 to 24 years is higher than the unemployment rate of the whole country.

Official statistics show that the highest level of unemployment among the young population aged 15 to 24 was recorded in the winter of 2011, in the last 19 years .

"Eco Iran" website also wrote in a report that in the spring of 2005, the unemployment rate of youth aged 15 to 24 was equal to 24%, and in the winter of 2011, the youth unemployment rate of this age group was more than 31%, which is the highest unemployment rate recorded in 19 years. has passed. On the other hand, the media report in February 2024, shows that in the fall of this year, the unemployment rate of women aged 15 to 24 in 26

provinces is above 20%.

Echo Iran also addressed this issue and wrote that this rate for young men is higher than this rate in 14 provinces. The statistics published by the Statistics Center show that the unemployment rate of young men in the fall of last year was 18.5% and this rate for women in Iran was 9.9%.

A number of experts and analysts point out that despite the many promises of senior officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran to create "millions" of jobs, official statistics indicate widespread unemployment among Iran's youth.

It is on this basis that they cite official statistics and declare that "42.8 percent" of the total unemployed population of the country are "graduates of higher education" and a significant part of them are "educated rural women." *Retired Union Group*

SHORT NEWS

The escape of the CEO from answering the workers questions.



The protest of the iron rock workers in central 'Yazd.' In regards to exchanging the company and two percent of the complication of the previous day and while the CEO was supposed to answer the workers questions in regards to the problems, he left without letting anyone know.

Sunday 17th March

71% of the graduated women in Iran are unemployed

wage increased by 35% for workers in 2024

By the approval of the workers Council the minimum wage of the workers in the year 2024 has been increased by 35.5% in comparison to the year 2023

The dismissal of 7 workers in the Atila Ortoped factory in Sanandaj

According to the news, 7 workers of the Atila Ortoped Factory in Sanandaj have been sacked by the owner of the factory by the name of 'Haji Ali Tahasory' without any explanation.

It is worth mentioning that each one of these workers had 15 years of working experience in the Atila Ortopid factory and were dismissed without receiving their New Year bonus.

The wage-less workers in front of an empty dining table in NEW YEAR !

The strike and protest by the railway line maintenance.

The workers of line and building railway of Lorestan are in front of their empty dining table in the Traverse Company i.e. one of the largest private companies and is refusing to pay the workers' wages. This company is active in Kraj, Hormozgan, Lorestan,



Andimeshk - A number of daily workers and drivers of the Andimeshk City Council that have not received their wages for the last two months gathered in protest in front of the City Council Building, the workers in this protest announced that if by 26th of March 2024 their demands are not met, they will again gather in protest.



The gathering in protest in front of the railway company of Arak

The protest by the workers on the 4th day in regards to wages deduction.

In the past two months with the excuse that we want to better the wages system for our workers ,they have cancelled the overtime on Friday work and holiday work and have added 1Million Toman(\$US20.00)

the retirees workers of Ahwaz today gathered in protest in the workers square in front of the social security building by chanting the slogan: Retiree's shout/ shout for rights!

Poverty, corruption, Inflation/danger for people's lives!

High taxes/miserable conditions!

Ahwaz, 7 April, 2024- gathering in protest by retirees of the social security of Kermanshah.

Kermanshah social and country in the new year in front of the center of social security retirees on #Ikshenbah_Etraz

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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