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Keyvan Mehtadi, Reza Shahabi and Hassan Saeedi were released from prison

We congratulate the freedom of Keyvan Mohtadi teacher, writer and translator, and the lifelong comrade of the activists of the workers union of the Tehran and suburb Bus Vahed Company, and Hassan Saeedi and Reza Shahabi, members of the union, to themselves and their families, and to all the members of the union and the workers of the Vahed bus company and to all the freedom movement in Iran. We hope that Ebrahim Madadi, Dawood Razavi, Anisha Asadollahi, Reyhane Ansarinejad and other political prisoners like Zeinab Jalalian (Kurdish woman) who has been in prison more than anyone else, Sepideh Gholian the brave revolutionary girl from Khuzestan, Sharife mohammadi the workers advocate who has been sentenced to death, Bakhshan Azizi social worker, Nasim Gholami Simyari, Risha Moradi, teacher Rasoul Bodaghi and the rapper Toomaj Salehi and all other political prisoners in Iran will also be released.



Bulletin of institutions of solidarity with the labor movement in Iran, abroad

A look at the strikes and protests of Iranian nurses in August 2024

The protest and strike of nurses started from Imam Ali Karaj Hospital on August 9th, and with the joining of Shiraz hospitals, it grew and expanded rapidly, which means that on August 12, 2024, in Shiraz and Karaj, nurses of 9 hospitals went on strike. Following that, the protests of nurses started in the cities of Darab Fars, Noorabad Mamsani, Tangan Bushehr, Kermanshah, Fasa, Jahrom, Niriz, the protest gathering of nurses of Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences, Islamabad Gharb, Abadeh Shiraz, Lamard Fars, Tabriz, Zanjan, Arak, Yazd, Mashhad, Vyasuj, Chabahar-Sirjan-Dehdasht-Jandi Shahpur-Gilan (Rasht) and Teheran were seen on the streets of Iran.

In some bigger cities such as Shiraz, Mashhad, Karaj, strikes have taken place in different hospitals, and the medical staff have also started to enter the protest scene. In the city of Mashhad, the nurses shouted: "We fought with Corona / We did not get support"!

In the gathering of nurses of two public hospitals in Mashhad, a protesting nurse from Mashhad in Ghaem Hospital in Barzban said: I have 16 years of work The high number of female nurses in chanting and starting protests and strikes have the leading role of the stage and this shows the constant presence and

struggle of women in the society and represents their material movement to a great extent.

City of Qazvin also joined in line with their rightful demands and demands against forced overtime with lower amounts of pay, high work pressure and failure to pay nursing fees correctly.

Hundreds of Khuzestan nurses gathered in front of the Khuzestan Governorate, despite the intense heat of Ahwaz city, and demanded to pursue their demands. Protest gathering continued by the nurses of Ayatollah Kashani educational and therapeutic center in Isfahan, and the strike of Arak medical sciences nurses.

These are the cities where the protests and strikes of nurses, which started on August 9th from Imam Ali Karaj Hospital and joined the Shiraz hospitals on August 15th, have grown and spread rapidly to the extent that they have become nationwide today, Thursday, the 22nd of August 2024.



The latest News related to Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company



The imprisoned and well-known activists of Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat -e -Wahed), Reza Shahabi, Davoud Razavi, Hassan Saeedi, and Ibrahim Madadi, one after another were on headline news in August 2024. Ibrahim Madadi, an old member of the Board of Directors of Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company, was arrested on 11/08/2024, and transferred to EVIN prison.

Ibrahim Madadi, is a 70 years old retired worker, who suffers from multiple health issues including diabetes, blood lipids, blood pressure and prostate. He also has hearing problems due to a stroke in the past...

The Syndicate's telegram channel continues with sad news: On 23/07/2024, Reza Shahabi, a member of the Board of Directors of the Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat -e - Wahed), who has been arrested on 12/05/2022, following months of interrogations, he was sentenced to five years of imprisonment on the false charge of assembly and collusion with the intention of committing crime against the security of the country, as well as one year of imprisonment and two years of exile on the charge of propagating activities against the Islamic regime.

But, in recent days, his prison sentence was reduced to three and half years in 21st Branch of the Supreme Court...

after being imprisoned for 27 months, despite severe neck and back-pain, based on doctor's diagnosis, which requires operation in both areas, but neither he has been given a single day leave, nor parole, or conditional release for this imprisoned worker. All members of Syndicate demand his unconditional release.

Davoud Razavi, on August 3rd and 7th 2024, was sent to the clinic of Taleghani Hospital for gastrointestinal check up/examinations.

The news about his severe condition was repeatedly published in the media on 5th August, 2024... Again, the interrogator opposed Davoud Razavi's leave, who is one of the imprisoned members of Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e Wahed).

Whilst the giant economic corruptors are on leave for months with the permission of the same interrogators, failure to agree for the leave of this imprisoned worker takes place. Davoud Razavi, a 64 year old worker, who has been imprisoned for two years imprisoned despite his digestive disease and numerous physical problems, has not even benefited from medical leave, despite the emphasis of doctors for his continuous treatment.

Hassan Saeedi, another member of Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e Wahed), despite the acute heart disease of his son, and serving two-third of his prison term, his request of 2nd of August 2024 for emergency leave was not approved.

All members and activists of the Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e Wahed), strongly condemn the very unfair arrest and imprisonment of Ibrahim Madadi,, Reza Shahabi, Davoud Razavi, and Hassan Saeedi, and demand the immediate and unconditional releases of all imprisoned labour and social activists, including Ismail Gerami, a retired worker, who was arrested and sent to prison on 29th July 2024.

Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e Wahed)

Statement of the French Trade Union Collective in Protest Against the Death Sentence of Sharifeh Mohammadi



Iran: Let's Prevent the Execution of Sharifeh Mohammadi, Defender of Civil and Labor Rights!

On July 4th, Sharifeh Mohammadi was sentenced to death. Her only "crime" has been defending civil rights and assisting in the establishment of independent labor organizations from the government about ten years ago.

Sharifeh Mohammadi has been behind bars since December 5, 2023, and since then, she has faced multiple abuses:

- Several months of solitary confinement,
- Denial of family visits, especially with her young child,
- Long-term prevention of phone communication with her loved ones.

Following a complaint that she finally managed to file, it has now been revealed that she has been severely tortured on several occasions.

We call on the authorities of Iran to:

- Revoke the death sentence of Sharifeh Mohammadi,
 - Ensure her immediate release and end the prosecution against her,
 - Stop the use of torture,
 - Abolish the death penalty,
- Free all political prisoners.

Paris, July 12, 2024

Democratic Confederation of French Labor (CFDT)

General Confederation of Labor (CGT)

United Trade Union Confederation (FSU)

Solidarity Trade Union Alliance (Solidaires)

National Union of Independent Trade Unions (UNSA)

The inhuman death sentence of Sharifa Mohammadi must be canceled

Only a few days after the words of the head of the judiciary of the Islamic government about tolerance and justice in the election debates, the Gilan Revolutionary Court issued an inhuman death sentence to the labor activist Sharife Mohammadi due to her social activities. Simultaneously with the announcement of this verdict, a large number of labor activists and teachers who previously they had been sentenced to prison, including five women's rights activists in Gilan, immediately after the end of the presidential election, they were summoned by the judiciary to execute the prison sentence. This is not the first time that labor activists are victims of family disputes of different factions of Islamic capitalists. It goes without saying that all these conflicts are based on different methods of looting and exploiting workers and wage earners, and the main victims of these capitalist conflicts have always been the workers.

The inhuman sentence of death for Sharifa Mohammadi has been issued for this labor activist only because she is a worker and a woman. It should be a warning to women as the broadest section protesting against social lawlessness and to the working class as the main force of protest against living and social conditions.

The need to fight against the death penalty is not hidden from any honorable person, but the fight to cancel the anti-human sentence issued for Sharifa Mohammadi and her unconditional release is of particular importance in the current situation. With a concerted and extensive effort to abolish this inhumane punishment, we have not only taken a serious step in the public struggle against the death penalty, but we will show that pushing back the various factions of the current capitalist rule in Iran can only be achieved by the organized struggle of workers and social activists.

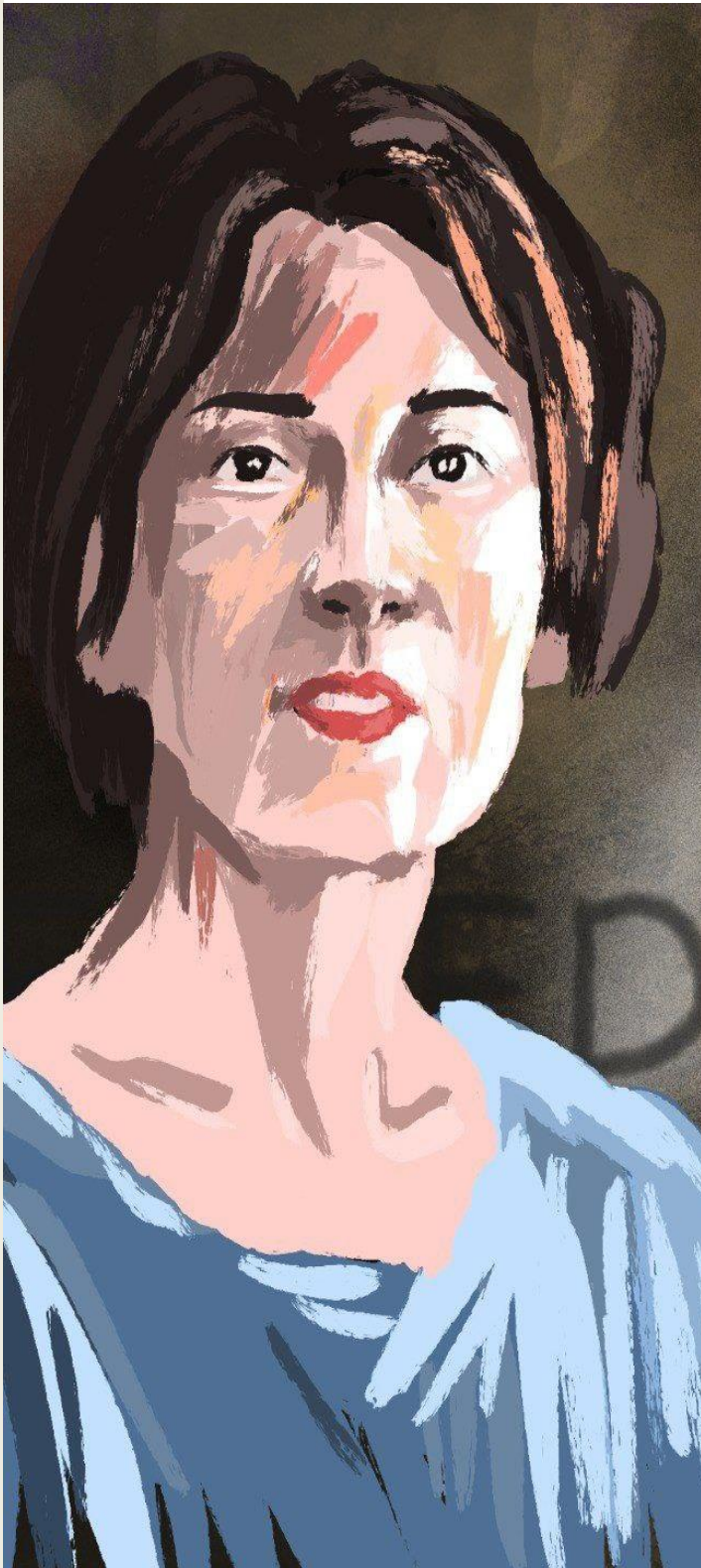
With a united and organized struggle for the unconditional release of Sharifa Mohammadi, we should prepare the ground for the struggle for the release of all imprisoned labor activists and other political prisoners and a broad struggle against the death penalty.

Campaign for Supporting Iranian Workers

The organizations in solidarity with the labour movement in Iran

Council in Support of Workers' Alternatives in Iran

*Call for signatures to request the freedom of
Pakhshan Azizi*



This place is hell!



Today marks 850 days of illegal detention of Cécile Kohler in Iran. A victim of hostage diplomacy practiced by the regime, she is detained in destructive and inhumane conditions.

She is kept in section 209 of Evin prison in Tehran, one of the worst places of detention in the world, in defiance of international law and local law.

The detainees are subjected to solitary confinement, a practice denounced by Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi in his book *White Torture*.

Although the wounds generated by white torture are not visible to the naked eye, they are nonetheless deep and irreversible.

In 209, the light is on 24 hours a day. The detainees sleep on the floor, on blankets.

They only leave their cell three times a week, to spend 30 minutes in a small courtyard.

Their eyes are blindfolded as soon as they leave their cell.

The only concrete vision we have of this place appears to us during the rare calls that Cécile makes to us. She is under close surveillance, and the pressure she is under is palpable. Calls - already short - are cut off if you go beyond the limits authorized by your guards.

None of his fundamental rights are respected. Cécile cannot contact her embassy as is provided for by international conventions to which the Islamic Republic is a party.

He is denied access to his lawyers.

She doesn't have the right to mail, she doesn't have anything to write with. She has only received 3 books in two years, she is gradually learning one by heart.

This place is hell. And Cécile has survived there for 850 days. The consequences on his health will be extremely serious. She is in danger and must be released urgently!

Sign the link below:

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The Swedish Trade Union Platform Iran supports the Iranian nurses' demands and protests

Nurses in Iran have since July 30 begun a nationwide strike at health centres and hospitals. Dissatisfaction with wages, the work environment, privatization and subsequent employment via temporary employment agencies is the background to the dissatisfaction.

The nurses are carrying out a campaign in connection with the strike and have collected more than 7,000 signatures that have been handed over to the parliament, the government and the Islamic military forces (Sepah Pastaran). In it, the nurses demand answers to the promises made by politicians about improvements in wages and the work situation. But so far, the authorities have not reacted and no answers have been given to the nurses' demands.

The demands are:

-Raise. Salaries are currently between 13,000-14,000 Toman per month and the estimated poverty line is 35,000 Toman per month.

-All forms of fixed-term contract employment with precarious employment conditions via temporary employment agencies should be abolished.

-Improved work environment and no to forced overtime. The workload must be aligned with the treatment teams. The lack of supervision has a negative impact on the nurses' work situation.

-Irregular and often delayed payment of wages.

-Salary supplements for the performance of difficult and dangerous work.

Since no answers to the demands have been received despite previous protests, the nurses believe that nationwide strikes and protests are the only thing that can force the regime to respond to the demands.

The strike has now been supported by several independent trade unions in the oil industry, from the teachers' coordination council and pensioners' organisations. Popular support for the strike is growing.

The Islamic regime allocates a large proportion of the state budget to religious institutions instead of increasing the budget for schools, health care and pensions. This has resulted in many protests in recent years. The regime's approach to the protests of teachers, nurses and pensioners has always been characterized by a political and security policy approach that results in the protests being described as subversive and dangerous to society.

This is because the regime will otherwise be forced to recognize the ILO's core conventions 87 and 98 on freedom of negotiation and freedom of association.

This would lead to the independent and free forces in society being given the opportunity to organize themselves into independent trade union organizations with representative status, which the regime considers dangerous.

The regime, through the establishment of its own "yellow" organizations such as the Workers' House, the Islamic Councils of Labour and the Islamic Council of Teachers, is trying to control the workforce and the labour market. Over all these years, the regime has spread terror through its repressive policy of threats of dismissals, imprisonment and torture in order to secure its power and its rule.

Trade Union Platform Iran condemns the regime's repressive policies and the actions of its security apparatus against the nurses and declares our firm support for the nurses' legitimate demands, protests and strikes.

Trade Union Platform Iran strives to create the necessary conditions for the independent and free trade unions in Iran to organize and participate as representatives of the Iranian workers at the International Labor Organization (ILO) and to enable the replacement of the Islamic Republic's fake Iranian ILC labour delegations.

Women

Life

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Swedish Trade Union Platform Iran

27 August 2024

The Swedish Trade Union Platform Iran

The Swedish Trade Union Platform Iran was established in 2014 by the Swedish Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), the Transport Workers' Union, the Municipal Workers' Union, If Metall and the Teachers' Union. Our ambition and goal is to be part of the international support for trade union rights in Iran and to inform the Swedish trade union movement and society about the situation for Human and Trade Union Rights in Iran. The Swedish Trade Union Platform Iran protests against the Iranian regime's harassment and imprisonment of representatives of free and independent trade unions in Iran. The work is led by project manager Saied Tagavi in collaboration with Leif Isaksson, International Secretary, LO.

The "Freedom for Pakhshan" group has been established to advocate for the right to life of Pakhshan Azizi. We are firmly and unconditionally opposed to the death penalty, which we view as an inhumane practice. Our opposition applies universally, regardless of the individual's political status. By focusing on Pakhshan Azizi's case, we strive to be a strong voice against the death penalty. We plan to collaborate with other groups in this field to build a comprehensive anti-death penalty movement. Join us in our efforts to save Pakhshan Azizi and oppose the death penalty for all individuals.



SHORT NEWS

July 1st

Tehran-
Protest gathering of fired workers of Ahwaz National Steel Group.
Sanandaj, Tabriz, Urmia, BandarAbbas, Bijar, Marivan-
Protest gathering of telecom retirees.
Mazandaran, Iranshahr -
Protest for Wages and insurance arrears of workers.
Parand-
Six workers were injured due to lack of work safety.
Firozabad -
workers strike
The continuation of the strike of oil and gas project workers in the south.

July 2nd

Yasuj -
Protest gathering of drivers and owners of road construction equipment.
Golestan -
82 workers were injured in work accidents this year.
Herand, Saujblag, Ravansar -
Death and injury of three workers due to lack of work safety.
Shahr e Kord-
protest for Wages and insurance arrears of contract workers.
Kermanshah, Zanjan-
Protest gathering of national and telecommunications retirees.
The continuation of the strike of oil and gas project workers in the south.

July 3rd

Rasht -
The trial of **Sharife Mohammadi**, a labor activist.
Konark, Islamshahr, Mashhad, Ilam-
Death and injury of four workers due to lack of work safety.
Isfahan, Ahwaz -
Two protest gatherings of Zob Ahan(Iron smelting) retirees and National Mining Company workers.

July 4th

Rasht -
Labor activist **Sharife Mohammadi** was sentenced to death for being a member of an opposition group.
Ahwaz-
Protest gathering of oil industry workers and retirees.
The 15th day of the strike of the workers of the southeast oil and gas project.

July 6th

Arak-
Death of a worker due to lack of work safety.

July 7th

Sush Ahwaz, Kermanshah, Tehran, Isfahan, Damghan, Qaemshahr, Ilam, Kerman -
10 protest gatherings of pensioners and unemployed workers.
The protesting retirees in Shush condemned the death sentence of labor activist **Sharife Mohammadi** and demanded its cancellation.
Ruodbar-
The twelfth day of the strike of water and sewage network contractor workers .
The 18th day of the strike of South Oil and Gas project workers.
Tehran -
A court hearing was held regarding the accusation of **Ismail Garami**, a labor activist.
Mazandaran, Kerman, Kermanshah-
Massive summoning of protesting nurses.

July 8th

Bijar, Hamadan, Bandar Abbas, Shahrekord, Khorramabad, Isfahan, Tehran, Tabriz, Urmia, Rasht, Sanandaj, Rafsanjan-
Protest gathering of telecommunications retirees and truck drivers .
Ruodbar-
The 13th day of the strike of water and sewage network contractor workers.
Bushehr -
Prison sentence for **Mohsen Omrani**, teacher's

union activist.

Gouchan -

Protest for Wage arrears of municipal workers.

Lavasan-

Three workers were injured due to lack of work safety.

July 9th

Tehran-

Reza Shahabi, a member of the board of directors of the bus workers' Syndicate, is on hunger strike in protest of the lack of proper medical care.

Shazand-

The body of the third worker trapped in the debris of the mine collapse was found.

Guilan -

Expulsion of **Aziz Ghasemzadeh**, an activist of **Farhangian** trade union.

Ravansar-

Death of a female worker due to lack of work safety.

Kot Abdullah-

protest for Wage arrears of municipal workers.

July 10th

Pakdasht -

Protest gathering of the members of the workers' housing cooperative.

Yazd -

Seven firefighters were injured during the first three months of the year(Persian calendar).

July 11th

Aghajari, Mashhad-

Protest gathering of oil and gas exploitation company employees and truck drivers working in the municipality.

The 23rd day of strike of South Oil and Gas project workers.

Shushtar-

Protest gathering of pulp and paper workers.

Yazd-

protest for Wage arrears for the **Shirkoh** power plant workers

July 12th

Lavan-

A protest gathering of oil workers of the oil company.

Western Azerbaijan –

Nine workers were injured due to the overturning of the car.

July 13th

Tehran –

Complaints of social security pensioners about the lack of medical facilities in **Sharifabad**

The statement of the teachers union on the condemnation of the death sentence of labor activist **Sharifa Mohammadi**

Takestan, Iranshahr –

protest for Wages and insurance arrears of workers in two trade unions.

Dismissal of two thousand workers working in **Mammoth** factory.

July 14th

Tehran, Isfahan –

Protest gathering of steel industry retirees.

Faryab Injured eight workers working in the mine as a result of being transported by an unsafe vehicle.

Shush, Kermanshah, Tehran, Ahwaz –

Protest gathering of social security retirees, Country and telecommunications.

Sirjan-

Four workers were injured due to lack of work safety.

Tehran, Isfahan, Swadkoh-

Protest gathering of steel industry retirees.

The twenty-fourth day of the national strike of the southern oil and gas project workers.

July 15th

Karaj-

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety.

Chabahar_

Protest gathering of petrochemical workers.

July 16th

Tehran-

A monetary fine for active workers and retirees, **Ismail Garami**.

Lushan-

protest for 12-month wage arrears of the security workers of **Aindezazazan** Company.

July 17th

Aghajari-

Protest gathering of oil and gas exploitation company employees.

Kerman –

The death of two workers due to lack of work safety.

Rudbar, Chabahar-

protest for wage arrears of contractual workers and sprayers.

July 18th

Dereshahr, Haft- Tappeh, Niriz, Khalkhal-

Protest gathering of wheat farmers and citizens.

July 19th

Lavan-

Protest gathering of workers working in the oil company.

Miandoab-

Two workers were injured due to lack of work safety.

The 30th day of the nationwide strike of oil and gas project workers in the south.

July 20th

Dorood-

The death of two workers due to lack of work safety.

Ilam-

Protest gathering of treatment staff .

The continuation of the strike of 24 thousand oil and gas project workers.

July 21th

Tehran-
Protest gathering of nurses of **Kausar** private hospital
Yasuj, Ahwaz, Kermanshah, Shush, Isfahan, Damghan, Kerman-
Protest gathering of municipal workers, retirees of social security, telecommunications, steel and coal.
Mashhad-
Death of a worker due to lack of work safety.

July 22th

Tehran-
Protest gathering of literacy movement forces.
Marvdasht –
The protest of the drivers against the non-payment of their fare.
Criticism of pensioners for delay in pension payment.
Mazandaran –
24 deaths and 222 injuries of workers due to lack of work safety during the first three months of the year(Persian calendar)
Sanandaj, Isfahan, Durood-
Death and injury of seven workers due to lack of work safety.
Ardabil, Bandar Abbas, Urmia, Kermanshah, Tabriz, Sanandaj, Isfahan, Ahwaz, Tehran, Zanjan, Sari, Shahrekord, Khorramabad, Aghajari-
Protest gathering of telecommunications retirees and oil and gas exploitation company employees.

July 24th

Ilam –
Two petrochemical workers committed suicide after being fired.
Saqez, Kamiyaran, Mashhad-
The death of three workers due to lack of work safety.
Aghajari, Behrgan, Tabriz, Haft Tepe, Ilam, Kohnouj, Rafsanjan-
Protest gathering of employees of Oil and Gas Exploitation Company, Continental Plateau Oil Company, Telecommunication Company, citizens seeking work, iron smelting workers, and tractor owners.

July 25th

Marivan, Tehran –
Death of three workers due to lack of work safety.
Protest for wage arrears of unemployed workers of **Jahan** oil factory.
Kurdistan –
Dismissal of seven workers working in Van factory.

July 26th

Behbahan-
Death of a worker due to lack of work safety.
Lavan-
Protest gathering of employees of Continental Plateau Oil Company.

July 27th

Shazand-
The injury of a worker of the Department of Natural Resources.

Abik, Zanjan, Tehran –
Death and injury of five workers due to lack of work safety.

July 28th

Talesh-
The injury of a forester in a conflict with wood smugglers.
An open letter of seven thousand teachers, educators and workers union activists for the release of **Rasul Badaghi**, an educator union activist imprisoned in **Evin** prison
Siri-
Protest gathering of employees working in Iranian continental plateau oil companies.
Ahwaz-
Protest gathering of fired workers of National Steel Group.
The continuation of the strike of South Oil and Gas Company project workers

July 29th

Shadegan-
Protest gathering of steel workers.
Shush-
Sugar company workers went on strike.

July 30th

Esfahan-
Protest gathering of farmers.
Pardis-
Injury of a worker due to lack of work safety.
Saveh –
Six people were injured as a result of the factory fire.
Sistan and Baluchestan-
Protest for Wage demands of water and sewage company employees.



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- 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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