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New Year Greetings to our readers

Dear comrades / Friends,

The workers and toilers of the world, namely the Palestinians, Lebanese... have experienced a year full of suffering and agony, poverty, disease, displacement, imprisonment, torture, execution, etc; caused by the belligerence of Imperialists, Zionists, and reactionary forces. Hoping for the unity, organisation and struggle of the international working class, we are looking forward to an auspicious and victorious 2025 for emancipation, prosperity, and a better world for all of you.

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Workers of the National Industrial Group of Steel chained to the debts and the cold furnaces

The fate of the National Group on the razor's edge!

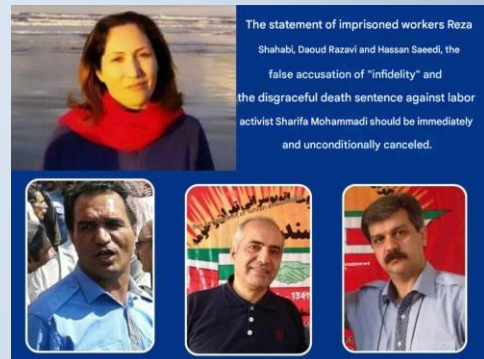


The National Industrial Group of Steel is struggling in the financial problems; from the lower production to the piling up of the debts, what will bring this crisis for the workers and the future of the steel industry? Fatemeh Kazemi: Iran National Industrial Group of Steel, one of the key parts of the country's steel industry, has been facing severe challenges in recent years. Decrease in production as a result of the factors such as insufficient financial resources, lack of the raw materials, has dragged the company to face incapacity to take care of its financial obligations, including the payment of the wages and the salaries of the employees.

The only significant asset of the company is the ownership of the shares in the Khouzestan Oxin Steel Company. But as result of the accumulation of previous debts these shares have been blocked by the court and they can not be used to take care of...

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Statement by imprisoned workers Reza Shahabi, Davoud Razavi, and Hassan Saedi



The false accusation of "insurgent" and the shameless death sentence against labor activist Sharifeh Mohammadi must be immediately and unconditionally revoked. It is no secret that the security forces and the judiciary of the Islamic Republic have deep sensitivity, hatred, and fear towards workers and independent, rights-seeking, and protesting labor organisations. What had the workers' syndicate of the Bus Company, activists and independent organisations, and other workers demanding their rights in Iran done that for years, regardless of who and from what factions were the heads of the executive and judicial branches, they had been under constant police surveillance, frame-up, dismissal, arrest, imprisonment, and heavy sentences. What sin had the workers of Khatoon Abad, whose only desire was job security, committed to be suppressed and were killed? What had the...

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Sharifeh Mohammadi, an imprisoned worker, must be released!



The Coordination Committee to Help Establish Labor Organizations demands the abolishment of this case, immediate and unconditional release of Sharifeh Mohammadi, and returning to her relatives and her beloved son.

Especially her unjust sentence to death, which basically lacks any evidence, and content for proving that she is connected to an organisation or political movement that jeopardize the security of the country . Therefore Sharifeh Mohammadi must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Protest gathering of the Park Rangers and the Municipality Workers of Likak in Kohkilouyeh and Boyer Ahmad Province



Today, Saturday December 19, the park rangers and the Municipality Workers of Likak in Kohkilouyeh and Boyer Ahmad Province gathered in protest to their low level of wages and income, wage discrimination, non-payment of their insurance benefits and non-payment of what is owed to them.

These park rangers have not received any wages for 5 months and from 2019 to 2021 the insurance benefits of these workers have not been paid for 18 months .

Each worker is owed 150 million Tooman (US\$18750.00) and they have the court order against the Municipality in this regard, but nothing has been done for them to get paid.

Work in the minus 20 degree Centigrade, There is no news of insurance and pensions

A construction trade labor activist of Abhar said: construction workers are forced to work even in the weather under minus 20 C temperature, because they are wage earners and only earn it for the days they work. Mohamad Babai the vice president of the construction workers trade association of the city of Abhar in discussion with Ilna journalist said "insurance is one of the main problems." Reform of the insurance law of construction workers in 2021 did not correct the insurance problems. In Abhar before 2011 we had 2350 insured construction workers, while in the province of Zanjan 17 thousand workers were covered before this date. Unfortunately, since 2011, due to the action by Congress for restructuring the insurance law and issuance of unfeasible and unlawful letters and notes, the number decreased. In the city of Abhar, around 700 workers lost their insurance and at present we have only 1600 insured workers in this city.

Majority of these 700 workers are in construction and in the city, but due to unprofessional and unjust inspections by officials in the social security, they have lost their insurances.

Wagon Pars in the city of Arak assembled to protest

The temporary workers of Wagon Pars in the city of Arak assembled to protest behind the door of this company due to the absence of extension of employment for 50 workers. Firing these workers has generated more trouble among workers about the future of the next 500 jobs. As it is reported, one of the laid off workers took a suicide attempt, but was saved by his co-workers. Workers say the CEO of this company has rejected rehiring of the workers and this has generated much anxiety. There is also a probability of more job adjustment.



Difficulties of workers in “Weaving Khavar Gilan” (Gilan Khavar Spinning) from private sector management



December 3, 2024

Workers in Weaving Khavar Factory in Rasht, said: The factory functions with at least 120 workers who have up to 15 and 20 years of experience. Since it was privatised around a year ago, financial and management issues have emerged. They claimed that the workers of the factory were confronted with 3 months delayed wages. Increase in production problems is a threat for workers' job security. This sector of production was one of the units under the properties of Otia Sazane Damavand. But in October 2023, it was given to the private sector and due to the employer's operation, it faces serious problems. Workers claim that the employer, for various reasons wants to close the factory and to stop production, since a year ago has started delaying wage payments on time, for the purpose of forcing them to give up their jobs. But with workers' consistent follow ups and pressures by officials a small part of demands were granted. Again, in the recent months, the employer under the pretext of shortage of primary source (string fibre) is decreasing the production, aiming to close the factory. The most important demand of the workers in this factory is payment on time and improvement in the security of their job, because from among 400 workers in the beginning of 1995, 280 have lost their jobs. Meanwhile, the most important grievance by workers in this factory is absence of upholding promises by the private sector employer who had undertaken during the transitional period. Workers think that probably, given the situation, the factory will close and around 120 workers who have experiences of 15 to 20 years, will lose their jobs.

Short News

Sunday 1st December 2024-Ahwaz-A group of social security retirees have again started their protest in regards to their unjust livelihood and their demands not being met in front of the social security organisation building.



Sunday 1st December 2024-Ilam-the gathering of adjusted workers of the petrochemical workers of Arghavan Gostare Ilam with their families in front of the governorship of the city of Ilam.



Monday 2nd December-Lavan. - the gathering and the protest walk of the official workers of the oil Co of Falat Ghareh Lavan area in protest to their wages' ceiling the non-implementation of the 10th law and unfair separation of jobs in the operation areas.



Monday 2nd December 2024-Mashhad. The gathering in protest by the personnel of the power plant of the city of Mashhad in regards to non-settlement of their arrears and improving the working condition of the Co's personnel according to the circulars by the power plant ministry that has not been implemented since 2021.

Monday 9th December 2024-Tabriz-the gathering in protest by the communication retirees of eastern Azerbaijan in regards to corps cooperation (The owners of communication Co).



Wednesday 11th December 2024-Aslavieh-the gathering and the protest walk by the workers of the third pillar of the gas refinery of the city of Aslavieh. Workers: if the parliament doesn't have the ability to impeach the oil minister for all of this prejudice the workers will impeach him this is our last message.

Wednesday 18th December 2024-Kerman-around 140 workers who have been laid off in the copper condensation factory in the province of Kerman have for the fifth day continued their protest in regards to their employment condition.

Thursday 19th December 2024- Mianeh the gathering in protest by the workers of the steel Co of Azerbaijan in the city of Mianeh:

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The workers have stopped working for not having been paid their wages & are on strike.Sakvi-Saturday 21th December 2024 the protest by the workers of the third pillar of the oil ministry.Sunday 22th December 2024-Gachsaran the gathering and the protest walk by the contracting workers of the oil & gas Co of Gachsaran

Sunday 22 th December-Tehran-the protest gathering by the steel & mines workers in front of the social security ministry: reduce embezzlement and think about us.

Monday 23th December 2024-the retirees of the communication have gathered in protest in the cities of Kermanshah, Tehran, Bijar. Tabriz, Bandar Abbas. Oroumieh, sanandaj. Shiraz. Zanjan, Ilam, Esfahan, Rasht &.....in regards to no justice cruelty in the foundation of the Islamic corps.



Tuesday 24th December 2024-Southern Pars-the protest gathering by the contracting workers southern pars in front of the headquarters in protest to non-implantation of the government protests. The workers demand the correct implementation of the levelling of jobs, making the wages the same as official forces organising the drivers condition.

Tuesday 24th December 2024-Ahwaz-the 2nd day of the strike by the petrochemical workers of Karoon in continuation to the strike by the day shift workers of Karoon, the workers of the night shift have also joined the strike & today the strike is going in to its second day the petrochemical workers of Karoon are protesting in regards to their arrears not being paid

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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