



ALTERNATIVE WORKERS NEWS IRAN

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WITH IRANIAN WORKERS MOVEMENT - ABROAD



Revoke Sharifeh Mohammadi's death sentence and release her!

Sharifeh Mohammadi is a labour movement activist in Iran who has only spoken out and worked in support of the demands of millions of workers in the country. She has been imprisoned under harsh conditions for over a year, and she has been sentenced to death twice. She collaborated with a public organisation—the Coordination Committee for Helping to Form Workers' Organisations—which has been openly active in Iran for years. She should not be imprisoned for this, let alone sentenced to death. The pressure, imprisonment, and repression of labour movement activists in Iran are happening while Iranian workers live below the poverty line and face worsening conditions every day. They have the right to protest against this situation. Sharifeh Mohammadi, like millions of Iranian workers, has merely protested against these inhumane conditions and should not be in this situation. We demand the cancellation of her death sentence and her unconditional release. We also call on all labour organisations, unions and syndicates advocates to support her by signing this statement or taking any other possible and practical action to help secure Sharifeh Mohammadi's freedom.

Her life is in danger. Let's unite and help her!

Solidarity Committees With Iranian Workers

Movement – Abroad

February 2025



46 years after the February 1979 Revolution, the struggle continues for ending slavery, and living humanely!

Iran has witnessed 46 years of the worst and most brutal assault on the living standard, widespread wage slavery, and the destruction of workers rights, with the aim of cumulate the pockets of ruling elites, have been stripped of job security completely, and nowadays, the majority of the workers and wage-earners in Iran, don't have the right to a decent livelihood, welfare, and security, and are forced to endure poverty, homelessness, imprisonment, torture and even execution.

The global capitalists for power and economic interests are involved in an inner war with nationalistic and racist policies, which is leading to land grab, repression and the widespread recapture of the social rights and deprivation of the basic necessity needs of the majority of the world's citizens.

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French Trade Unions demand Immediate release of the three French nationals detained in Iran!

In inhumane conditions, Cécile Kohler and Jacques Paris have been imprisoned since May 2022, Olivier Grondeau since October of the same year. Our trade unions demand their immediate release. We therefore support the initiatives organized by their families...

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Stop the death penalty of 3 female political prisoners!

17 February, 2025

299 of justice lawyers have issued a statement, asking the chief of the judiciary of Iran, protesting the issuance of death penalty for Pakhshan Azizi, Varishe Moradi, and Sharifeh Mohammadi, demanding an immediate halt to such sentences. These justice lawyers believe the death penalty is a clear violation of human rights, and in part of their statement wrote that: "there are ambiguities and serious shortcoming in the investigation process, access to lawyers, examination of documents and observance of impartiality in the judgment in the cases of the prisoners".



Statement of 299 justice lawyers calling for an immediate halt to the death penalty of Pakhshan Azizi, Varishe Moradi, and Sharifeh Mohammadi:

* A number of justice lawyers in Iran have issued a statement addressed to the head of the judiciary of...

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Livelihood expenses of workers is ratified for 23 million Toman(\$US287.00)

The Statistic Center declared the level of livelihood expenses for workers Total livelihood expenditures for workers: 234/416/649 Rial (\$US293.00)
Foods: 91/188/076 Rial (\$US114.00)
Without foods: 143/228/572 Rial (\$US179.00)
These numbers are assigned by the Center on the bases of expenses in the month of Day (January)
The expenses basket includes a total of contemporary expenditures for a family that covers items like food, cloth, medical, education and others. These items are determining factors to increase labor salaries.

Wave of inflation and terrible economic conditions in 2025

With the increase of the exchange rate by about 75% over the past few months and still continuing, the inflation wave on the eve of the Iranian New Year(21st March) is moving so fast and the cost of living is increasing rapidly too. This is while wages will increase by a maximum of 30% to 35% in the most optimistic scenario, and with the rise in prices over the past six months, this percentage increase and more have already been deducted from our workers' empty tables.

According to Shargh News network, on days like...

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Dream of owning home by workers

There is no chance of owning a home for workers and to become a house owner, they must work for a thousand year. Ashkan, a 40 years old worker, does brick laying everyday and will never own a home. Staggering price increase in housing and cuts in buying power has made the dream of ownership for him and million other workers only an illusion. Ashkan wakes up every day at 5 in the morning and leaves home from a typical sleep that imagines home ownership. He is 40 years old, married and the father of two kids. He leaves quickly to catch a bus from a home that only has one room and is in one of the marginal neighborhoods in Tehran. In fact, he begins a day of work and lays bricks for a set of homes that he will never live in.

25 years ago, the minimum wage for a worker was around 50 thousand toman(\$US4.00). While it does not look much, at that time there was a chance for purchasing a small home. Nowadays in 2025, minimum wage for workers is around 8 million Toman(\$US100.00), but the poverty line is over 32 million Toman(\$US400.00). An Ashkan with this kind of wage cannot even provide for the basic needs of his family and buying a home with each square foot costing 100 million Toman(\$US1,250.00) is impossible. Based on the Central Bank statistics in the midsummer of this year the average cost of a house in Tehran has been almost 89 million toman per meter(\$US1,112.500). In September, monthly housing inflation was announced to be 2.9 percent...

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The cry of oppression of Susa retired pensioners; more bitter than the truth, heavier than pain



Protest gathering of retirees of Shush, Karkheh and Haft Teshe in front of the governorship

Senior citizens or retirees, the same ones who once turned the wheel of industry and production with their callused hands, today are struggling with endless pain and suffering in bitter silence and utter oblivion. Among them, the pensioners of Susa, this long-suffering homeland, seem to have suffered the most from injustice; people who spent all their lives building a better tomorrow, but today are totally deprived of even the bare necessities of life, such as the most basic medical and livelihood rights. Medical treatment, which must be the indisputable right of every human being, has become an unattainable dream for these hard-working people. Vital medicines, the staggering costs of treatment, the lack of equipped medical centers, and the unresponsiveness of the authorities have all joined hands to ensure that their pain does not remain only in their bodies, but also wounds their souls and dignity. How many retirees are waiting for the slightest support in their sick beds, but in the midst of empty promises, they become more and more desperate every day.

The living conditions? It is more shameful than it can be easily expressed. Wages that not only do not keep up with inflation, but also fail to provide the bare minimum of living. A table that is getting smaller every day, medicine that must be chosen instead of bread, bills whose cost exceeds the means of a retiree who has worked hard for this country all his life...

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Declaration of the syndical center of the teachers of Bushehr Province condemning the verdicts against the members of the syndical association of the teachers of Fars Province



Right after the sentencing of four teachers, members of the syndical association of the teachers of Fars Province, we are informed that two more teachers in two cases have been sentenced to four years of imprisonment each.

As we have already said before, the project to oppress the teachers and the syndical organizations is independent of this or that government.

Syndical Center of the teachers of Bushehr Province
February 15, 2025

Record Inflation!!

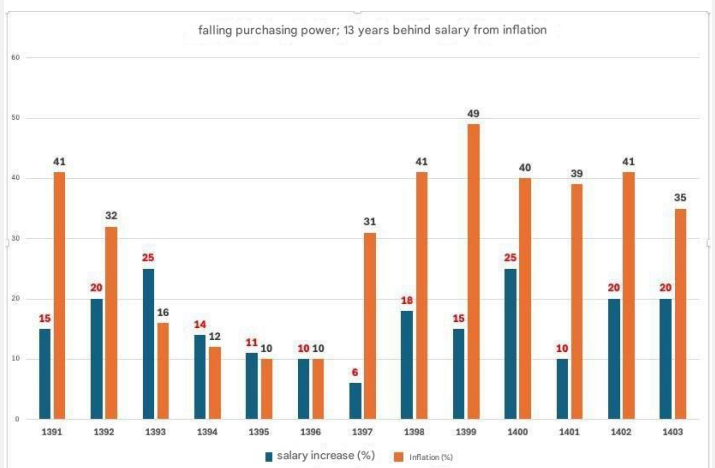
Five countries in the Persian Gulf region have a total inflation of six percent while Iran alone has an inflation of forty two percent. If the inflation in its classic meaning is the government's pick pocketing people, then what is the meaning of the two digits inflation!?

An Increase of 11 million in Population under the poverty line in a decade

The poverty line has been growing up and in 2023 was approximately 65 percent. The research shows that the rate of poverty has been 30 percent and in a decade 11 million have been added to the population under the poverty line.

Sharp Decline of the Purchasing Power - 13 years of wages and salaries running behind the inflation

This table is made on the basis of the inflation rate declared by the Central Bank and naturally is lower than the inflation rate that we workers and the salary earners experience at the dinner table over the years. It still shows how in the past years our livelihood has been violated.



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<https://t.me/ettehad/130834>

Sunday, February 9, 2025 - Isfahan Steel Mine retirees gather to protest discrimination and injustice.

<https://t.me/ettehad/130865>

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - #Contractor and project workers of the "Fajr Jam" Gas Refining Company gathered and chanted protest slogans in the company's premises in Bushehr province. Drivers of the Fajr Jam Gas Refining Company also participated in this #protest rally.

<https://t.me/ettehad/130911>

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - Workers at the Ardabil "Meraj Tejarat" iron smelting plant located in Industrial Park No. 2 of Ardabil have not received their salaries for nearly 7 months. These workers work in three shifts at this plant and in addition to wages, their insurance has not been deposited, and they are not paid for their benefits and hardship. However, if a worker objects to the non-payment of their arrears, they will be fired directly by the employer and CEO of this industrial complex, Taghi Bahrami Noshar.

<https://t.me/ettehad/130938>

Electricity, no electricity, no work! No work, no bread! Businessmen in the dark, the market in recession, these blackouts mean collapse!

<https://t.me/ettehad/130949>

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - This morning, workers at Khazar Steel in Gilan gathered in the factory's premises to protest the closure of the factory and their uncertainty. Since the beginning of January of this year, production in this unit, which produces various types of steel ingots, has been stopped under the pretext of financial problems, and about 300 of its workers are living in uncertainty.

<https://t.me/ettehad/130939>

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - Isfahan pharmacists gathered in front of the #Social_Security_Organization'

<https://t.me/ettehad/130968>

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - #Gathering of producers in the Siah Sang industrial zone of Khorramdasht to protest the #electricity outage - ,
<https://t.me/ettehad/130967>

Monday, February 17 – #Protest_gathering of workers of Iran's telecommunications factories itmc. Quoting the workers: We are receiving the minimum wage from the labor office, but it is still five months behind and it seems that they have no intention of paying wages this year. The CEO, Mr. Khodabakhshi, is not paying wages .

<https://t.me/ettehad/131179>

Monday, February 17 – #Gathering and nationwide march of #Telecommunications retirees in the cities of Isfahan, Ahvaz, Rasht, Sanandaj, Zanjan and some other cities of the country including Tehran, Ilam, Bijar, Kermanshah and..., in protest against discrimination, injustice and oppression by the Executive Headquarters of the Khomeini Decree and the #Sepah Cooperative Foundation .

<https://t.me/ettehad/131153>

Monday, February 17 – Second day of the #Gathering of workers of Mahshahr Petrochemical Terminals and Tanks Company. A group of workers from the Mahshahr Port Petrochemical Terminals and Tanks Company gathered for the second consecutive day to protest the failure to fulfill their demands. These workers say: We have been pursuing the collection of our pending and legal demands for years, but despite the promises made by the managers, they have not been implemented so far.

<https://t.me/ettehad/131183>

Monday, February 17 - Protest rally of #official workers of the #OffshoreOil Company, #Lavan The most important demands of colleagues: - Elimination of job segregation in operational areas. Removal of operational area bonuses from the wage ceiling. Correction of the wages ceiling for newly hired workers. Non-merger of the oil pension fund with other bankrupt funds. Refund of taxes imposed in accordance with existing laws. Complete elimination of the pension ceiling and full payment of workers' annuities. The colleagues announced that they will continue to protest until their demands are fully realized. Full implementation of the provisions of Article 10.

<https://t.me/ettehad/131184>

Tuesday, February 18 - Protest rally of workers at the Borujerd textile factory Since Saturday, workers at the Borujerd textile factory, located at the beginning of the city's ring road, have stopped production and protested to collect their outstanding demands. ..This period of their protests is related to three and a half months of wage and insurance arrears and as a result of the employer's indifference to their demands .

<https://t.me/ettehad/131140>

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.