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May Day Message from Alternative Workers News-Iran

The Alternative News Bulletin congratulates its readers and all followers of the path of freedom, socialism and equality on MayDay- the International Workers Day, and wishes all a militant year, full of happiness and health.

Happy MayDay



**On the occasion of May 1st,
the International Workers Day**

**workers have no choice, but to organise
their struggle!**

Few days before MayDay- the International Workers Day, once again, due to the failure to comply with workplace safety regulations, negligence of the profiteering employers and disregards towards workers' lives by government managers and elements led to the chemical explosion and subsequent fire, lost of more than 70 loading and unloading workers, administrative staff and over 1200 injuries in Rajaei port in Bandar Abbas.

This disaster is not the first and the last one in the Islamic regime of Iran, because due to the insatiable appetite of the employees for maximum profits, and the inability of the government regulatory institutions to implement the most basic safety precautions, the workers families have been left to sorrow and mourning for their loveonse.

The explosion of a coal mine in Tabs last year, resulted in more than 50 miners dead/killed. Based on published statistics of the last year, 200 workers have lost their lives monthly due to the workplace accidents.

The killing of workers in the workplace is an inseparable part of the production process in Iran. But it is not only in the workplace that workers's lives are in danger. Living condition, livelihood expenses, and the onerous pressure of work lead many of them to suicide or fatal diseases caused by the kind of work they do. Over the past years, the capitalists ruling the world and their governments have paid directly from the pockets of workers for their military and economic competition. But in the past few months...

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**Statement of The Syndicate of
Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus
Company (SWTSBC)**

**On the Occasion of May 1st,
International Workers' Day**

May 1st is a symbol of the global struggle of the working class against the capitalist system and the exploitative and inhumane relations that exist in all countries, regardless of the type of government in power...

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The statement of the workers' union of the unit company
on the occasion

of May 1st International Labor Day



Explosion in Shahid Rajaei port in Iran



Saturday, 26th April 2025: Shahid Rajaei port is Iran's largest and most advanced terminal, through which much of the country's sea-borne cargo transits....

this port is about 20km (12 miles) west of Bandar Abbas...

In the massive explosion in Bandar Abbas in southern Iran, more than 40 workers were killed and about 1,200 workers were seriously injured.

"Workers" are the main victims of this port...

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Letter of political prisoners in Evin prison!



The vast dimensions of the gross violations of human rights in Iran that we witness daily are a serious warning to society, human rights activists, and international institutions that any inaction and neglect by this tyrannical government will lead to the loss of the lives of oppressed people and more prisoners. The "Tuesdays No to Execution" campaign, which has expanded to 41 prisons this week with the joining of a group of female prisoners in Zahedan Prison and Izbarm Prison in Lahijan and Behbahan Prisons ([List of names of 41 prisons across the country participating in the No to Executions Campaign](#)), stands and resists with all its power against the inhumane death penalty and calls on all international human rights and political institutions and organizations to be the voice of the people and prisoners in Iran, because dozens of political and ideological prisoners and hundreds of prisoners with public crimes are under sentence of death who have been and are deprived of the minimum right to a fair trial. It should be noted that female political prisoners, who are militant and resistant, play an important role in this campaign, along with men, and with their letters and statements from inside prison, they courageously condemn death sentences, turn prisons into an important arena for the struggle against the government and prison guards, and inform the public opinion of the world about what is happening in prisons. (The letter from Varisheh Moradi, published in this issue of the Bulletin, is an outstanding example of the revolutionary spirit and positions of these lionesses). While sincerely thanking for their support, the campaign calls on all supporters and opponents of the death penalty to help our campaign even more by following the weekly reports. (April 15, 2025)

An appeal from Varisheh Moradi from Evin Jail



I lifted him on my shoulders and began singing the same songs I once sang to you in childhood: "Oh people, be kind in life... in every creed and tongue, be united"...

While my appeal went to and returned from the Supreme Court, the hardest part was that you and...

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Joint statement of the independent Iranian organizations on the occasion of international workers's Day!



Mayday(May 1st) is the expression of solidarity and independent identity of the workers. International Workers Day is a day to signify solidarity, and to raise the flag of the independent struggle of the working class against the Capitalist system.

The capitalist system has dominated the fate of society, since profit-making based on the exploitation of workers and the transformation of labour into commodities in the market became the basis of social life.

The capitalist system for dominating the majority of society, and maintain the unbalanced and shaky conditions of exploitation in order to continue to intensify exploitation of the working class, took over the products of the workers' labour to the detriment of labour strengthen military, administrative, judicial, and cultural apparatus of the country, that are requirement of the capitalist states.

Therefore, the society became more and more two opposing polars/poles: one polar minority that owns the Capital, and the means of production, and the other polar majority has nothing and is forced to sell its labour power to the owners of Capital for survival. The Capitalist's trend is based on the wage slavery of the producers who are without the means of production...

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The great noble nation of Iran Collective strikes of workers in contracting projects of oil refinery

As it is reported, on Monday first of April 21, 2025 workers in contracting projects of oil refinery number 12, Pars specific economic area, continued their collective strikes in the vicinity of the processing plant. The protesting workers are of the view that after the passage of one month in the new year and end in the contract with the middle entity firm "Peranko," vacation promise for the last year has not been rewarded. This is while based on the law such demands are supposed to be respected upon the completion of the contract. As it is reported, two high ranking managers of the refinery plant, instead of responding to the workers, have threatened that if they continue with protests and strikes, their claims regarding job issues will be delayed more.

Tuesday's Campaign of No to Execution Political Prisoners' Tuesday Food Strike Against Executions



On Tuesday, February 30, 2024, political prisoners in Ghezel Hesar Prison (located in Mehrshahr, Karaj) began a campaign to protest widespread executions, called "No to Execution," in the form of a mass hunger strike on Tuesdays of every week...

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[List of names of 41 prisons across the country participating in the No to Executions Campaign: \(As of the 65th week on April 21, 2025\)](#)



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Blood and sweat in a foreign country – Painful destiny of workers of Afghanistan in Iran



Capital in essence, as a social relation exists because of exploitation of labor force. Afghan workers in Iran, as part of the legally deprived proletariat, exist exactly at the same place where capitalists in Iran need them to be to gain more surplus value. Every day in most Iranian cities, before sunrise, thousands of Afghan workers appear in public intersections and squares to sell their labor for very cheap, if they are lucky and not get caught by the Islamic Republic's securities or a few other private fascists. The deprived and helpless Afghan workers have been forced to immigrate to Iran due to economic compulsion and bloody political systems rampant in their country. Some of them live in Iran for decades and many have contributed to construction of roads and streets in Iran. Unfortunately, they and their families have been thrown away to the margins and have been forgotten. They have made the nicest houses but have been deprived of every kind of security.

It seems that these workers have come to Iran to help build the biggest buildings in the worst labor conditions without getting any kind of protection. They spend their days with unbearable work conditions and at night reside in unfitted small rooms that are not even habitable for dogs. Employers and capitalists refer to them as "the other" and have no feelings for them. They call them "alien" who should not have any humanistic rights. They do not care that wages paid to them are many times less than the legal level. For them it is not important if workers get injured, lose hands under machines, break their neck at jobs that are like mass killings of hundreds by machine gun. These workers have no insurance and have no authoritative place to be recognized. Is it "better than nothing"? Does this "nothing" transform into a major injury and humiliation that penetrates like a knife in the body. When their kids are thrown away from school, when woman or man gets harassed in streets, hospitals, and in many other places, when they get humiliated and disrespected, when they get assaulted at home, when thousands get dismissed every day and get delivered to the terrorist regime in Afghanistan, under the excuse that they "don't belong to this land."

SHORT

Saturday, April 5, 2025, Arak machinery workers rally to protest the non-payment of arrears



Iranian telecommunications factory workers protest in Shiraz. A new round of workers' protests against unfair dismissals and demanding five months of wage has entered its third day.

The Haft Tappeh Complex workers protest



Monday, April 7, due to the lack of water in the Haft -Tappeh sugarcane fields and the low amount of water allocated to the fields by the Khuzestan Water Supply Company.



Onshore oil workers - Lavan region gathered to protest the discriminatory segregation of jobs and the inclusion of operational areas' extraordinary wages in the wage ceiling. They announced that they will continue to protest until the legitimate demands of all employees in the operational areas are met.

NEWS

Nationwide protest rally of telecom retirees in Tabriz, Sanandaj, Hormozgan and Marivan.



The fired workers of Iranian telecommunications factories in Shiraz, on Monday, April 8, held a protest rally for the third consecutive day. These workers are demanding their return to work, payment of wage arrears and accountability of the authorities. In a situation where inflation and unemployment are rampant, firing workers without providing minimum job and livelihood security is fueling a human disaster.



Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - Fajr Jam Refinery Workers Protest. Continued discrimination in payments and unpaid arrears are among the reasons for workers' protests in the new year.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - A group of probationary workers at the Behbahan Bidboland Refinery stopped working in protest of the management's failure to fulfill its four-year promise to increase wages and demanded an increase in wages and reform of the tax procedure with the aim of reducing the amount of tax collected from workers. Bidboland Refinery has about 1,300 contract workers and 700 probationary workers.



Saturday, April 12, 2025 - Protest rally of workers of Iran Poplin Company, Rasht, against the non-payment of wages for the month of February-March 2025 year.



Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Passionate presence of retirees in front of Social Security with speeches and slogans of retirees.



Large gathering of steel and mining retirees in Isfahan » Gathering of steel retirees in Kerman - "Only the street floor, we get our rights"

Gathering of social security retirees in Ahwaz "No humiliation; No humiliation, death to this justice"

South Pars 12th Refinery Workers' Rally "Unity Against Poverty and Corruption "
Shahroud East Alborz Coal Company Pensioners' Protest Rally.

"We will not live under the burden of oppression, we will sacrifice our lives for freedom, shame on this life "
" Rasht Pensioners' Protest Rally.



Metro Operation Company Employees' Rally in Front of Tehran Municipality – "Incompetent, incompetent, incompetent manager must go" "We do not want promises, we want our rights!"

Social Security Pensioners' Rally in Shush "From Khuzestan to Gilan, shame on managers" Tehran Social Security Pensioners' Protest Rally in Front of Social Security Organization – Esmail Gerami Must Be Freed, Prisoner Worker Must Be Freed!

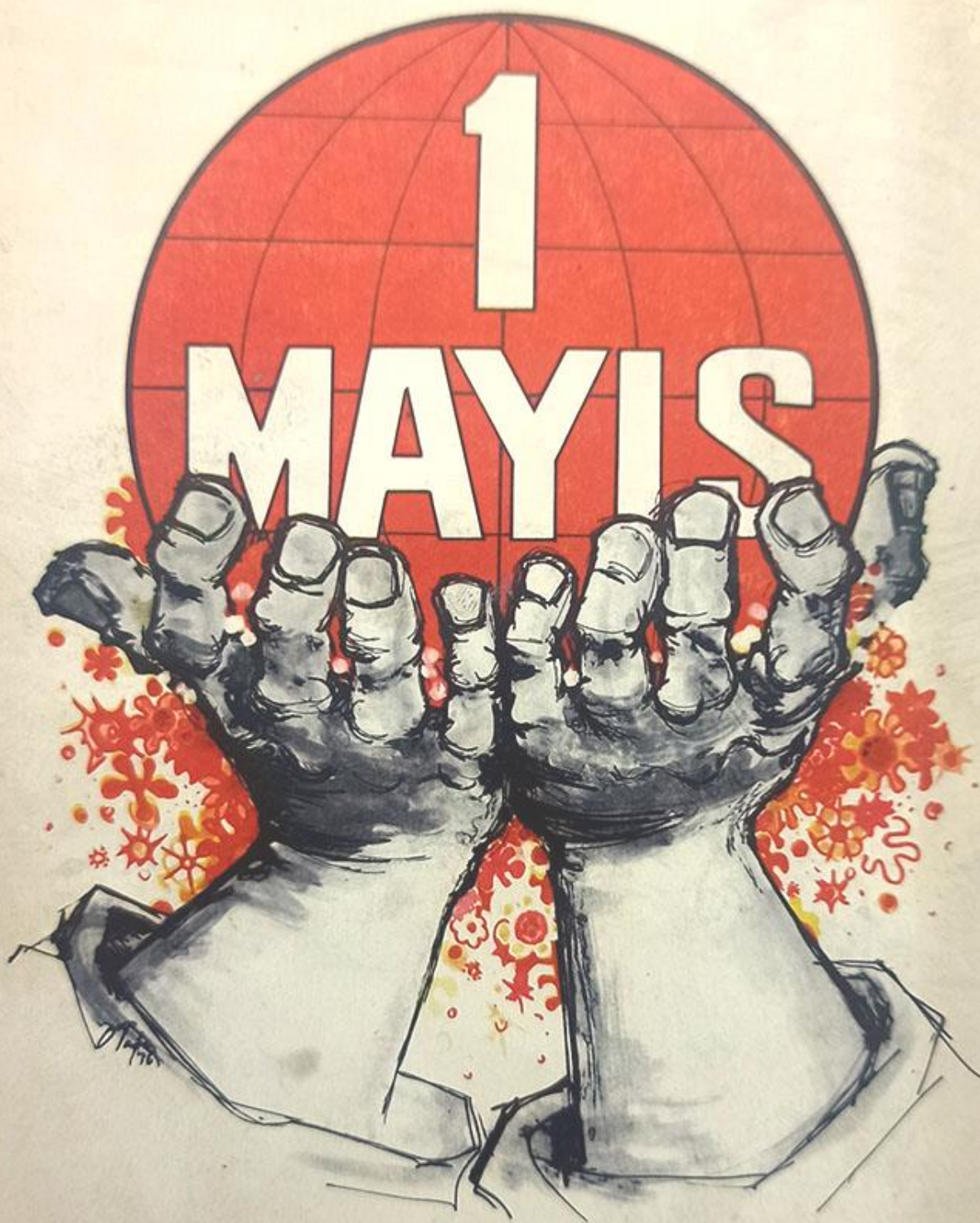
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Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - This morning, contract drivers of the Lorestan Province Gas Company stopped working and gathered in front of the company building in protest of inadequate working conditions and unfair contracts.



Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - Today, municipal service workers and cleaners of the Borazjan Municipality of Bushehr Province also gathered in front of the municipality building in protest of the reduction of overtime and the elimination of holidays.. Following the continuation of the strike, municipal services in Borazjan have been stopped and garbage has accumulated throughout the city. The workers are demanding an immediate address to the situation of their wages, benefits, and working conditions.

April 12, 2025 - Strike of welders at the Rasha Caspian Paper Mill Project located in Zanjan Industrial Park (Yasna Arman Zendige Contracting Company - Mahyaz) in protest against the lack of wage increases and refusal to continue working in the dormitory.



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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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