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The aim of the campaign is to provide practical support of the labor movement in Iran in different



Protests by Iranian oil and petrochemical workers



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Introduction

Nowadays the Iranian labour movement is the main protest movement against austerity and economic misery in Iran. Everyday struggles against low wages, unsecure jobs, temporary contracts and privatization are the daily events in Iran.

Efforts to create non-governmental workers organizations and releasing imprisoned labour activists and teachers are the main struggles of the Iranian worker protest movement. According to everyday strikes and protests numbers, the Iranian worker class is the one of the most active labour movement in the region.

We are trying to coverage the most of Iranian workers and teachers protests by publishing the Monthly Karzar.

Long live international labour comradeship.

Campaign in Support Iranian Workers (CSIW)

support the strikers in Iran

French Trade unions ,Confédération française démocratique du travail (CFDT)
Confédération générale du travail (CGT) Fédération syndicale unitaire (FSU) Union
syndicale Solidaires Union nationale des syndicats autonomes (UNSA)
Issued the letter to support the strike workers in Iran. It is stated in this letter:



“The government ignores the demands of the by repression. But activists are organizing in particular to order to help the strikers. In the current critical situation, they call for unity and support for all popular layers, so that their legitimate demands are heard.” See the full letter in link below:

<https://mycsiw.com/2020/08/08/support-the-strikers-in-iran/>

Huge strike wave hits Iranian energy sector

The industrial global union support Iranian strike workers. It is stated in this letter: ‘About 10,000 workers have stopped work as a wave of wildcat strike action has hit major refineries and industrial projects in Iran’s South Pars gas fields. The workers are protesting the late payment of wages, poverty wages, insecure employment and poor working and living conditions as they battle 50-degree heat.’ see the full letter in link below:



<http://www.industrialall-union.org/huge-strike-wave-hits-iranian-energy-sector>

A wave of strikes in Iran: we stand in solidarity

The member of the «International Labor Network of Solidarity and Struggles» reaffirm their support and solidarity with the workers in Iran. See the link below: http://www.laboursolidarity.org/IMG/pdf/2020_vague_de_greves_en_iran_nous_sommes_solidaires_-_fr_-_eng_-_farsi-2.pdf



Solidarity message of Kurdistan Construction Workers Association to Haft Tappeh striker



Let the whole world know that the Iranian working class will not leave its strike and demand for rights in Haft Tappeh alone. The Haft Tappeh workers strike has reached its seventeenth day. The reputation of this strike has spread throughout the political and news atmosphere of Iran. Who will not be excited in the honor and respect of the united movement of five thousand work-

ers and the rightful demands of Haft Tappeh.

Haft Tappeh is a loud voice of protest and a clear expression of the demands of the entire working class of Iran. The workers of Haft Tappeh are ahead. They show the way against the conspiracies and anti-labor policies by the employer and the government. Today, millions of workers in thousands of production units, from the oil and automobile industry to mines and workshops, are recognizing their protest in the Haft Tappeh strike, gaining strength from this strike and their hearts beating for its victory.

The Haft Tappeh strike has joined the hands of Iranian workers. The fate of the workers has given a living and earthly meaning to each other. It is time to shake hands with Haft Tappeh and make a worthy contribution to each other's destiny, especially on the hard ground of struggle and action. We, the construction workers, declare that we are part of this struggle. We see victory in Haft Tappeh as a victory for ourselves and for the entire working class of Iran. We will do our best in the form of various support campaigns and financial funds for the sugarcane strike. The contemporary history of the working class in Iran is full of strikes and struggles that have failed to show solidarity and unity with each other. Haft Tappeh can and should be the source of labor sector solidarity Initiatives throughout Iran.

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Kurdistan Construction Workers Association August 2020

Municipal workers' protests across the country

- **Workers' protest rally in the area of Tabriz Clock Building**

On the morning of July 6, during the city council meeting, a number of municipal workers gathered in the area of **Saat Square Tower**, the venue of **Tabriz** City Council, due to non-payment of labour insurance.

- **Khorramshahr Municipality workers protested against non-payment of wages for more than 4 months.**

On Monday, July 14th, while the **Khorramshahr** Municipality workers protested against the non-payment of wages for more than 4 months, the head of Khorramshahr Municipality told reporters: The wages of Khorramshahr Municipality workers have been postponed for more than four months. Most of it will be paid. He added: "We hope to be able to pay all the wages of the workers of municipality in next few months."

- **Lali Municipality**

On Saturday, July 13th, the workers of **Lali** Municipality gathered to protest against 10 months of arrears of wages and 5 months of non-payment of work insurance by spreading a symbolic empty table in **Shohada Square** and holding protest placards. In a small town where, according to the governor of the city, 11,000 barrels of oil are extracted daily from 6 active oil wells, this is not the right of the workers and the people of this city.

The workers of Manjil Municipality announced that they had not paid their wages and work bounce for 6 months.

- These workers have an average of 6 to 10 years of work experience who believe that they will lose their job security under these conditions. The wages arrears of these workers happened while the officials of **Manjil** municipality have repeatedly promised to follow up on their demands. Our wage claims are related to last years three-month wage claim and the current year;s hree-month said the workers, who work under the contractor's responsibility. Unfortunately, after years of service in Manjil Municipality, we are deprived of on time payment of wage and work bounce, the workers expressed dissatisfaction with their living conditions.
- Protest rallies of **Bandar Abbas** Municipality workers against the non-payment of wages for months in front of the city council building In recent days, workers of the Bandar Abbas Municipality have repeatedly gathered in front of the **Hormozgan** City Council building to reflect the voice of their protest against the non-payment of wages for months.
- The strike of the workers of **Marivan** Municipality on August 5, in protest of the non-payment of 4 months wages and the non-payment of work bonuses in the years of 2018,19 and 2020. The municipal workers strike has been met with police crackdown in the city where one of the workers of Marivan Municipality said: We have protested against this poor live condition several times so far, but we have not received anything other than a false promise, we are facing a severe livelihood problem, and our protest is to get a right that is our right .
- On Monday, August 11, a group of waste collector workers and Green Space Unit of **Khoy** Municipality held a protest rally in front of the city council building. These workers, who are from the four districts of Khoy municipality, gathered in front of the city council building to protest against the non-payment of 5 months of monthly wages, insurance premiums and other bounce arrears.

On Tuesday, August 12, the private sector drivers went on strike in front of the bus building

due to low income, looting of private companies, insufficient support of the municipality and failure to fulfil the obligations of the bus company to private sector drivers.



privatization = started slavery

The city administration and security institutions, privatized bus company, thinking that the privatization of **Vahed** Company would be done with less cost of intra-city transportation and that protests and strikes of drivers would be prevented. But private-sector drivers will soon form their own independent syndicate due to their meagre incomes, and protests and strikes will take place for sure.

Strike in Refineries

11 August - Workers and employees of the Petrochemical Oil and Gas Company begin a strike in southern Iran.

The strikes also spread to the **Abadan** refinery. Employees and workers of Abadan refinery, along with workers and employees of **Parsian** Refinery and **Lamerd** Petrochemical, went on strike to protest the non-payment of wages and work bounce.

With the start of a large-scale strike by workers and employees of the Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Company in southern Iran, today workers and employees of the Abadan Refinery, Parsian Refinery, Lamerd Petrochemical and Abadan Refineries are on strike. The strike reached the refinery of phases 22 and 24 of South **Pars Kangan**.

The third day of the workers' strike in the oil centres:

The workers of **Kangan**, **Parsian**, **Sepehr Lamerd** and **Elixir** Petrochemical Company in phase 13, stopped working for the third day in a row and gathered at their workplace.

More than 10,000 workers are said to have stopped work at refineries across the country. On the same day, "Petropaish" workers in the South Pars Energy Special Economic Zone joined the strike. Protesters demand job security, cancellation of so-called white contracts, arrears of wages, as well as work increase.

Mahshahr: Strike by workers at the Mahshahr refinery, **Tehran Hino** Company also, joined the strike in protest of the reduction and non-payment of wages.

Shushtar Agro-industrial Workers Protest Rally Due to Employer's Unresponsiveness

Shushtar Agro-industrial Workers protested in front of Shushtar Governor's Office to reflect their protest against the employer's non-response to their demands and expel a colleague. One of the workers present at the rally told a media reporter: "This rally is due to the protest against the non-payment of wages." He added: "Karun Agro-Industrial Company did not pay about 400 workers in full and's pension and work bounce, so the workers filed a complaint with the labour council." He added: "According to the decision of the Labor council, Karun Agro-Industrial Company is required to pay the workers' wages, but this company not only did not pay us, but also fired a colleague."

In addition, the wave of workers strikes in energy sector and more than 70 days of the strike by **Haft Tapeh** workers and protest in city of Susa, in south of Iran, the workers in other sectors also had the short time strike or gathering for protest in different cities.

The nurses in the cities of Yasoj, Shiraz and Esfahan held protest rallies in protest to low wages and temporary contracts. On July 25 the Lorestan's railway workers went to strike in protest to wage arrears.

On July 30 the workers of sugarcane factory of Shoshtar held protest rallies in protest to dismissal of the workers representative. Hepko's workers in city of Arak continued their protest against privatization.

Haft Taphe: Suspension of strike

After 73 days of strikes and protests and after receiving two months of arrears of wages, workers' representatives gave the government 15 days to fulfil the demands of the workers. According to workers' representatives, the strike has been suspended.

Jafar Azimzadeh has gone on a hunger strike

During a meeting of Jafar Azimzadeh with his family, which took place an hour ago, Jafar Azimzadeh announced that:

1- In protest of deception and transfer to solitary confinement in **Rajai Shahr** prison instead of hospital.



2- Non-observance of health protocols in the fight against coronary heart disease and spreading false news about the absence of coronary heart disease in Evin prison through 20:30 news and the cooperation of prison officials, especially medical doctors, to hide the prevalence of coronary heart disease in prison and participate in deprivation Prisoners' lives and the deception of the public mind.

3- Unawareness of the family and their psychological persecution and confusion of the family in the hospitals of Tehran. From the very beginning of his transfer to solitary confinement in Rajai Shahr Prison, he went on a hunger strike on Sunday night, August 17th.

Free Trade Union of Workers in Iran July 20, 2020

The latest update:

Jafar Azimzadeh ended his hunger strike after twenty days.

It happened following a negotiating with prison officials and transferring him to the general ward of political prisoners in Rajai Shahr Prison. He in a written message, thanking all organisations and personalities defending workers' rights in Iran and around the world, who were calling for an end to his hunger strike. He also added that he will pursue his demands in other ways.

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