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The trick of the "Iranian workers Confederation" can be neutralized by the constant and daily struggle and the creation of independent organizations in the

The inability of the capitalist Islamic regime to control social movements and the emergence of mass uprisings is affected by the rise of workers' protests that have spread since the 2000's against capitalist policies, including the attack on the standard of living, the imposition of poverty, and the increase in the cost of living, demonstrates the current political situation in Iran.

The terrified Islamic capitalist regime crackdown on organized workers' social organizations led to the arrest, imprisonment, torture and firing of social activists and workers' representatives in workplace, but the protests spread more amongst various sections of society and led to the uprisings of 2017, 2019, and 2022. Unfortunately, these upheavals, despite the passionate presence of women and youth and their achievements, were crushed down by brutal repression and subsided and they could not become comprehensive, organized and powerful movements. The past years experiences demonstrated that the worker's protests, as well as any kind of social uprisings for fundamental changes in economic, social, political and cultural fields need class organized forces that have organize themselves in social organizations. Only such movements can dismantle the organized monstrosity of capitalism. the Islamic regime and its regional rivals, as well as western governments are aware of this point, and in such a situation, where the political situation in Iran continue with daily social protests of the working class and the oppressed masses and expanding with organizing, various sections of bourgeoisie are overtaking one another by riding the wave of protest in order to keep the system within the framework of

capitalism relations. The Islamic regime's tricks, such as government made apparatus like Basij, etc., (alongside repression and imprisonment), with policies of Solidarity Center and social democrats are all in common to prevent stable and independent workers' organizations and the oppressed masses in Iran. The declaration of the "Confederation of Iranian workers- abroad" in Berlin under the political umbrella of the German National Union(DGB) and the Financial Foundation of Social Democratic Party of Germany(Friedrich Ebert Foundation in February 2024 is also chosen in this framework.

It is clear from the beginning that the "Iranian Worker Confederation ", from its title, and the way it was declared to its constitution, has anti-worker characteristics and stands against the workers' social and political organization. But it is not enough to mention it only, it is important to remember that only in continuous and daily struggle such tricks could be neutralized by the creation of organizations in the work and life environments and strengthening the foundation of the working class against all sorts of conspiracies of various sections of bourgeoisie. Workers by creation of their national organizations from the bottom can form a powerful social force. Only in such a trend can the working class be able to defeat all sorts of bourgeoisie's tricks and plans to deceive worker's struggles.



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Joint Statement of Independent Organisation

Let's stand up for a general increase in wages and thwart the anti-labor efforts of the Islamic regime and employers!

Increasing the wages has become an inevitable necessity in the current miserable conditions. The wages approved by the Islamic regime, the Ministry of Labor and the so-called labor representatives appointed by them in the Supreme Labor Council cannot possibly cover the living expenses of the working class. For years, the workers have been protesting against this widespread poverty and destitution, and they have chosen factories and workshops, educational, medical and health centers and even the streets as a place to reflect their demands and shout for their rights. The continuous struggles of retirees - who form an inseparable part of the working class - every week and the strike of Isfahan steel mill factory workers and Ahwaz National Steel Group workers in recent weeks are examples of their relentless protests for their rights and scope in which they demanded. The main point of the protesting workers is an increase in wages and job benefits...

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The minimum wage of 11 million in 1403 (2024) means more and more poverty and misery



According to the resolution of the Supreme Labor Council, the minimum wage of workers in 1403(2024) compared to 1402(2023) increased by 35.3%. According to the percentage announced by Sulat Mortazavi, the Minister of Labor, the minimum wage of workers, including the basic wage and other benefits and items, will be 11 million Toman(US\$220.00) per month in 1403(2024). According to the claims of the so-called labor members of the Supreme Labor Council, this increase in the minimum wages of workers has been approved without their signature. Of course, even though these "labor representatives" admitted that the cost of living is 22,886,431 Toman(US\$460.00) per month, but they proposed a 25% lower wage for 1403((2024) and about 17 million Toman(US\$340.00) per month. The result is that despite the rampant inflation and the astronomical increase in the cost of living that even 30 to 40 million Toman(US\$600 to \$800) is no longer enough for a family of four, and millions of workers have to live with wages three times below the poverty line, which is not sustainable in any way. The minimum wage of the workers is determined every year in the Supreme Labor Council, which consists of 9-10 representatives of the government and the employer and the so-called labor representatives, and in the name of tripartism and with the claim of workers' involvement in determining their livelihood, anti-labor decisions of the government and Employers are imposed on workers and wage earners by this tripartism. Through these formality and show representatives, they deprive the workers of any objection to the decision of the Supreme Labor Council and make the capitalist system stronger year by year and the wage earners poorer. In fact, the fate of millions of workers in this supreme labor council is dragged to ruin at the beginning of every year... [Read more this link](#)

Statement of "Black Tuesdays" striking prisoners: Realization of people's Governance is not far away



A group of prisoners who have been on hunger strike for the past few weeks on Tuesdays in protest of the death sentence, emphasized in a statement that in the shadow of solidarity, the realization of people's Governance over Iran is not far away. The text of the statement is as follows: We, a group of prisoners, have been on hunger strike every Tuesday for the past seven weeks to protest the issuance and execution of death penalties and to stop this killing and execution machine. We are confident that the day is not far when the Iranian people's sovereignty over their own destiny is realized, and no citizen... [Read more this link](#)

A Call for workers and retirees to rally!

By: **Ismail Gerami** (retired worker)
It has been more than two weeks that Sulat Mortazavi, the Minister of Labor, has been opposing the amount of 15 million Toman(US\$300.00) per month for the minimum wage in the Supreme Labor Council. The dirty past of this minister and his recent interviews shows that he is done with violence; He is not willing to accept this amount and is trying to put the discussions on a boring cycle with meaningless meetings until we reach Nowrouz (Persian New Year) holidays . Of course, in those days, government representatives and employers can safely approve the desired amount of 20% or 22% without the need for the signature of the workers' representatives. Labor representatives in the Council know better than anyone else about this sinister intention of the Minister of Labor . As experience has shown, only the floor of the streets can solve the problems of workers and retirees in the face of government coercion....

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Joint statement of 17 leftist and democratic institutions regarding:

Declaring the existence of "Iran-Abroad Labor Confederation"



The declaration of the establishment of the "Professional Confederation of Iran - Abroad" without minimal transparency, by concealing from the public opinion of labor activists and with its silent against the repressive and deeply anti-labour policies of the Islamic Republic system under the support of the German Trade Union (DGB) affiliated to The Social Democratic Party of Germany was completed as part of the government in two days. This meeting with the presence of a handful of people, four of whom have resigned so far, is a special project by the German government and its allies to influence the...

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Iran's minimum wage is less than the neighbouring countries

The minimum wage in Iran is less than the minimum wage in most of Iran's neighbouring countries such as Pakistan, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Lebanon and Turkey. The minimum wage in Iran is less than the minimum wage in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, South Africa, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Argentina. The minimum wages in the countries of Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, India and China do not have a high level, but all of them are higher than the minimum wages in Iran.

In the poorest regions of Europe, such as Albania and Moldova, the general level of wages is higher than in Iran.

The minimum wage in Iran is only higher than the minimum wage in very poor countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gambia, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Myanmar, etc.

Based on the World Bank data, Iran's GDP(gross domestic product) in 2022 was equal to 413 billion dollars (official dollars or dollars based on the market exchange rate), and this figure is estimated to be...

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Unemployment is one of the important problems of the working class and the entire society in the capitalist system

The struggle to secure the economic, social and political rights of millions of unemployed and jobseekers is one of the important areas of the struggle of the working class in general (including employed workers, unemployed and job seekers, retirees, trainees, etc.).

It is very important to try to create organizations of the unemployed, which form an important part of the working class, in close connection and continuous cooperation with unions and other independent labor organizations that are formed on the initiative of the workers themselves.

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SHORT NEWS

Sunday 10th March - [The reading of the statement of the retirees of the social services of the city of Shoush by Ali Nejati, a retired worker and member of the workers syndicate of sugarcane of Haft-Tappeh.](#)

Friday 15th March – **The protesting operation of South.**



[The Falat-Ghareh Company of Lavan](#)

Their Demands:

- The removal of inept and insufficient managers.
- Cancellation of the wages ceiling .
- The correction of the basic wages .
- The cancellation of limits on yearly wage income.
- Removal of retirement age limit.
- The implementation of the Article 10th law.
- Payment of back-pay Article 10.
- Non-separation of jobs in operational areas.
- No tampering with the oil pension fund.

We protested our working hours and we were sacked on the eve of the Persian New Year (21 March, 2024!) The workers in the border of Parviz Khan of Ghasr-e-Shirin were sacked because of protesting long hours of work. They had to work from 7 am to 12 midnight in cold and dusty conditions.

But now they have been sacked on the eve Persian New Year (21 March, 2024.)

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Friday 15th March 2024 - [We only get our wages in the streets!](#)

The speech by Musa-Heydari a retirees of social security, in the gathering on Sunday in front of the governorship of the city of Shoush.

17th March - The gathering by the retirees of the city of Shoush in front of the governorship building in regards to poverty, low wages theft, corruption, prejudice and inequality.

Sunday 17th March - -Isfahan.

Sunday 17th March. [The passionate gathering by the retirees of the steel industry with other cities pronouncing their demands](#)

^Retirees shout out loud, shout your rights"

^Steel worker, miner, unity unity"

Chabahr - The cleaning workers of the city council gathered in protest and strike in front of the city council building on 17th of March, in regards to non-payment of wages and other dues owed to them.

The gathering in protest by the communications retirees in the provinces of 'Hamedan.' Eastern Azerbaijan (Tabriz.) Kordestan (Marivan and Sanandaj.), Gilan, Khozestan, Tehran, Kermanshah, Ardebil, and central province (Arak.).

^Universal health benefit is our right ,"

^Education is our right,"

And " only in the street floor we can achieve our rights ,"

^Forward to the creation of the workers council ,"

^Bread, Job, freedom, and workers council"

18th March - The news of the protests of the retirees of the communication industry in several cities:

Tabriz- The retirees of the communication industry gathered in protest in front of the building in the province of Eastern Azarbiejan.

Tehran-14 years of betrayal, shame on the shareholders!

The protest walk by the communication retirees in front of the communication building in regards to the betrayal of the shareholders happened today.

Ardebil- The gathering in protest by the communication retirees in front of the communication building happened today.

Arak - The retirees of the communication industry gathered in protest in rainy weather.

Ahwaz-The communication of Iran, Does not accept the law.

The retirees of the city of Ahwaz in protest to the illegal action of the shareholders of the communication industry went in a protest walk.

Kermanshah-we don't want an incompetent minister!

^Only in the streets do we get our right"

The retirees of Communication Company of Kermanshah every Monday gather in front of the communication building in protest.

Rasht- ^we will not give up until we get our rights"

The retirees of the communication industry of Gilan province gathered in protest in front of the company's building.

Sanandaj-The gathering in protest by the retirees of the communication industry took place in front of the company's building.

Boroujerd- The retirees of the communication industry gathered in front of the communication building in protest.

Khoram-Abad- The gathering in protest by the retirees of the communication industry of the province of Lorestan took place in front of the company's building.

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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