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**Year of 1402, Persian New Year, beginning
The 20th March, 2023, the year of more exploitation!**

Workers and wage – earners,

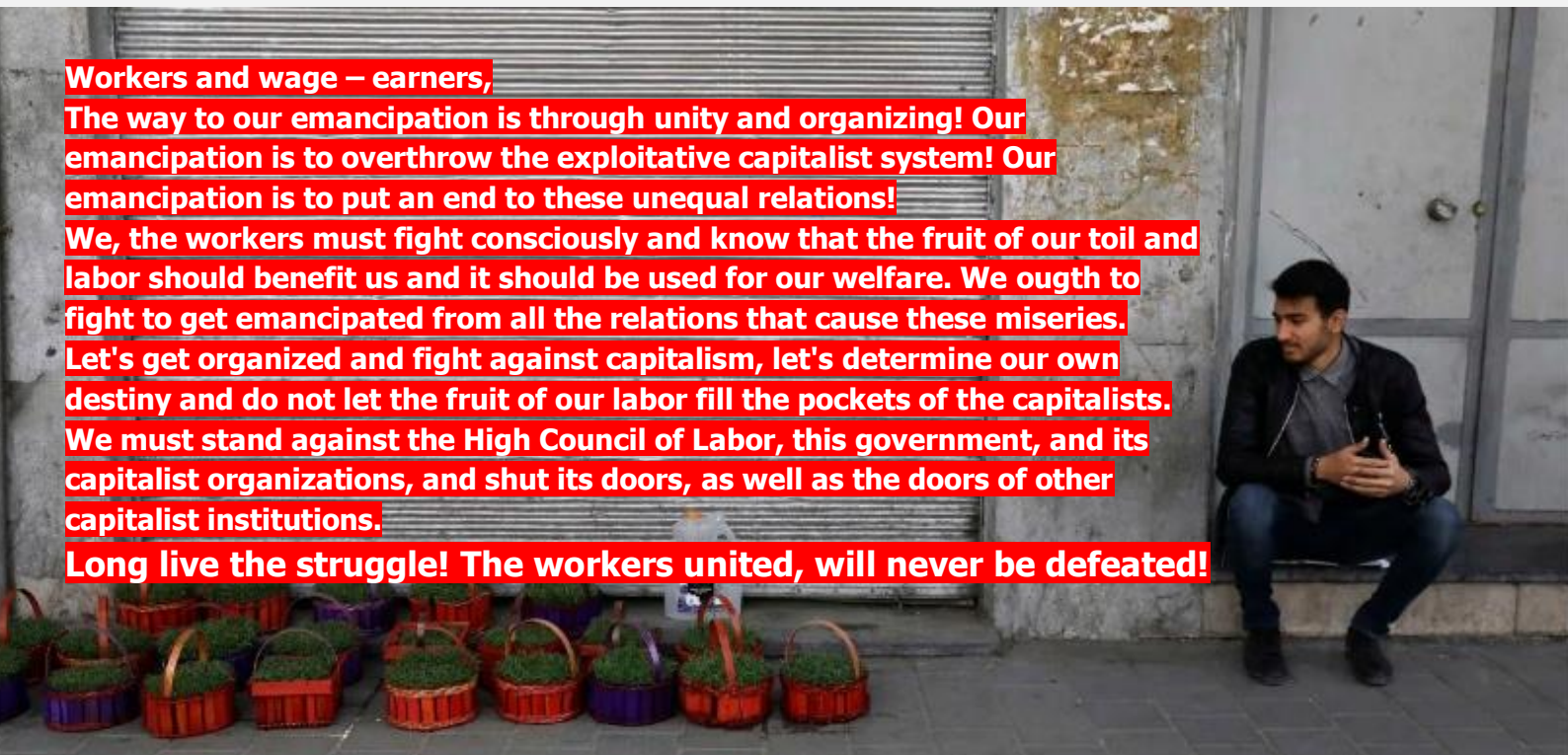
**The way to our emancipation is through unity and organizing! Our
emancipation is to overthrow the exploitative capitalist system! Our
emancipation is to put an end to these unequal relations!**

**We, the workers must fight consciously and know that the fruit of our toil and
labor should benefit us and it should be used for our welfare. We ought to
fight to get emancipated from all the relations that cause these miseries.**

**Let's get organized and fight against capitalism, let's determine our own
destiny and do not let the fruit of our labor fill the pockets of the capitalists.**

**We must stand against the High Council of Labor, this government, and its
capitalist organizations, and shut its doors, as well as the doors of other
capitalist institutions.**

Long live the struggle! The workers united, will never be defeated!



The High Council of Labor, a governmental institution, has determined the wages for millions of the workers in the Persian New Year, and in this way has approved of poverty, destitution and even more exploitation. This Council with its tripartite mechanism, government, employer and the so called workers' representatives, they all determine the wages to the benefit of the owners of the capital. The determination of the wages for the New Year, many folds under the poverty line means imposition of more poverty and destitution. Consider the exploitation a god given benefit and by using the gigantic media tell us that we should be thankful to

deception of people by the the capitalists since they are "job creators" for us. This is the dictatorship of capitalism! This is the propaganda media. By the appointment of self -made institutions, the capitalist system ruling in Iran determines how we, the millions of workers and our families, should begin the New Year, determines how we will be deprived of the goods we make, how we will be deprived of education, health, welfare, recreation and having a dignified human life.

The dictatorship of the capitalists makes plans for millions of human beings, regularizes the poverty, the inequalities and the discrimination.

The decision of the Islamic regime and employers to push the working class further into the depths of absolute poverty

Finally, after the uproar of the supporters of the Islamic capitalist system and its appointees, i.e., the "Supreme Labor Council" regarding the decision to increase the minimum wage for the year 2023, on March 20, 2023 based on the will of the regime and the reactionary rapacious capitalists ruling elites, the basic monthly nominal wage of workers was set equal to 5,308,284 Toman (approximately \$US 127.50).

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Happy New Year to the workers and toilers and noble people of Iran



We start the New Year, the year 1402(Persian calendar), in a situation where poverty and deprivation, inflation and unemployment, the absence of independent labor organizations, wages multiple times under the poverty line, corruption and deterioration, discrimination and inequalities still continue.

I hope that the year 1402 will be the year of liberation and emancipation from poverty, the year of unity and solidarity of workers and toilers.

Happy New Year to all of you

Ali Nejati – Retired worker and member of Haft-Tappeh Sugarcane Agro-industrial Complex workers' Syndicate

20 March 2023

Our charter is that charter of 20 organizations

We have announced that our charter is a charter that was published under the name of the Charter of 20 Organizations on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the 1979 Revolution, and our points of emphasis and minimum demands were concisely announced in this charter, which in brief are: unconditional freedom of opinion, expression and thought, equality of men and women in all fields; the unconditional abolition of discriminatory laws and forms against sexual and gender relations and tendencies, the privacy of religion and its non-interference with political, economic, social and cultural decisions and laws; dismantling the organizations of repression and limiting the powers of the government and the direct and permanent involvement of the people in the administration...

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The wage level of the workers of Iran

The Iranian workers are amongst the cheapest hourly rate paid workers in the world, and their pay has sunk to below \$US 1.00 per hour. By investigating this condition, the cover of the wages has gone below 30%. The data shows that between the years 1980-2022, the level of house expenditure has risen by the scale of 4200 times, but the percentage of wages has only increased by 1795%. This means that the purchasing power of the wage-earners for the reason of inflation has decreased by 58% and this year the percentage will reach 70% or 80%.

According to the world standard, the workers that earn less than a dollar per hour are cheap and wage-less workers, still while the Iranian workers after 10- or 15-years work are considered cheap and exploited, why then the labor minister wants to find a better way to exploit more workers in the guise of creating more jobs.

Do you know the method of the new labor minister??? It is like a teacher and a student that cannot even give the exact number of score!

Vow, How many colleagues do we have?!

I have been following the news from France these days and I see that the French retirees have come to the streets gathering and marching against the law that increases the retirement age from 62 to 64. But the news doesn't stop here, the special police battalions are attacking and beating the retirees savagely! Careless about the fact these retirees are their own compatriots.

To be honest with you, these retirees are like our own retirees in Iran. Their true compatriots are us. When you see the fights in France's streets they remind you of our own streets in Iran !!

The French special battalions are exactly like our own suppressive forces in Iran (I think they are each other's compatriots). In this bipolar capitalist world, all these barbed-wire borders are just superficial! We the workers and toilers are on one side, exploiters, thieves and embezzlers are on the other side being defended by the suppressive forces.

Ismael Gerami

Retired Worker

February-March 2023

Poisoning school girls is another government crime



For some time now, reactionary and fanatical elements, in order to prevent the spread of the recent mass movement by creating terror, by causing poisoning and spreading pepper spray, etc., have attacked girls' schools and so far many students have been killed. In several cities, they have been poisoned and injured and sent to hospitals. These barbaric attacks, which are clearly organized and undoubtedly planned and supported by the leaders of the regime, have been strongly protested by the vast masses, students and their families, teachers and popular organizations, and in various forms have been widely opposed to it. For example, the "Coordinating Council of Teachers' Trade Union Organizations" has given a call for protest and nationwide march for Tuesday, March 7, which has been supported by many popular organizations. For example, you can read the statement of the students' union council below:

We are standing in the clear path of our teachers, in the street, schools...

Behind this darkness, the light of hope shines and we have not only seen it, we have tasted it through the Zhina uprising and following the collective history of our struggle. In the meantime, the rulers of darkness are trying to add to the blackness and destruction, but also to dim the glow of this collective hope. We still don't know what words to use for what is happening! "Chemical attack"? "Serial poisoning"? "Chemical revenge"? We don't know what is happening is unbelievable, but at the heart of this tragedy, at least two things are clear:

First: its target is women

Second: The dimensions of the disaster are so large that it is not possible for it to be happening away from the eyes of the leaders of this system and without planning and facilities.

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GOZARESHGARAN'S APPEAL PETITION Sepideh Gholian's Life is in DANGER!



A civil activist and an advocate of the oppressed working class of Iran, Sepideh Gholian, who was arrested during workers' protests, and endured four years and seven months of imprisonment in the dungeon, of the Islamic regime, was released from the case of Haft Tappeh workers, but her freedom didn't last long and few hours later, she was arrested again by the security apparatus of the Islamic Republic, and taken back to prison.

Sepideh Gholian, only minutes after her release, in front of prison gates, chanted slogans against Ali Khamenei and showed her loyalty and advocacy for the current revolutionary uprising movement, to which, her happiness was posted on social media. She spent nearly five years in the most notorious dungeons of the despotic ruling system and expressed her protests repeatedly, against the inhumane conditions of the imprisoned and the suffering of women, torture and widespread executions in the countries' prisons.

Sepideh Gholian, who has spent the best years of her young life in the dungeons of the Islamic Republic, repeatedly, she has been accused of propagating activities against the ruling system, but she never stopped her brilliant disclosures and her resistance, therefore she is a symbol of women's struggle and persistence in the current movement in Iran today. After her short freedom, she announced: "I have come out this time hoping for Iran's emancipation". Shortly after her release, Sepideh Gholian, on the way home, together with her family, was stopped by intelligence and security forces, arrested and taken back to prison.

Hostility and brutal behavior of the Islamic rulers with the brave and aware women of our country-Iran is not hidden from anyone in and outside of the country.

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Parts of the report from “Iranian tribune”: Support of “woman, life, freedom” movement’s uprising- no to executions!

The bravery of the Iranian men and women against the brutal repression of the Islamic Republic of Iran, needs the unquestionable support from the international civil society, public’s opinion and social and democratic forces.

The social unity with the labor workers in Iran, who are the brain behind this tribune, has gathered more than 360 signatures from 40 countries. Some of the signatories are independent people such as university professor, doctors, lawyers, reporters and artists. The rest are representing major parts of unions, civil and political organizations.

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Short News

The protest of the workers of 'Daroogar.'Factory

(6th Dec.2022)

The workers of the 'Daroogar.'factory went on strike on Tuesday for not having been paid their wages for 4 months and insurance rights for 5 months, it is worth mentioning that in the past year the wages of the workers have been delayed by several months. The workers of 'Daroogar' factory, also protested in regards to not being paid for overtime work and lack of transport from the factory.

Tehran

(4th December 2022)

https://t.me/komite_h/20430

The gathering in protest of the workers of Tehran railway

Someone must come and answers our questions In a video clip of the railway workers that is in the cyber space, one of the workers says, Since the beginning of the month of July «the trains have stopped working and no one is answerable.» he added that the 'Work Office 'by saying that it is not one of their concerns sheds its responsibility. The officials don't want to be answerable, the manager of the railway 'Salehi' doesn't want to be answerable, and he doesn't answer our letters and has erased our messages from his concern.

The gathering in protest by the contracting workers of the communication company

(4th Jan 2023)

The gathering in protest by the contracting workers of the communication company of 'Rasht' 'Lahijan' 'Talesh' in front of the communication company in regards to cancellation of their wages.

The strike and the gathering of the Petrochemical workers of 'Javar'.

(4th Jan. 2023)

https://t.me/komite_h/20607

According to the printed news. the employed workers of 'Javar.' Petrochemical today (4th Jan. 2023) have gone on strike.

This gathering was firstly in the petrochemical grounds and then moved to the governorship of the labor department.

The main demand of the workers is that they get their wages without any benefits is the conversion of their working condition and a direct contract with complex.

The gathering in protest of the retirees

The gathering in protest of the retirees of 'Haft-tappeh.' And 'Kaghazyar.' For their financial condition in front of the social security building of city of 'Shoosh'.

https://t.me/komite_h/20662

(8th Jan. 2023)

The syndicate of the workers of sugarcane of 'Haft-Tappeh.'

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.