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In Support of Haft Tappeh Workers' Open letter

In support of the open letter by the workers of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Cultivation and the Industrial Complex

Strive for the fulfillment of the fundamental rights of the deprived and oppressed workers, is the duty of every conscious and aware human being. The workers, who have been struggling for their unpaid wages, have been on strike without pay, Since 15 June and now they have found out, that half of the wealth belonging to them, has been stolen by the employer and forwarded to Canada with the assistance of government agents.

The Haft Tappeh workers, in addition to their demand for their entitled unpaid wages, have demanded the return to work of their sacked colleagues and the imprisonment of their embezzler employers and end to the privatization.

The Solidarity Committees with the Iranian Workers movement - abroad, in turn, consider it is their duty to publish the same letter of the Haft Tappeh workers – the toilers who have lost their wealth, and - show support and solidarity for this rightful demand.

The Solidarity Committees with the Iranian Workers movement-abroad,

pleading for all those human beings, who have the means to help in any possible way, for the return of the wealth, which belongs to the Haft Tappeh workers- at least in lieu of 5 months unpaid wages, and other losses imposed on the 5000 workers.

We will do our best in this matter and will not hesitate to provide any help and information, until the stolen money forwarded to Canada, is returned to their rightful owners- the Haft Tappeh workers.

Long live the international solidarity of workers and toilers of the world!

Solidarity Committees with the Iranian Workers-abroad

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The text of the open letter of the Workers of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Cultivation and industry complex

About us: "The Committee in Solidarity with the Iranian workers Movement - Abroad" consists 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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An Open Letter

To: Workers, Honorable People, Trade Unions, Media, and Awakened Consciences in Canada!

Subject: Requesting assistance for the return of the smuggled money from Canada to the Haft Tappeh workers in Iran!

With the warmest greetings,

This letter is written by a group of workers, on behalf of the Haft Tappeh workers in the southern part of Iran, who have been on strike in a new round, since 15th June 2020. Five years ago, our company was transferred to the private sector, with the conspiracy, contraventions, and a lot of corruption by the government and its agents. And now, we are on strike again, several times, because our wages are always paid with months of delay, and the company is in the process of destruction by the private sector. In addition, the private employers of HaftTappeh (Omid Asad Bayghi, and Mehrdad Rostami, who are currently on trial for embezzling), with the credit of our company, and with cooperation of a corrupt team of Iranian officials, have embezzled over one and a half Billion US Dollars (US\$1.5 Billion), but before their trial, with the help of the Amin Exchange in Tehran-Iran, they have successfully managed to extract and take several hundred million dollars of these currencies and sent out of Iran and smuggled to Canada.



Omid Asad Bayghi

In fact, they have stolen the wealth, which had been earned by the credit of our company, and smuggled to Canada, and they have forever, made us and the people of our region poor and ruined and destroyed the lives of 5000 workers.

In this regard, we are requesting your help, in assisting the return of this smuggled money to their original and rightful owners – the Haft Tappeh workers.

Dear workers and people in Canada!

Whilst in the extreme heat and hot weather, we, the workers of Haft Tappeh are on strike and there has been no official response to our protest, however, few days ago, four of our striking workers were arrested, harassed and insulted, and finally, they were released on bail, with a case being made for each of them, pending.

Unfortunately, now, although the Iranian media and the government's institutions claimed falsely, that the wealth of the embezzlers of the private sector, have been frozen, we have received documents, as mentioned earlier, which shows the transfer of large amounts, equivalent to about half of the embezzled money, totaling to one and half Billion US Dollars of the Haft Tappeh private sector to Canada.

We call on all workers, Trade Unions, media, lawyers, human right activists, organizations and the institutions defending freedom, equality, justice, humanity and the honorable Canadian people, to hear our voice and take various measures and act by any possible means against this gang of thieves, and blocking this stolen and smuggled money, in order to return it to the Haft Tappeh workers.

We also urge you to address the voice of our complaint, to the Canadian government, judicial and institutions, including to the Canadian political parties and the parliament, and to the Prime Minister of Canada- Justin Trudeau, and ask their government to take action and investigate this issue. After which, publish the result of the investigation and take the necessary legal means, to block the wealth that belongs to the workers of Haft Tappeh, because it has been obtained under false pretenses, stolen

and smuggled to Canada, therefore, to find a way to return this smuggled money to its original owners- the Haft Tappeh workers.

We ask all of the addressees of this letter in Canada, as well as other loved ones in different part of the world, who have the opportunity of investigation, research and action in this regard, to publish and distribute this letter, in defense of us, to act by any possible means to help us -the oppressed workers of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Cultivation and industrial Complex. We seek: an end to judicial and security prosecution against the workers and their representatives, the misappropriation by the corrupt and embezzling private sector and the return to work of sacked Trade Union representatives and colleagues. We have nothing to lose but to fight and gain our rights and demand, in one of the centre crisis of Corona affected region, with a temperature of 50 degrees Celsius.

Due to the strength and determination that we have seen in the Canadian labor organizations, and the media, as well as the legal opportunities available to the Canadian government and the Prime Minister's power at their disposal, we have no doubt that the issue of transferring these sum of money sent by the blood sucking leech shareholders to Canada, will be considered, and the necessary actions will be taken.

Thank you

In Solidarity,

A group of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane workers from different sections of the company

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*Workers of Haft Tappeh Complex continue gatherings
and marches on the second month of summer*

On Wednesday July 22nd, workers of Haft Tappeh continued their widespread protesting in front of governor's office in the city of Shush. They wanted to declare that they are demanding on time wage payment and social benefits. They want unknown job conditions to be resolved, the project of privatization to be fixed and laid off workers to be employed again.

Unfortunately, in this worker's March the slogan of "...must be executed" was publicized. Certainly, the organizers of these demonstrations should try to find out who are behind such kind of mottos. Today also along with misuse of Haft Tappeh means also in social media news were spread that part of investment taken away has been relocated to Canada.



Text: **Privatization = pillage of Iranian soil**
Haft Tappeh = 24 thousand hectares of fertile land

Thirty ninth day of strike: We get united every day, in every strike, and with increasing power and ability continue with strikes to unravel privatization project in Haft Tappeh Company!

July 23, 2020



Forty-day strike of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane workers: Today Saturday 26 July 2020 a cane-backed strike of Haft Tappe the forty day had passed since its beginning.

Today, workers continued to protest in front of the Shush government.

In this gathering, workers emphasized the necessity of unity and the continuation of the strike until their demands were fulfilled.

28. 07. 2020, Forty forth day: The passionate presence of Haft Tappeh workers in the forty-fourth day of strike! The most high-end workers chanting slogans against the private sector and the disorders, as well as their patron officials. Strike until cancellation of privatization.

The 46th Day of the Haft Tappeh Strike Today Thursday - August 30, 2010: The 46th day of the Haft Tappeh workers' strike was held this morning with the presence of many workers attending the governor's office. After a rally in the governor's offices, workers marched into the city. At the rally, workers announced: they would continue to protest and strike until their demands are met, including an end to the privatization.



Four workers of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane were violently arrested on 30th day of their protest



At noon today, Tuesday, July 14, four of the Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers 'activists were violently arrested on the 30th day of their strike. Detainees: Yousef Bahmani, Ebrahim Abbasi Manjezi, Mohammad Khanifar and Muslim Cheshm Khavar were detained in front of the Shush governor's office by security police with cruelty.

The workers were detained despite the large-scale thefts by their employer, Asad Bayigi, and whilst several court hearings were held, but this thief employer is still free at large. The workers' union of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company strongly condemns the detention of Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers and demands their immediate release. The demands of the Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers for the revocation of the privatization of the company, the payment of outstanding wages and the return of the workers' representatives to work must be met immediately and unconditionally.

General call in support of the detained Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers

Dear friends and comrades

We were preparing to gather and organize in support of the release of the detained Haft Tappeh workers as part of this call, when the good news of the release of these workers from prison was published by their lawyer. Although, this freedom is "on Bail ". While publicly announcing this call and the names of its signatories, we remind authorities that we continue to condemn the arrest of these workers, which was accompanied by serious bodily harm, and call for an end to the detention and persecution of workers.

Release the detained Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers

Today, Tuesday, July 14, four Haft Tappeh workers named Yousef Bahmani, Ebrahim Abbasi Manjezi, Mohammad Khanifar and Muslim Cheshm Khavar on the thirtieth day of the strike and protest of Haft Tappeh workers, while on their way home after the strike, they have been arrested by the intelligence agents of the City of Shoush. These workers have not embezzled billions of dollars, nor have they given bribes or coins to local and banking officials.



They have only demanded their violated legal rights; All the workers of Haft Tappeh and many residents of Shoush witness that they have protested against the non-payment of their wages and the destruction of job security by the continued control of Haft Tappeh by the Asad Baygi family and the private sector.

However, the authorities transferred them to Fajr Prison in Dezfoul, despite providing them with legal receipt and other required documents, instead of releasing them immediately, emphasizing their continued detention.

The workers of Haft Tappeh witness once again that the thief is free and the worker is in prison; The promise of "Islamic GLORY" is practically the same as the threats, intimidation and arrest of demanding workers' activists, and contrary to the promises, not only do they not hear the workers' protests, but they also detain independent journalists to prevent it from resonating among the people.

We, the signatories of this call, while strongly condemning the detention of the Haft Tappeh workers, demand the immediate and unconditional release of these workers, and while emphasizing solidarity and homophony with their legitimate demands, we remind them of our firm attempt to reflect the voice of these workers wherever we are, we will not hesitate to publish in any media we have, in any communication we have, and in any demanding and litigation gathering that we attend.

By signing this call, let us not leave the Haft Tappeh workers, who are the voice of our deprived and imprisoned class, alone in these difficult conditions.

More than 500 signatures.



With the continuation of united and persistent protests of the Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers, four imprisoned workers named: Yousef Bahmani, Ebrahim Abbasi Manjezi, Muslim Cheshme Khavar and Mohammad Khanifari were released on bail today, July 15th.

We condemn the death sentences for people protesting misery and poverty and we condemn creating mass intimidation!

(Declaration of 4 independent organizations)

Silence in the face of death sentences for the detainees of the uprising of the downtrodden will lead to more victims among the participants of this uprising. In the nationwide protests of last November, hundreds of protesters lost their lives as a result of targeted shootings while protesting poverty, inflation and misery. In these protests, more than 8,000 of protesters, mostly from poor neighbourhoods, were detained and imprisoned. The response of the government to this protest was only the maximum violence and it did not take any, even small step to change the unfortunate conditions for workers, wage earners and the poor. It was evident that the people in power, in order to protect the interests of the capitalists and the owners of the rentier wealth, had decided to create an ambiance of mass intimidation and stifle any protest at embryonic stage; and that they did not have any economic plan to improve people's lives.



We strongly support Amirhossein Moradi, Saeed Tamjidi, and Mohammad Rajabi, the three youths and other protesters of November 2019 uprising, who are condemned to death. We declare that we condemn shootings, imprisonments, and all sorts of pressures by the police and the security apparatus and demand the immediate release of all the arrestees of November 2019 uprising, as well as the ones of October 2017.

It is not permissible to put all the economic pressure on workers, wage earners and the poor with using the sanctions as an excuse, while under the same conditions, the capitalists, people in charge and their cohorts and brats have taken the advantage to amass more wealth. Laws and regulations, as well as the methods of management of the country should immediately change so that the pressure on the working class be lessened and redirected to the wealthy strata and State and private capitalists who are responsible for this situation. Widespread corruption among the higher ups and insupportable livelihood pressures on the lower ranks of the society - this is the result of the economic policies of the ruling system which have resulted in nothing but unemployment, inflation, mercantilism, trafficking and embezzlement. This change is only possible by workers and toiling people themselves.

Workers Syndicate of Haft-Tappeh Sugar Cane Company
 Teachers Guild Circle of Islam-shahr
 Teachers Guild Association of Kurdistan (Marivan)
 Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company
 July 2nd, 2020

The path for the toiling people is unity and organizing!

***Call of teachers against suppression of freedom
 and livelihood for teachers and workers.***

We find ourselves in the situation that in one hand majority of the people are in hardship and poverty, and on other hand there is no minimum freedom.

Nowadays, the society is in a critical atmosphere for the execution of 3 persons of uprising in October -November 2019, for protesting the increasing gas price-which plays and played an important role in making the people poor.

In addition, the workers of Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Factory are currently in their 36th days of strike. They have not been paid for last 4-5 months. They protest for delayed payment, security of their job, abolishing the privatization and demand the return to work of their expelled colleagues.

Furthermore, we observe some of imprisonment of teachers in this Corona time. Seven members board directors of Teachers Union in province north Khorasan sentenced all together to 41years, exile, whip, fine and lay-off.

We, who signed this call as some of teachers and the retired teacher, because we are against every form of violence in and out of school, we count the execution of these 3 protestors as systematic obvious violence of government. We think that the authorities instead of trail of these protestors should punish the persons who are responsible for poverty of most people. The authorities should punish who shot and killed the protestors. We shout with 11 million of people: **Stop Executions!**



In our opinion, there is no different between the demands of Haft-Tappeh's workers and the ones of teachers and retired-teachers. We demand a decent livelihood and sentenced the logic of the authorities who issued the execution for the protestors and imprisonment of the workers. We believe just in alliance of all teachers and people, we would be able to achieve our demands. From this point of view, we protest also against passive and inactivity of some Unions and expect these individuals who are responsible not to be silent. We expect that they consider the right of all teachers, from retiree teachers, to full-time and part-time teachers. These Unions had militant activities in the past, we expect to understand the current situation and stand by the people, the families of protestors and poor people. We are teachers of all Iranian children. The problem of workers, kids and students are also our problems. So, let's get together and shout in one voice.

This is a common Pain, and, it will Never be solved separately!

*Protest rally of workers at Khuzestan High-Pressure Power Station
(Khuzestan and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad provinces)
against the non-change of status, non-implementation
of the job classification plan and empty promises of officials*



On Sunday, June 21, workers at the Khuzestan High-Pressure Power Station gathered in front of the Khuzestan Regional Electricity Company in Ahwaz to demonstrate their protest against the lack of change in status, the non-implementation of the job classification plan, and the empty promises made by the officials. The demonstrators told a media reporter that none of the directives and regulations related to the change of status has been implemented to date. We could not come to Tehran because of Corona; but with this protest, we want to voice out our dissatisfaction to the officials of the Ministry of Energy.

They added: "Despite obtaining the necessary licenses to hire yellow hats, Tavanir Organization does not allocate a blank chart to change the status of operators."

The workers added: "We are no longer willing to work as fixed-term contractors, and according to the law, we must become permanent contractors."

*Iran: UN rights experts condemn secret execution
of Kurdish political prisoner*

GENEVA (03 July 2020) – UN human rights experts today expressed outrage at reports of Iran's secret execution of Hedayat Abdollahpour, a member of the Kurdish minority in the country.

The execution reportedly took place on 11 May in a military base in Oshnavieh, West Azerbaijan Province.

"We condemn the execution of Hedayat Abdollahpour in the strongest terms," the independent experts said. "Any death sentence undertaken in contravention of a State's obligations under international law is tantamount to arbitrary execution and hence unlawful. The fact that the execution took place in secret after an enforced disappearance is an additional aggravating factor."



Abdollahpour was sentenced to death in 2017 for allegedly "taking up arms against the state" during an armed clash between the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and members of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (DPIK) in 2016. Abdollahpour was convicted despite claims that his confession was extracted through torture and his denial of being a DPIK member. The Supreme Court ordered a retrial due to lack of evidence, on the basis that Abdollahpour was neither in possession of weapons nor in the area at the time of the clash, but he was sentenced to death again on 18 Jan. 2018.

On 9 May 2020, Abdollahpour was reportedly transferred from his prison cell to an undisclosed location. On 10 June, despite assurances by other authorities that he was still alive, the Centre for the Implementation of Sentences orally informed individuals associated with Abdollahpour that he had been executed. The death certificate, made available on 24 June, stated the cause of death as "collisions with hard or sharp objects".

The experts said that the concerns they raised with Iranian authorities on 15 May and 17 June about Abdollahpour's alleged enforced disappearance and secret execution remained unanswered. The authorities have provided no official information about the execution and the location of Abdollahpour's body remains undisclosed.

"We regret to note yet again that not even the requirements of domestic law have been followed, and we highlight the extreme pain and anguish that not knowing the fate of their relative inflicts upon the family," the experts said. "We call on the authorities to return the body to the family and to provide official information about the execution."

The experts expressed serious concern over allegations that the execution took place following pressure from the IRGC and that prosecution authorities and a representative from the IRGC's intelligence unit were present at the execution.

"Mr. Abdollahpour's execution unfortunately forms part a broader pattern of arrest, enforced disappearances and secret execution of political prisoners, in particular members of ethnic minority groups. We call on Iranian authorities to end the cycle of responding to dissent with violence," the experts said.

The Arak criminal court has sentenced 42 workers from Azaraab Industries to one year in prison, 74 lashes, and one month of forced labour



1 July, 2020- The workers are being punished for protesting the non-payment of wages after the privatization of Azaraab Industries. Workers have not been paid for May and June of this year. The court ruled that the workers who took part in demonstrations are guilty of disrupting public order and insulting public officials. The sentence can be appealed.

Workers also protested the privatization and the failure to pay wages in October last year. [IndustriALL](#) intervened when 21 Azaraab workers were arrested. Since the company was privatized, workers have seen a significant deterioration in their job security and benefits, and frequent delays in wages payments.

Over the past few years, a number of state-owned companies in Iran have been privatized, with control handed over to regime insiders. IndustriALL's affiliate the Union of Metalworkers and Mechanics of Iran (UMMI) released a statement accusing the privatizes of being "embezzlers and criminal gangs" who have targeted the livelihoods of workers.

"The protests will not stop and the demands of the union movement will not be defeated", [the statement](#) went on to say.

*The international support and solidarity
with the Haft Tappeh workers!*



* - *Lantangkan Suara, Kita Kerahkan Tenaga dan Kekuatan ke Garis Depan!* Pandemi virus Corona, telah memaksa seluruh negara kapitalis, termasuk Republik Islam Iran, ...

* - *The Guardian,*

newspaper of the Communist Party of Australia, in its issue #1925 of July 27, 2020.

The Haft Tappeh workers' voice is our voice!

*Let's make our voice loud,
by bringing our strength and power
to the forefront!*

With warmest greetings and thanks for solidarity of the comrades of the Democratic Union of Workers F. Sedar from Indonesia and the Communist Party of Australia for translating and publishing the statement of the "solidarity Committees..." in support of the workers of Haft Tappeh.

Long live the expanding class solidarity of workers worldwide!

Long live the international solidarity of workers!

AWNI Team



