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Workers and people in Iran have never forgotten the massacre of the 1980's and express their disgust in various forms of this historical tragedy!

In Eighties, the newly established fascist capitalism regime in Iran suppressed every voice of protest, every thought and dissent, every belief and opinion to maintain power under various pretexts. Khomeini-led Islamic reaction mobilized the most backward sections of society which was supported by the global capitalism, namely the USA and the European countries, using the social and political absence of the working class to turn the revolutionary crisis into a counter-revolutionary rule in society.

Thousands of communist and libertarian political prisoners were executed and shot by the regime of the Islamic Republic. But the regime did not stop there, imprisoning and torturing those with different political, cultural, religious and ethnic views, and carrying out massacres to suppress all the achievements of the revolution. But these brutal repressions not only did not help to stabilize the ruling regime, but also clarified the ominous nature of reaction and barbarism that has overshadowed Iranian society for four decades for the masses. For this reason, the leaders of the capital of the Islamic Republic, more incapable every day than the day before, have no choice but to stifle any voice of freedom and respond to it

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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with imprisonment, torture and execution. These oppressors and exploiters have brought nothing but disgrace, oppression, poverty and misery to the majority of the people during their lifetime. The massacre of the eighties is always alive and well in the minds of the Iranian society and the world. This historical catastrophe is a symbol of the revolutionary struggle of thousands of free people who resisted reactionary enemy who was armed to teeth, but they defended their humanistic ideals. Iranian society confronted the killers of their loved ones, never recognizing them, but turning their class hatred into a struggle against the class enemies of their children and the toiling masses of the people. Now they have put this slogan at the top of their struggles. These murderers and thugs, thieves and embezzlers of capitalism are sure that they can maintain power by force, weapons, killing and execution forever. These reactionaries of capital must know their death bells have rung!



The regime's prisons are still full of political prisoners who continue their struggle in various forms in the prison and carry out their demands in difficult and insecure conditions in the prisons. Workers and other sections of society have been on strike, protesting and gathering in various forms, and are on the scene in a daily struggle by expressing their demands. Nearly three-month strike by Haft Tappeh workers and dozens of workers' centres, HEPCO, oil, gas and petrochemicals, railways, drivers and as well as other sectors of wage earners, nurses, teachers and retirees in unison, have robbed the ruling reaction of a good night's sleep is. In addition to their basic demands, the strikers have specifically raised the banner of the struggle against privacy for the workers of Haft Tappeh. They have revolted against theft and embezzlement in the society by the leaders of the government and the owners of capital and employers.

We express our disgust with the killing, imprisonment, torture, and execution, and we commemorate all the loved ones of the executioners who were sent to the slaughterhouse by the order of these capitalist stooges. We will support the protests of political prisoners and other sections of society, workers' demands and strikes, and we will do our best to unite and intensify the protests, and it is our duty to spread these protests to the world and to show international solidarity Make it more productive.



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Struggles and strikes of Iranian workers continue to spread!

The capitalist regime of *Iran* has not enjoyed its existence peacefully, during the past 41 years, because there has not been a day without protests or strikes. Due to several social uprisings, the overthrowing of the ruling exploiters has become more obvious. This round of strikes and protests, whose flag bearers are the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane workers, by making claims, and identifying their demands, they have raised the voice of the whole worker's movement in Iran. The strikes of over two months, by the Haft Tappeh workers demonstrate the demands of the entire worker movements and most of the people. This has displayed an alternative working- class option in Iranian society. The government, its large and small supporters, the thieves, and the embezzlers of the capital, are all terrified by the

workers' strikes and protests. In recent weeks, the workers' strikes have been expanded, and other sections of the workers movements, have raised and shouted their demands and disrupted the production cycle in Iran. The right-wings organizations and the exhausted opposition, as well as their affiliated media and the propaganda tools of the regime, have tried to censor the strikes of the Haft Tappeh workers and other Companies' workers as well.

However, the waves of strikes and protests and its continuation, have forced the authorities and its media cohorts to communicate with them. Although they tried to minimize the workers 'demands to one issue and not to mention other demands, the voices of the workers and their advocates have broken their silence and it has become clear to everyone, that in addition to the demand for their back pay wages, the workers are demanding the trial of the embezzlers, the abolition of the privatization, which its foundation is based on the logic of the Capital, that is private property and the extraction of the maximum profits by the exploitation of the populous. In global levels, the neoliberals, for securing their maximum profits, and in order to take over the world economy into the hands of few hundred, they have laid the policy of privatization of the public properties and production centres, schools, and hospitals... therefore, the slogan of the Haft Tappeh workers, who have raised the banner for an end to privatization, not only it is the demand of the entire worker's movement and the majority of the Iranian people, but also it is a global demand of the majority of the people of the world. The worker's movement, on this present day, has created a unique wave, that neither the rulers of the capital have been able to resist and nor can they ignore it. The friend and foes of the worker's movement have lined up against each other. Every day, more and more sections of the workers join the strikes, and the government and all of those involved, are struggling, and trying to continue their shameful and disgraceful lives in any possible way, for few more years. In these circumstances, we are facing a double duty, to be able to unite in unison, with the strikes and the struggles of the workers in Iran, whilst supporting them by solidarity, moral and material assistance, involve and invite the public opinion, workers, trade unions, and workers' organizations to defend and show their international solidarity. We cannot be the workers 'supporters, labour activists, militants, and seekers of the abolition of the capitalist system, unless we all come to the fore. Our interests are for a united and organized struggle, in cooperation with each other and against sectarianism, sectarianism, and organizational show off and party ostentation. The progress and the interests of the worker's movement depend on the broad and universal unity of the movement, and the presence of more and more workers in this struggle against oppression, exploitation, and discrimination in Iran. For this struggle, the superiority of individual, groups, party and organizations are toxic. Our need, is the creation of a class solidarity movement and a strong and united group, alongside the struggle and strikes of the workers and to support and to show solidarity with the strikes and the struggles of the workers' movement, in order to advance against the rotten ruling capitalist system, with the aim of governing and managing society, by workers' and people's councils. We have to help the waves of the workers 'strikes and protests, wherever we are and with every possibility and ability at our disposal, in order to make more productive, the campaigns of support and solidarity with the workers' struggles and strikes, against the rotten capitalist system in Iran.

Long live the class unity and solidarity of the workers against oppression and exploitation!



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Denial! The news of the end of the strike is not true!

Several members of parliament, some justice-seeking students, some Basijies, and news agencies that are always ready to choke the voices of the workers are in a hurry after the presence of members of the Parliamentary Principles Commission amid the Haft Tappeh workers' protest rally on the 70th day of our strike. They announced that the strike was broken, ended after the promises of the members of parliament, and ... this news is a big lie. Their behaviour is as if all they were trying to do was to break the strike. How is it that Parliamentary Members and some judicial officials, who say that they are fully aware of Asadbeigi's incompetence (management) and being a thief, do not have the determination to crucify their government supporters, but they act quickly in spreading false news?



lies

Reality

MP says strike is over, but the reality is something else!

Haft Tappeh workers have not been on strike only for two months of wages; they have not even been on strike for four months of wages. Our demand is truly clear:

Immediate dismissal of the private sector and governmentalization of the company with full supervision of the workers or transfer of 100% ownership of the company to the workers of Haft Tappeh, return to work of dismissals and immediate payment of all arrears and trial of all government accomplices and conviction of Asadbeigi-Rostami (two managers)!

Our main demand will not and shall not be met by the deadline and promises of the parliament!

We want immediate action.

Our colleagues know very well that without the pressure of our rallies, even the pursuit of these members of parliament will be quickly silenced. We know that these are just fears of the spread of rallies in Khuzestan that have brought governments to the negotiating table and answers. But our request is not to ask and answer questions and take a souvenir photo with the misfortunes of Haft Tappeh, but urgent and decisive action is what we demand.

The strike will not end in Haft Tappeh this time. Please, let no one decide for us for the striking and protesting workers of Haft Tappeh and for our peaceful and legal gatherings. We know how to declare our decisions.

The protest continues until the dispossession of the private sector.

A group of Haft Tappeh workers from different sectors, Sunday August 23, 2020

Latest news: Strikes of Haft Tappeh workers were suspended.

The Haft Tappeh Sugar cane workers syndicate warned in its next statement: **"If the government and government institutions do not surrender within 15 days on the basis of the commitment made to the workers' demands, the strike of the sugarcane workers of Haft Hill will enter a new phase!"**

Why do not we want privatization?

We should remind ourselves why we are highly against the privatization of Haft Tappeh? What is our problem with the private sector? Why does the private sector come to Haft Tappeh at all? Why does the government turn mines, factories, hospitals, and universities to the private sector? We realized the answers to these questions in Haft Tappeh with our own lives. The most important thing for private sector is only profits. Therefore, when the privatization occurs, first expels many workers. Reduces wages and benefits. On the other hand, the government, by enacting the anti-worker law, allows private sector to ruin the workers' lives. In this manner the government helps and protects the progovernment class to gain power and wealth. Even when the country is in chaotic situations, Asadbegi and his diehard allies are relieved that they can delay wages and invest our money elsewhere. This is the dirty nature of the private sector. But we, who are sitting alone in the wounds of the private sector, naturally want to be expelled the private sector from our lives. So, we will not give up rallying until our wish is fulfilled. Strike to oust the private sector! Why do not we want privatization? Our main demand will not and shall not be met by the deadline and promises of the parliament!



Text: Cancelling privatization is our main desire

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**We will continue to strike until the last moment
and until we reach all of our demands, including the sale of sector
and the mixer from Haft Tappeh.**

A group of Haft Tappeh workers from different sectors, Sunday August 23, 2020

Continuation of Meter Manufacturing's workers' protests regarding their jobs and livelihood uncertainties and the empty promises of the management in front of Ghazvin Provincial Offices

On Tuesday August 4th, workers of the Meter Manufacturing gathered in front of the Ghazvin Provincial Offices in continuation of their protest for their job and livelihood uncertainties and the empty promises of the management.

Workers told the reporter present that the 26 months of their arrears, around \$150,000, were supposed to be paid by the selling of the "Niroo Color" shares that belonged to the Meter Manufacturing. This resolution had already been signed by the management in the Provincial Office with workers present.

Protesting workers added: unfortunately, in spite of signed resolution, the management has sold those shares around only \$120,000 and instead of depositing this amount into workers' account in the Judicial Office they have deposited into government treasury and out of the reach of the workers. They said that after this broken promise, they will continue their protest gatherings every few days.

Widespread strike by workers employed in projects is continuing forcefully in its fourth day

Increasingly more centres are joining this strike:

- Petrol-Palayesh which started the strike with its 800 workers has resolutely stood up and completely shut down the company.
- Ortho Part Company, Bagheri Contractors
- Isfahan Refinery
- Motavari Contractors, phase 14
- MAPNA Boiler combined cycle power station
- Tabriz combined power station (welders and fitters)
- Contractors group of Khuzestan Arya Negin, NGL
- Jafir Refinery in Ahwaz
- Tombak phase 13
- Ghaysari Contractors, Sangan Steel, Kooshan Steel Company
- Sabalan Petrochemical
- Tehran's Roodshoor power station
- Parse Jonubi phase 14 was shut down by the worker's will

Most of the workers are planning to go home and some are waiting in their dormitories hoping for the victory. Workers are resolute about the wages they have demanded. As an example, they have refused the Motavari Contractors offer of \$700 monthly wage for the fitters and unanimously declared that they “would not accept anything below \$800 plus annual bonus and benefits.”

+ The first victory of the campaign gained, and the management accepted all demands of the campaign:

In Iranshahr power station, when workers after two days of strike were going to leave the workshop, the management declared that it has accepted all of their demands. The welders will sign the contracts with \$1,050 monthly wages as the base.

*Protest of the Oil Refinery Workers in South Pars,
Phase 22 and 24 in Kanegan city
because of low wages, no job security
and not paying the wages on time*

These workers protested because of low wages, no job security and not paying on time the wages. On August 3. They explained that there is no monitoring on the function of the company. They protested for low wages and told the reporter that their wages are injustice. “Since our job is hard, we get exceptionally low wages in will be paid with a lot of delays. Besides, we do not have any job security and hope for future, because we could lose our job in every moment.”

The South Pars oil refinery workers criticized that their work is not covered by Labour law in this region. They said: “Nobody supports us, and we are working without any covering by Labour law. We would like that the authorities listen our voice through our gathering. “

*Strike and gathering the workers of Phase 2 Refinery
Oil Abadan in protest for getting their wages on time*

On August 1. And 2. these workers didn't work anymore and joined to the strike and protested because they weren't paid on time.

On August 3. Special Governor of Abadan told that the authorities were negotiating for solving the problem of the workers and he will return with good news.

*Strikes and gatherings of hundreds of Razy Mahshare Petrochemical
to protest low wages, discriminations in delivering worker's
needs and firing of a worker colleague*

On Tuesday, August 16th, more than 600 workers of Razi Mahshare Petrochemical stopped work and assembled to protest low wages, discriminations in delivering worker's needs and firing of a

worker colleague. Workers in units of packaging, PFC generator and technical education in the company participated in this complaining action. One participant worker said that general manager had promised to pay equal to one month of basic wages as a reward, but unfortunately only the certified workers receive it. As he continued, contracted workers only received something around \$200 that is contradictory to the promise made by the general manager.

It is important to remind that this morning, the representative of workers of this institution was stopped entering his job vicinity just because he was trying to find solutions to requests made by workers regarding removal of job and payment discrimination between formal and informal workers and the question of improving conditions of work, particularly considering the bad environmental conditions in the province of Khuzestan.

Strikes in oil and gas refineries has passed 22 days

Saturday August 22, contracting workers of oil and gas refineries and workers in generator facilities and cities continued their strikes after 21 days. These strikes have occurred in more than 55 centres, 24 cities and 22 provinces and every day new workers join to this cause. Two demands of increasing minimum wages to monthly 12 million tomans (\$US1200.00) and removal of middle contractors are vital.

“national solidarity”

The second new day of Hepco workers' protests gathering in the factory and under Bakhtiari Bridge for job and livelihood uncertainty after the lies told by the officials

Hepco workers told a media reporter about the non-payment of their wages in June and July of this year and part On Sunday, August 2, for the second day in a row, Hepco workers gathered in the factory and under the Bakhtiari Bridge near the railway to protest for the job and livelihood uncertainty and the lies told by the officials of the demands of 2016 and 2017: After months of playing games with the mind of the public and speculation that Hepco will be divested to Idro or Imidro, 55 percent of its non-management shares have been divested to the Social Security Adcomplex ministration.

Hepco workers added: The government has obliged the Social Security Administration to sell a surplus of 17% of its shares by the end of 2020; but at the same time, the situation of the workers is not clear and no one knows what will happen to us; while we are 760 people.

Hepco workers, referring to the fact that some of their colleagues were infected with the Corona virus, added: "Unfortunately, the management of the company has not thought seriously about providing personal protective equipment at work, and the workers have to pay for it."



An unprecedented mass strike in the Iranian oil and gas sector is holding firm as it enters its fourth week

27 August, 2020 Around 10,000 workers in Iran's oil and gas fields have been taking part in wildcat strike action since 1 August. Despite attempts at repression, the strike is holding firm, morale among workers is high, and many employers are starting to offer concessions.

Although the industrial action is centred in the South Pars gas fields, the work stoppage has spread to industrial complexes in Mashhad, Tabriz, Urmia, Isfahan and other cities across Iran, affecting petrochemical plants, refineries and power stations.

The workers are employed by agencies that provide labour under contract to major oil and gas companies. These agencies are under tremendous pressure, as they are in danger of breaching their contracts with the oil companies. The dramatic shutdown of production is, in turn, a potential crisis for Iran, which is heavily reliant on the sector to generate foreign exchange.

Some contractors have conceded to the workers' demands to pay late wages and raise pay and have also agreed to pay wages on weekly basis. Workers' representatives have announced that the strike action will continue until all the demands are met, including for representation. The demands include higher wages, secure contracts, and better accommodation and food.

Because independent unions cannot operate openly in Iran, the action is coordinated by an underground strike committee made up of workers. The Iranian government often blames industrial unrest on foreign agitators and exiled opposition groups and uses this as an excuse for heavy oppression by making it an issue of national security.



The strike committee has been able to resist oppression because it has focused on bread and butter issues. Workers have withdrawal their labour and maintained a dignified presence outside the employers' offices. The committee distributes weekly strike bulletins through social media, with updates and demands. The most recent bulletin acknowledges the support of IndustriALL affiliate, the Union of Mechanics and Metalworkers of Iran, for the workers' economic and social demands.

There is industrial action in other sectors as well. At the [Haft Tappeh sugar refinery](#), workers have been on strike for 71 days, and IndustriALL's sister global union, the IUF, [wrote to the ILO](#) to raise their concerns. The ILO responded to say that they had intervened with the Iranian authorities, urging them to ensure freedom of association and workers' right to defend their interests.

IndustriALL Global Union assistant general secretary Kemal Özkan said:

“IndustriALL expresses its full solidarity with Iranian workers. We admire your resilience and courage, because you don’t have the luxury of being defended by free and independent unions. We fully support the demands of the workers for decent wages, paid on time, for direct contracts with the oil and gas companies, and for companies to negotiate with workers’ representatives.

“Iran must recognize workers’ representatives and independent unions as legitimate partners in negotiations.”



IUF calls on ILO to help secure wage arrears for hungry sugar workers in Iran

10.08.20 **News.** The IUF has called for the urgent intervention of the ILO to help secure unpaid wages owed the 5,000 workers at the Haft Tappeh sugar complex in Shush, Iran. Workers last received their wages in March.

While the workers and their families go hungry, the owner is on trial in Tehran, accused of obtaining from the government some 1.4 billion U.S. dollars in scarce hard currency, ostensibly destined for investment in the company, and selling it on the open market at 3 times the price.

Since June, workers have been holding daily peaceful demonstrations at the governor's office in Shush to demand their wages. Work continues in the cane fields. There has been no factory production since June, but the workers are in limbo; the mill has not officially ceased production, although the gates are guarded by security.

Workers and family members have been infected with the corona virus which continues to spread while the government has officially Workers and their families have no access to health services as their social security contributions have not been paid by the employer.

The IUF has also warned of the real potential for state violence, particularly now that the Haft Tappeh workers have been joined by tens of thousands of oil and gas workers on strike over months of unpaid wages, among other issues.

In 2008, following a mass strike over months of unpaid wages, the workers formed a union which is affiliated to the IUF. Neither the employer nor the government has recognized the union, whose elected leaders have been imprisoned, dismissed and blacklisted.



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- arrears payment, and their insurance renewal.
- The return of their expelled co-workers.
- The release of political prisoners
- The removal of the embezzler employer, and putting an end to the privatization of Haft Tappeh;
- The return of the embezzled assets to the workers. We demand the release of all imprisoned workers and call for an immediate to stop the harassment, arrests, torture and clampdown on the rights of these workers in struggle and all Iranian workers. In solidarity,



*CPA Statement in solidarity with the
Haft Tappeh & Oil industry workers
Freedom for all political prisoners*

The Communist Party of Australia, CPA is concerned at reports that the Haft Tappeh & Oil industry workers have not been paid their wages forcing them to strike for their basic rights and against the privatisation of essential services that would affect the Iranian people in general. The CPA gives its full solidarity and support for the Haft Tappeh and Oil industry workers in Iran as they struggle for their own jobs, wages and rights and against privatisation that will worsen the lot of working people in Iran.

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In working class solidarity,

International Department

Communist Party of Australia

19th August 2020

We acknowledge that this land always has and always will belong to its traditional custodians, the Aboriginal peoples. We acknowledge that these lands have been stolen, and sovereignty has never been ceded. We wish to pay respect to the fact that this land was and always will be an integral part of the spiritual and cultural history of the Aboriginal peoples.



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Re: Haft Tappeh, Oil industry workers & political prisoners

Dear Ambassador,

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Yours sincerely,

Vinnie Molina

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