

May Day 2023 in Iran: A hard and long day for the Islamic Republic!

For more than 130 years, the International Workers' Day has inspired the fight for a better life, for freedom and for human liberation. In Iran, workers' struggles on May Day have always been a source of hope for society and a cause for concern and horror for capitalists and their governments, in particular the Islamic Republic.

This year, May Day can have an even more significant political and social status, as it is being greeted in the heart of a massive and unique revolution, which has inspired the admiration of the whole world. On the one hand, May Day this year can be an opportunity to further expand the struggle to overthrow the Islamic Republic and push forward the Woman, Life, Freedom revolution; and, on the other, it can lead to the strengthening of the unity and solidarity of the working class and for its greater preparation to liberate itself and the whole society.

Manifestations of this exhilarating truth stand clearly before us. For several days now, all eyes have been transfixed on the magnificent strike by tens of thousands of contract oil workers, amidst an eager anticipation as to when the workers in other sections of the oil industry, and those in steel, machine tools and Haft-Tappeh sugar cane factory, as well as nurses, teachers, students, etc., will join the nationwide strikes.

Teachers are fighting daily to mobilise and organise the society against the Islamic Republic's barbaric chemical attacks on schools. Pensioners in different cities have kept up and redoubled their fight against slavery and for livelihood and a life of dignity. The ongoing massive protest against the hijab by the heroic women in Iran can also grow further on May Day, turning this day into a day of generalised protest against the hated hijab. Different sections of the working class, from oil, Haft-Tappeh and steel to teachers, pensioners and nurses, have all played an active and decisive role in shaping and deepening the revolution. Against the bankrupt charters and platforms of the right-wing opposition, seeking to curtail the revolution and maintain the foundations of dictatorship, repression and discrimination, stand and are noticed the radical and progressive Charter of Minimum Demands by 20 workers' and civil rights organisations, as well as the Charter of the Progressive Demands of Iranian Women, representing the Manifesto of the Revolution.

May Day 2023 is an opportunity for the entire society to unite around the emancipatory banner of the working class to further tighten the grip around the criminal Islamic Republic. This is a day for greater advances by the revolution. The Worker-Communist Party of Iran warmly greets all the activists engaged in organising and preparing for this May Day, and in particular calls on the young generation to join May Day this year more enthusiastically than ever, turning it into a hard and long day for the Islamic Republic.

Long live May Day!
Down with the Islamic regime of Iran!
For the Women, Life, Freedom Revolution!

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