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## ***Long live May 1st, International Workers' Day!***

The Iranian People's Fadaee Guerrillas salute all workers and labourers of Iran, as well as their comrades around the world, on the arrival of May 1st — the International Day of Unity and Solidarity in the struggles of the working class.

May 1st commemorates the heroic struggle of the workers of Chicago, USA, in 1886, who fought to reduce the exhausting work hours to an eight-hour day.

In honor of this day and in memory of the brave labour leaders who were executed by the capitalist police, workers around the world, each year, hold rallies, marches, protests, and strikes against the capitalist system. They uphold their traditions of struggle, insist on their human rights and just demands, and by raising their red flags, they reaffirm their aspiration for a world free of exploitation and oppression — a world of equality, freedom, and socialism.

This year, workers around the world are welcoming their International Day at a time when the global capitalist system is engulfed in the fires of its inherent crises and imperialist wars. Meanwhile, the devastating consequences of this system's rule, through the imposition of poverty, misery, exploitation, and repression, have created extremely harsh and unbearable conditions for workers and other oppressed masses across the globe.

The daily intensification of the exploitation and plunder of workers by the world's largest imperialist monopolies — from the United States, China, Russia, and the European Union to the oppressed countries — the ongoing three-year-long devastating imperialist war between Russia and Ukraine along with Ukraine's imperialist backers, the bloody onslaught of the Zionist Israeli state against the heroic people of Palestine with the full support of U.S. imperialism, the genocide of innocent civilians in Palestine and Lebanon under the pretext of actions by dependent and mercenary Islamic factions, the silent genocide in Sudan, and more

— all are manifestations of the sharpening contradictions between workers and capitalists, as well as between the oppressed peoples and the imperialists and their puppet regimes across the world.

These contradictions have led to an unprecedented growth in strikes and labor protests against the capitalists and the states that defend them.

A glance at the growing trend of labour struggles and protests against the deteriorating conditions of work and livelihood — both in imperialist countries like the United States, Britain, Canada, China, and others, and in the oppressed nations — shows how the capitalist system, by generating catastrophic crises, unemployment, hunger, inflation, soaring prices, and intensified repression against workers' rights, is increasingly driving the masses of working people toward intensifying their struggle for liberation.

It highlights the undeniable reality of capitalism's dead end and underscores the urgent necessity of establishing a new system — socialism and communism — on its ruins.

Workers in Iran, as a battalion of the global army of labourers, are also welcoming their International Day under conditions shaped by the rule of a capitalist system subordinated to imperialism, and under the naked dictatorship of the capitalist class embodied in the repressive Islamic Republic regime.

Today, under the domination of the Islamic Republic, poverty, unemployment, inflation, soaring prices, and the brutal exploitation of workers at the hands of the ruling capitalists have created a massive reserve army of labour numbering in the millions.

Gruelling and extended working hours, the absence of even the most basic safety standards in workplaces, homelessness, and — most critically — starvation wages that are either unpaid or severely delayed, are just a glimpse into the hellish conditions under which Iranian workers live and struggle under the Islamic Republic's rule.

According to statistics published by the regime's authorities and institutions, in March of this year, despite claims by the Supreme Labor Council of a 40% increase in workers' wages, due to rampant inflation, soaring prices, and other factors, the value of a basic Iranian worker's wage dropped to \$113 per month.

Even assuming that the wages of employed workers are paid — and paid on time — this amount does not even cover roughly ten days of a worker's living expenses.

According to the same statistics, in 2024, at least 85,000 workers across both the state and private sectors were deprived of their already meagre wages, suffering from over 52 months of unpaid wage arrears.

However, the deadly economic crises represent only a glimpse of the disastrous conditions of labour and livelihood faced by Iranian workers.

*“In factories, wherever labour power is sold, whether in the state or private sector, exploitation proceeds in its most shameless form. Workers are effectively deprived of any form of social security; they live as if in the eighteenth century, with the only added ‘privilege’ of enduring the policing of the twentieth century.”*

This statement, grounded in reality and made by Amir Parviz Pouyan, a comrade and fighter of the Iranian People’s Fedai Guerrillas, is a fitting description of the conditions Iranian workers continue to face today — even more severely — in the twenty-first century.

Precisely due to the rule of dictatorship and the imposition of the most brutal repression, workers in Iran are even denied the right to hold their own International Workers’ Day celebrations. They are also deprived of the most basic trade union and political rights enjoyed by their fellow workers in advanced capitalist countries, such as the right to organize and the right to strike.

Today, a significant portion of Iran’s political prisoners are militant workers and labour activists who have been arrested and imprisoned simply for demanding basic workers’ rights — such as fair wages, the payment of unpaid wages, the right to form independent unions free from state control, or the right to strike and protest.

According to official reports, which, naturally, do not reveal the whole truth, despite the ruling regime's repressive measures, more than 2,400 labour protests and 170 strikes took place in the one-year period ending in January 2025.

These protests and strikes were mainly met with the intervention of the regime’s military and security forces, accompanied by the violent beating, arrest, and imprisonment of workers. The imposition of the harshest forms of dictatorship and relentless repression by the Islamic Republic — a regime subordinate to imperialism — has compelled communist intellectuals to assist in the cause of workers’ organization and union-building as an essential force for liberation.

Without the organization and leadership of the working class, there can be no escape from the rule of imperialists and the capitalist class dominating Iran.

However, due to the intensity of the repression, communists in Iran have been forced to pursue a path different from that of the Russian communists in the 19th and early 20th centuries: they have had to resort to armed struggle to create the conditions for mobilizing and organizing workers and other oppressed people to confront their class enemy and achieve victory.

On the eve of May 1st, while honoring the memory of all the conscious and militant workers who have sacrificed their lives for the ideals of the working class, for freedom, and for socialism, let us strive with all our might to assist in achieving this liberating and revolutionary goal.

**Victory to the struggles of the working class for liberation!**

**Long live the revolution!**

**Victory to communism!**

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