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Continuation of the problems of Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers and the projection of the officials!

The sugarcane workers of Haft Tappeh are still struggling with various problems and the officials; the government, parliament and the judiciary have not taken effective action to address these issues. Currently, the last wage paid to workers is for October. The workers were not paid for the months of November and December. It is merely claimed that they have been paid. Workers will be paid till December 30, but it is unclear whether this claim will be implemented. Although, January has arrived, there is no news of reed harvesting production.

Severe job insecurity, which has increased day by day with the privatization of Haft Tappeh and the fall of this huge operation into the hands of the Asadbeigi family with non-payment of wages and dismissals, has made the lives of working families even more bitter and dark. Like the suicide of Reza Al-Kaseeir, a worker who was fired. The news was published last month on December 12 on the Telegram channel of the syndicate and other media. **But, the owners of Haft Tappeh and the public relations department of the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Complex quickly claimed that the suicide had nothing to do with them, while the dismissal of 24-year-old Reza Al-Kaseeir, a former worker in the greenhouse of the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Cultivation and Support Company, who was breadwinner of a family with 3 sisters and a brother with severe physical disabilities and a sick mother, not receiving his wages for 40 days of work and replacing the brother of the manager of one of the company's departments with him, repeated rejection of his request to return to work and dismissal caused him to commit suicide. Reza Al-Kaseeir is not the only victim of Haft Tappeh's rentiers and corrupt private employer policy in imposing poverty and extreme job insecurity. Reza Al-Kaseeir, a worker who was fired.** The news was published on Haft Tappeh workers.

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.

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We have not forgotten that Ali Naqdi, a Haft Tappeh worker (who was working in the field cutting sugar canes) with 3 children and 25 years of work experience, who committed suicide in 1996 due to extreme economic pressures, and his body was found inside the company's drainage canal. Ali Naqdi's suicide was after that, despite several months of arrears, the company's accounting department refused to give him any advance.



Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane workers without dispossession of the corrupt private employer, rentiers who has a legal case, without guaranteeing job security and recognizing the elected representatives of the workers in the field of monitoring safety and health conditions at work, preventing accidents, and observing working hours, these workers cannot get rid of job insecurity.

Text: Privatization, the enemy of the worker

But years of hard work and demanding and enduring suffering and dispersion, imprisonment and the experience of dealing with officials and their executives have left no doubt that without relying on our own strength and unity with our own workers with the same fate, we cannot fulfil our demands.

There is no doubt for us that the exercise of supervision by the elected representatives of the workers over production, employment, machinery, raw materials, production warehouse, company-owned land to prevent the sale of land, by merging with forces and currents that aim to achieve It is impractical to control Haft Tappeh and seize all the high-quality agricultural lands of the Haft Tappeh sugarcane factory, which is currently worth at least \$15 million per hectare (one Hectare is equal to 74.2 acres).

Haft Tappeh sugar Cane workers have achieved everything so far through the efforts and pursuit of workers and the support of fellow workers with the same fate who have suffered from the same pain and have the same demands. The workers clearly see that nothing will happen to them from their various governing bodies and their disputes over how Haft Tappeh is run; because none of their solutions overshadows the job insecurity of the workers. That is why they want the dismissal of the private sector employer only in the presence of the workers and their independent representatives and in connection with the implementation of their other demands, not behind the closed doors of a governing body, but outside the presence and opinion of the workers.

December 28, 2020

Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Workers Syndicate

Long Live the unity; Long Live the Nationwide Workers' Strike

United Strike

Bread_Work_Freedom

Happiness_Welfair_Prosparity

Down with Exploitation and Wage Labor

Long Live the Unity and Class Solidarity of the Workers against Oppression and Exploitation

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We participate in the Jan. 3rd rally

We the social security retirees, protest against the obvious discrimination in regard of very little increase for our salaries. We protest to this little increase which is far below the inflation rate. We protest because we have lost the purchasing power to buy basic goods. But instead of appropriate raise relative to the inflation rate, they want to steal our bread from our tables. We protest because we do not have social security and they hinder our alliance by discriminating and dividing retirees groups. **We protest because they do not recognize the independent organizations of retirees and our basic demands and with their own people in our names make decisions. To deliver the voices of protest to the authorities we participate in Jan 3rd rally in Tehran and other cities in front of Social Security buildings.**

Sunday Jan 3rd 10:30 AM
In front of Social Security Building
Behboudi Ave
Dec 30 2020
Alliance of retirees

Nationwide meeting of pensioners of social security organization in many cities



January 3, 2021

Tehran, Karaj, Mashhad, Tabriz, Kermanshah, Arak, Shiraz, Khorram Abad, Ahvaz and...

We will get our rights, only in streets

Pending we get our rights, we will not give up

Long live bread, work, freedom

Long live unity, long live workers' general strike

Unity, strike

Happiness, development, improvement

Elimination of exploitation and wage labor

Long live unity and workers' class-based solidarity against oppression and exploitation

Conditions of workers and protesting congregations in 2020

30 thousand workers and labor activists were arrested in labor assemblies

45 labor and labor activists sentenced to

183 months of imprisonment and

42 were sentenced to

3108 lashes

42 workers were called to judicial officers

1195 workers were killed in work -related accidents and

3258 got physical injuries



In 2020 there were a minimum of **473** labor demonstration gatherings and **99** labor strikes!

They have pounced in the idea of eliminating the minimum wage

Faramarze toufighi, head of the centre of the Islamic boards of work's wages: "in no part of the country should the wages be less than the approved minimum wage." The difficulty in calculating the livelihood and the rate of inflation especially for housing, hygiene, and medical support are to be mentioned.



The neo-liberals are determined to destroy the minimum wage; all their efforts are in implementing the policy of 'wages according to the region.' They are of the opinion that the part of the population that seeks work but can't be given employment should accept negotiated wages instead of the minimum wage i.e. the law; and they point out that when such individual is willing to work for less than the minimum wage why others should interfere.

The effort for the implementation of and annulment of the minimum wage and replacing it with 'wages according to region' has been going on continuously for years and that the approved minimum wage has also got a long way to catch up with the cost of living in all parts of the country; in reality there is no province in which the wages can even be near or equal the cost of living. **The workers and the proletariat must stand up to this conspiratorial betrayal of the bosses and the government, expose their disappointment and demand and get their rights.**

*Suppression of wages by the entry of
'wages according to region'*

A big lie in the name of "acceptance and satisfaction of wages."

The government and the establishments in power with the excuse that 'if the person seeking work accepts the negotiated wage; therefore no one should interfere' have with cunningness establish this poverty, misery and humility.

But the reality is that: You are a group of burglaries and thieves that originally have taken all of the capital and the life resources of the people with the force of bullets and imprisonment and have plundered everything. You yourselves have created all of this economical disaster and are burdening the people with it. With your ineptitude you have dragged the livelihood of the people



through the mud and have made a hostage of their 'dinner table.' You have created an unequal income situation on to the army of the unemployed, and then say "is there an agreement?" is there anything else left for the worker except being a slave or dying from hunger? What agreement? What satisfaction? Is there any other choice.

Everything that you have taken so far and own is the property of the people; you have created these conditions so that the worker is forced to sell his working power for next to nothing. These conditions are the 'heaven' for the bosses and 'hell' for the workers. We neither agree nor are satisfied!

The workers, retirees the army of job seekers and the people of this country have decided that only by their social interference the social and income condition of their lives will improve.

Board of the Retirees of Iran

*The Ahwaz Steel workers kicked out the hated directors
from the Company*

On January 2nd 2021, National Industry Steel Group's Ahwaz workers kicked out some of the senior directors in a union action due to anti-workers actions and plunder and thief of steel Mafia. The workers warned managing directors before in the gathering in terms of appointed directors.



According to workers, some of the current difficulties arising by the decision and action of appointed directors in terms of Steel Mafia and plunder policies caused a serious attack to the company and put the job securities in danger.

Based on the news, some of the directors have been accused for disclosure of technical information in

interest of some new establish Steel Companies that related to the governmental power.

On January 1. Telegram Canal of Steel Workers published a statement and addressed these directors who were appointed in collaboration of some Mafia and big lobby involved in Sport and Steel industries. In this statement was mentioned also that a lot of «Gondeleh» purchased in a high price than official rate by these directors in Isfahan. Also, huge volume of rebar and other steel products sold to the Esteghlal Sport Club in Khuzestan, under the title of second class product and the revenue from the sale was transferred to the companies account. These are just some of the robberies of this gang.

These protester workers are against hiring these managers despite of warning before and see this action as a serious attack to their job and livelihood. These workers announced that they don't give up in face of manipulation. They also announced that they will make further effective decisions and actions in future for defending their jobs and lives in order to cut the hands of corruption agents, embezzlement and looting.

Declaration of Political Prisoners in the Greater Tehran Prison

Political prisoner, Afshin Shahsavari was brutally attacked by the jailers in the Evin notorious Prison for his defence of a prisoner in the quarantine section on Friday, December 25.

We, a group of political prisoners of the Greater Tehran Prison, appreciate the brave and noble act of the political prisoner Afshin Shahsavari in defence of the human dignity of the other prisoners.

We emphasize that each and every prisoner, regardless of its case, has predetermined certain rights and no authority has the right to bully and to physically or psychologically torture that prisoner. We strongly condemn this inhuman and brutal act committed by the people in charge at Evin notorious Prison. We need to add that we, the prisoners of the Greater Tehran Prison, are ourselves facing problems such as lack of hot water for taking bath, low quality of food, unavailability of medical doctors and lack of urgent health, treatment and medical care especially

under the Covid-19 conditions, are constantly bothered and harassed.

We are asking Amnesty International, human rights activists and international authorities to send special inspectors to visit the dismal conditions of the Iranian prisons and demand the immediate stop of torture of the prisoners and disregard of the prisoners human rights in the prisons of the “Velayate Faghih”.



Political Prisoners of the Greater Tehran Prison
December 2020

Committee to Free Political Prisoners

Ms. Farzaneh Zilabi the attorney for the workers of Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Company commented about the new case for the workers of this company:

“The complaint of the owner of the Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Company against the workers which was given to the court under the title of breaching the public order was considered in the Second Branch of the Shush General and Revolution Court and the charges were dropped. The owner’s protest against this decision was rejected by 103 Branch in Shush.”

Boycott Islamic Republic!
One and only word: hands off!

Last News

Calling on a group of Haft Tappeh workers to the Shush Prosecutor's Office

Today, January 13, 2021, about 20 workers and labor activists of Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Agriculture-Industry Company has been sent a text message referring their case to (Branch One of the Prosecutor's Office of the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office in Shush).

Additional information will announce the names of the workers. The complaint comes amid days of debate over the elimination of the private sector, which could be seen as a tool of pressure and threats against workers and labor activists. It should be noted that this file number is hidden in the workers' files in the system and therefore the name of the complainant and the title of the complaint are not visible in the sent SMS. **While supporting the workers, haft tappeh sugar cane workers' syndicate condemns any case-making for noble and hardworking workers and wants an end to this rotten process**

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Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Workers Syndicate