

(video) Iran's workers mark International Labor Day as anti-regime protests continue

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PARIS, FRANCE, May 3, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Workers and people across Iran are marking International Labor Day as protests continue against the mullahs' regime that has been plundering the country's hardworking laborers for decades.

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People throughout Iran continue to specifically hold the mullahs' Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei responsible for their miseries, while also condemning the oppressive the <u>Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC)</u> and paramilitary Basij units, alongside other security units that are on the ground suppressing the peaceful demonstrators.

Protests in Iran have to this day expanded to at least 282 cities. Over 750 people have been killed and more than 30,000 are arrested by the regime's forces, according to sources of Iranian opposition People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK). The names of 675 killed

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protesters have been published by the PMOI/MEK.

MEK Resistance Units in the cities of Behbahan in southwest Iran and the Hashtgerd near Karaj, west of the capital Tehran, portrayed large images of Iranian Resistance Leader Massoud Rajavi and Iranian opposition coalition NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi. In Behbahan the image was portrayed on Bu-Ali Boulevard and in Hashtgerd near the city's Golestan Orchards.

People are in the streets of Tehran's Sadeghiyeh district and chanting, "Down with Khamenei! Damned be Khomeini!" the later referring to regime founder Ruhollah Khomeini.

Similar rallies are being reported from Tehran's Sattarkhan and Tehranpars districts, while people in the Gohardasht district of Karaj, a major city west of Tehran, are also taking to the streets to launch anti-regime protests and mark International Workers' Day.

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The mullahs' dictatorship is seeking to quell and silence the ongoing anti-regime protests by targeting the main engine of these rallies, being Iran's women and young girls. Other schools girls have also been targeted by gas poisoning in similar fashion.

They are protesting the regime's corruption, destructive economic policies, and plundering of their money. Pensioners and retirees of the Social Security Organization in Kerman, south-central Iran, Ahvaz, southwest Iran, Sari and Rasht in northern Iran, and Kermanshah, western Iran, are also in the streets and protesting for their rights.

In Shush the protesting retirees were chanting anti-regime slogans, including: "Neither the Majlis (parliament) nor the government care about the people!"
"Our rights will only be acknowledged through our street protests!"

Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Company directors and site security guards in Shush attacked the workers' representatives who have been on strike outside the company building for some time now. Company workers protested these measures and security guards launched even more attacks in response.

In Tehran, members of the Veterans Union of the Iranian Labor Community organized a rally and marched in the streets protesting the mullahs' regime and their anti-labor policies.

In Bandar-e Khomeini, a major portal city in southwest Iran, drivers at the local terminal are on strike and protesting for their rights to be respected and acknowledged.

In other reports, workers of the Yazd Tire Industrial Complex held a gathering in the city of Yazd, central Iran, protesting for their rights on Monday. This is the third day of these rallies.

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In other reports, officials of a local petrochemical site banned 200 workers from entering the site who had previously protested the regime's payment policies and had rallied for higher paychecks.

Iranian opposition coalition NCRI President-elect Maryam Rajavi sent a message to Iran's workers and the entire nation to join ranks in their protests and link up with the nation's larger struggle to overthrow this regime.



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"Happy International Workers' Day to the workers and laborers, who refuse to accept oppression, inequality, and repression, and have risen up to protest and revolt, and to the millions of honorable men and women whose whole being has been shackled by the mullahs with temporary contracts, unpaid wages, miserable salaries, unstable jobs, poverty, insecurity, discrimination, and repressive controls," the NCRI President-elect emphasized.

"The anger and determination of Iranian workers for revolution and freedom are more powerful than the regime's oppressive force. Today in Iran, under the most brutal system of exploitation in the world – the religious dictatorship – the workers' ongoing protests demonstrate the immense potential of Iranian society for revolution. From the protests of petrochemical workers in Asaluyeh and Kangan who rose up with the slogan of 'Down with Khamenei!' during the height of last October's uprising, to the strikes of workers in 110 factories and industrial enterprises across 38 cities and 13 provinces," she added.

"The key to making progress against the ruthless assault of the religious dictatorship and the IRGC on the lives and rights of workers is to connect their protests with the larger struggle to overthrow this regime. Workers should join forces with their colleagues who have formed Resistance Units and do everything in their power to spark uprisings. The exasperated and rebellious workers and laborers of Iran, united hand in hand with the great army of freedom, shall bring down the religious tyranny, and usher in a new era, where oppression and plunder shall be replaced by freedom and equality," Madam Rajavi concluded.

In the city of Shahriar in Tehran Province, the medical staff of Imam Sajjad Hospital held a gathering on Monday protesting the regime's unjust payment policies, the officials' refusal to pay for their special clothes at work, not providing food while only giving 500,000 rials (less than a dollar) for lunch.

Similar gathering were held by nurses in Shiraz on April 30th, in Ahvaz on April 27th, and the medical staffs of Rajaie Hospital of Qazvin in northwest Iran on April 20th and Mashhad's Qaem Hospital on April 5th.

Regime operatives have renewed their chemical gas attacks targeting schoolgirls. The all-girls Bent al-Hoda and Me'raj schools in the city of Saqqez, the hometown of Mahsa Amini, have been the latest targets of these organized and deliberate chemical gas attacks specifically aimed at poisoning innocent schoolgirls.

Anti-riot units stormed the all-girls Me'raj School following today's chemical gas attack. One student was hit in the head by the security units and was rushed to a medical center for urgent treatment. Parents of the students in this school held a rally protesting these attacks that are targeting their kids and endangering their lives.

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targeting the main engine of these rallies, being Iran's women and young girls. Other schools have also been targeted in similar fashion today, including:

The all-girls Mojtaba Jafari School in the city of Kermanshah, western Iran. At least 40 students were transferred to the city's Mohammad Kermanshahi Hospital. A number of them are in dire conditions, according to local reports.

The all-girls Efaf School in Tehran

The Fatemeh School in Harsin, Kermanshah Province, western Iran. Due to a shortage, an ambulance was sent from the neighboring city of Bisouton. School officials had prevented parents from entering the schools by closing the gates, according to local reports.

Workers of the Razi petrochemical complex in Bandar Mahshahr, southwest Iran, launched their strike on Sunday, joining the nationwide campaign of industrial workers who are continuing their protests. They are demanding their officials to raise their salaries.

In the capital Tehran, employees of the city Traffic Control were holding a protest gathering outside the City Council demanding their rights.

Pensioners and retirees of the regime's Social Security Organization in the cities of Tehran, Isfahan, Rasht, Arak, Ahvaz, Rasht, Babol, and Kermanshah held rallies on Sunday protesting high prices, poverty, corruption, inflation, poor living conditions and officials' refusal to address their demands.

Pensioners and retirees are among the worst-hit segments of Iran's society. They depend on government stipends to make ends meet, but the regime has refused to increase their pensions in correspondence with growing inflation and the depreciation of the national currency.

The government has long provided many hollow promises of increasing pensions. It was also supposed to settle unpaid pensions remaining from previous years. So far, it has yet to deliver on both demands.

Interestingly, the regime's own media reported that The Social Security Investment Company (SHASTA), the financial institution that is supposed to fund retirees, has seen a significant increase in its profits in the past years. However, these profits have yet to materialize in the lives of pensioners and retirees.

Workers of the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Company in the city of Shush, southwest Iran, were on strike on Sunday, protesting the fact that a senior company official has recently insulted them.

These workers insist no one has the right to insult them and they were refusing to continue their tasks, demanding the company official who has insulted them take back his remarks and

apologize.

Workers of various industrial projects near the Jafir area in Khuzestan Province, southwest Iran, went on strike on Sunday, joining the nationwide strikes campaign of Iranian workers demanding higher salaries.

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A group of season and daily workers of a local petrochemical complex in Qeshm, southern Iran, held a gathering on Sunday to mark International Workers Day.

Regime operatives launched a chemical gas attack on Sunday targeting the all-girls Dr. Spervarin High School in Karaj, west of Tehran, leaving many students poisoned and in need medical care. Another such chemical attack was carried out in Rasht, northern Iran, targeting the so-called "Enghelab-e Eslami" (Islamic Revolution) school. Many students were poisoned as a result.

A group of disabled locals in the city of Torbat-e Jam in northeast Iran held a gathering outside the regime's Welfare Organization on Sunday protesting the violation of their rights.

Farmers from across Isfahan Province rallied in the provincial capital on Sunday to protest for their fair share of water for their lands and other grievances that have gone unanswered by regime officials.

The protests in Iran began following the death of Mahsa Amini. Mahsa (Zhina) Amini, a 22-year-old woman from the city of Saqqez in Kurdistan Province, western Iran, who traveled to Tehran with her family, was arrested on Tuesday, September 13, at the entry of Haqqani Highway by the regime's so-called "Guidance Patrol" and transferred to the "Moral Security" agency.

She was brutally beaten by the morality police and died of her wounds in a Tehran hospital on September 16. The event triggered protests that quickly spread across Iran and rekindled the people's desire to overthrow the regime.

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