

(Video)Retirees protest in several cities as Iran's regime ignores their demands

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The National
Council of Resistance of Iran-(NCRI)
Foreign Affairs Committee in an article
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They also expressed their solidarity with teachers who were protesting and demanding the release of imprisoned teachers.

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In Sanandaj, protesters were chanting, "High prices and inflation are ruining the people's lives!" and holding placards that read, "Raise your voice retirees, shout for your rights!"

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demands and call for the release of imprisoned teacher activists. The teachers are regularly protesting the regime's delays and obstructions in implementing the "ranking bill" and the systemic repression of teacher activists in Iran.

The Majlis passed the "Teachers Ranking" bill last year, which is supposed to address many of the problems the teachers have faced in recent years.

According to the bill, teachers will be classified according to "general, specialized and professional qualifications, experience, and competitive function" and divided into five rankings. Salaries will be determined based on the ranking of the teachers.

While the regime has boasted about the bill and its achievements, Iranian teachers are calling out the regime for not addressing their needs.

On Monday, retirees from the telecom industry held protest rallies in several cities, including Kermanshah, Ahvaz, Sari, Mashhad, and Sanandaj.

The protesters were demanding the implementation of an employment law that was passed in 2010, which would ensure their livelihood needs after retirement. The protesters are also facing severe problems in basic needs such as healthcare.

Knowing that the regime will not easily meet the basic demands of the people, the retirees called on others to join the protests. "Retirees, rise to fight discrimination!" protesters were chanting in Ahvaz.

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In Ahvaz, the protesters were chanting, "Our enemy is right here, they are lying that it is the US!" making it clear that the root of all their miseries is the regime itself.

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Meanwhile, the retirees have made it clear that they will not stop their protests until they get their basic rights. In Ahvaz, the protesters were chanting, "We will only obtain our rights in the streets!" and in Shush, they shouted, "Retirees will die but won't give in to disgrace!"

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The protesters are demanding that the regime implements Article 27 of the law for disabled people. This article states that the government must provide the basic needs of severely disabled people who cannot take jobs and provide for themselves.

This article was passed into law in 2017 but the government continues to refrain from implementing it. In this year's budget bill, the funds that were to be allocated for this purpose were revoked.

The protesters held placards that made their situation clear. In Tehran, one banner read, "Enough with the tyranny, our tables are empty!"

In Kermanshah, the protesters were holding placards that condemned the regime's actions as human rights violations and reminded them that the law has already been passed.

"The implementation of article 27 is our undeniable right," a placard read in the rally of protesters in Kerman, who had gathered in front of the provincial offices of the Welfare Organization.

Also on Sunday, a group of steelworkers at the Gilan Ferro Complex, northern Iran, held a rally in protest of the discriminatory policies of regime authorities and poor safety standards that have led to the recent death of one of their coworkers.

These protests are happening against the backdrop of increasing repressive measures by the regime. While the people are struggling to make ends meet and carry out a decent living, the regime has been spending exorbitant amounts to bolster its security apparatus, including the detested Gasht-e Ershad (Guidance Patrol), a repressive force that controls the observation of

the regime's reactionary dress code and hijab laws.

In recent days, there have been numerous photos and videos of the heavy presence of the morality police in public places. The regime wants to thus intimidate the public and prevent protests, especially as we near the first anniversary of the September 2022 protests, which were sparked by the murder of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini at the hands of the morality police.

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