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Dear readers ,

Due to a few technical reasons, we were not able to publish the AWN- Iran bulletin regularly, but from now on we will try our best to publish monthly and in 4 pages until further notice, unless otherwise!

We hope that by your support and encouragement, we will be able to present the AWN- Iran bulletin on time as before.

In solidarity,

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The Middle East war will have nothing but killings, destruction and reaction's growth!

Over a year since the Palestinians- HAMAS- attack on the Israel entity, despite its limited and local effects, it has become one of the turning points in history of the second decade of 21st century.

The massive military and criminal response of the Israeli entity is much more extensive and abhorrent retaliation than of HAMAS killing and hostage taking. The military attacks of the Israeli Zionist entity on the defenceless Gaza's people with the most sophisticated weaponry technology, has led to the massacre of 43000 civilians, mostly women and children, and the elimination of the health, homes, schools ... which over a year it has become the main problem of the world.

The escalation of the war with the Lebanese Hezbollah, the military support of Yemen for Gazans, and the occasional conflict between Iran and Israeli entity over the past months have clearly shown that the genocide in Gaza, by the Israeli Zionist military operation in the region have expanded beyond the historical conflict of the Israeli Zionist and the Palestinians.

Unconditional supports of USA and the European governments for Zionist's military crimes, and their confrontation with the international solidarity of Gazans, and the supporters of ceasefire clearly demonstrates that the Israeli Zionist and its western allies have wider aims than the confrontation with the native Palestinian forces, and their strategic aims of this war will go further than the Middle East regions. With the direct logistic, political and financial support of the USA in this war, it proves that the USA plays the main and leading role in the western Asian war. The intensification of the international competition between the main polars of capitalist world, and the

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The need for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in the region



Statement of the The workers' Syndicate of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e- Wahed)

The oppressed and poverty-stricken people of the Middle East urgently need a permanent and sustainable ceasefire. The devastating war in Gaza, which has killed more than 43,000 people so far, mostly children, women and civilians, and the devastating war in Lebanon, which has so far killed nearly 3,000 people and displaced more than 1.3 million, must end immediately.

The workers' Syndicate of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e- Wahed), with the same voice with labor and humanitarian organisations around the world, calls for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the devastating war and siege of Gaza, the withdrawal of the Israeli Zionist army from all occupied territories in Palestine and Lebanon, and an end to military conflicts and retaliatory measures between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel. The working class, the worker's movement, and the deprived, marginalised people have always been the cannon fodder of regional wars or conflicts between world powers, and have paid the greatest associated costs related to humans, economically, and politically. In such a context, war and the atmosphere of war have no short-term or long-term benefits for us workers. and will not only claim more victims from the oppressed workers and hardworking families, but will also worsen our livelihoods, poverty, and the plunder

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Continued from previous page: ... formation of a multipolar world, and the result of which will be nothing but the continuation of exploitation and oppression of the wage-earners, and the various regional problems, directly or indirectly have linked to the current Israeli Zionist war against Middle East region. In parallel with the military escalation between Iran and the Israeli entity, many Middle Eastern countries have been forced to take a more serious stand and take new measures. Although both parties of the conflict insist on non-spreading of war in the region, the risk of broader military conflict is still the concern of the Middle Eastern people.

Recently, by the escalation of military tension between Iran and Israel, the Middle Eastern people are concerned about the outbreak of war that undoubtedly will go further than the national geographical borders, and bring gloomy days for the people tired of war and military aggression in the Middle East.

Concerning the growth of military technology, and by the experiences of the recent year military conflict, the outbreak of a war between two reactionary regimes of Iran and Israeli entity in the region will not only cause widespread killings and destructions to both sides, but it will also stop the current social protests against the existing conditions. In addition, given the existing balance of class forces, and the absence of an organised working class or radical worker organisations, the war condition will cause the growth of reactionary national-fascistic movements that directly will suppress the workers and other wage-earners protests, as well as the oppositions to the war. Based on the different historical experiences, the working class in regional and national level has no interest in the wars and competitions of the capitalist governments, and will only become the main victims of these wars.

Confronting the Israeli Zionist genocide in Gaza, and the warmongering of governments, for more than a year, millions of people and a large sections of social forces have continuously demonstrated in support of the main victims and in opposition to war in the streets of various cities of Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia, Canada, and have displayed their protests, and in some countries the worker organisations continuously have attended alongside of other social forces effectively.

Definitely, the working class by organising social struggles against the involved warmongering governments in these wars, and shaping the social protests against the killings and murdering of the innocent people of the region, alongside with the peace loving people of the world have played an effective role in ending militarism in the Middle East and the genocide in Gaza-Palestine.

We, as part of the workers and social activists who have been and are the victims of decades of suppression by the Islamic regime in Iran, whilst condemning the Genocide of Israeli Zionist entity in Gaza, defend and support the innocent and defenceless Gazans and Lebanese people.

We believe that the working class and worker activists in Iran could play a decisive role in ending the current situation by organising and social protests to the current war conditions and deepening the demands of various social groups.



The need for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in the region

Continued from previous page: ... of public property. from the oppressed workers and hardworking families, but will also worsen our livelihoods, poverty, and the plunder of public property. More and more repression and deprivation of rights will be imposed on us under the pretext of a state of war, and at the same time, the military and armaments budget and expenses will increase a hundredfold.

The bitter memory of the Iran-Iraq war still remains in the collective memory of us workers. We have not forgotten how during the war all independent labor organisations were outlawed by the reactionary Islamic Republic government, active workers belonging to trade unions and independent labor councils were expelled, arrested and sent to prisons, and thousands of young people, mainly from working-class families, were executed without any legal or human justification. We have not forgotten that workers and children of working-class families died on the war fronts, and at the same time, the country's workers were forced to accept the imposed conditions of injustice, and any protest they made was met with repression and arrest. We have also not forgotten that after the war, the "Era of Construction" began and continued with the support of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the shoulders of us workers and with the widespread invasion of the Islamic Republic and Islamic capitalists against the working class.

As part of the independent working-class movement in Iran, just as we have always received international support from the working class in other countries, we have a duty to support the working class and oppressed workers and marginalised/deprived people in the region and around the world. Any degree of legitimate protest and disgust of us, the workers and oppressed people, towards the repressive domestic actions of the Iranian Islamic regime or its international policies does not justify the militaristic actions and policies of the Israeli Zionist government and its indifference towards more than 75 years of brutal oppression and deprivation of the Palestinian people and their massacre and genocide of the past year. The reality is that a just solution to the Palestinian issue has practically become one of the most pressing challenges for the entire Middle East and the world.

Let us say no to war, condemn warmongering and militaristic policies, and strive to establish justice, freedom, equality, and lasting peace, and Let us strive to achieve all its requirements.

No to war

Hoping to establish justice and peace throughout the world!

The solution for workers is unity and organization!

The workers' Syndicate of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat- e- Wahed)

Employees working on Marine Platforms of 'Parse Jonoubi' have published a declaration



In parts of this declaration they have written: Alongside with the workers of the other companies belonging to the Oil Ministry, in protest for not being paid in full under the excuse of the current year budget law (a law in which the necessary flexibility for special jobs has been explicitly mentioned), we will refuse to issue any work permit starting from October 14, 2024, except in cases affecting production or safety.

In continuation of our protests in the past few months we declare that starting from October 22, 2024 we will not send any reports regarding the production and the repairs done to the platforms to any of the higher authorities and even the live production will not be sent to the monitoring unit. During the past few months we have declared our protests in different ways and we sat waiting in the hope that the superiors in the Oil Ministry and Oil Company would hear us and thus we modified our method of protest. But this time we expect that the whole complex of the Oil Ministry would take immediate action regarding convening the council of salaries and wages and obtaining the agreement and the resolution in a way that nothing will be deducted from the payment to the employees of the marine platforms.

Now that all the conditions of the immediate and the full payment of the wages and the salaries of the employees of the marine platforms are ready, we will do what we have promised and starting on October 22 stand together to obtain our demands according to the methods mentioned above.

Employees of the Marine Platform #37

Denial of conditional freedom and discharge for the imprisoned worker, Davod Razavi



Davood Razavi, member of administrative board of the bus drivers, Sherkate Vahed syndicate was arrested in October 2022, during a raid by security officials and was sentenced to 5 years. After 26 months detention, with his family's support he appealed to be released. Unfortunately, prosecutor rejected his request and this is the third time that he cannot be released and so far, efforts by his family have failed.

Unfortunately, interrogators of his file, resorting to extra-legal measures, are main decision makers regarding every request, including conditional release from prison. This time the prison observing DA said that if after three times this application is not responded to positively, then Razavi's appeal will be sent to the main prosecutor for final decision. But the fact of the matter is that public prosecutor has denied his conditional discharge, under the pressure of the Ministry of Intelligence .

The Syndicate of Tehran and suburb Bus drivers, "Sherkate Vahed" appeals to the judiciary and prosecuting attorney to approve conditional release of Davood Razavi who has been sentenced unjustly, just because of his defending labor rights. The Syndicate also request the unconditional release of another of its member, Ibrahim Maddady and other labor, teacher, and civil activists.

The imprisoned worker must be released

The Syndicate of Sherkate Vahed bus drivers of Tehran and suburbs

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Short News of November 2024

The gathering in protest by the retired academics in Tehran

Saturday 16th November 2024

The retired academics who were retired in 2021 have gathered in protest in regards to lack of the implementation of the levelling of their wage's law & (determination of their pension history of their academic service their level of education and specialty.) They were singing the slogan: 'Government Shame on You, Stop the Destruction Of our Rights.'

The retired academics are included in the law for levelling of their wages from 20th of September until 20th February 2021, and are also included in the in the implementation of the levelling of the retirees age & also are included In the levelling of their academic rank the start of which was 21st September 2021. And by implementing this law there must be at least 90% of the rank be included in their last working time for the retired age that should start from 21st September 2021 & it should be implemented.



But after 40 month have gone by since the start of their retirement, their retirement wage has not been corrected yet .

The council for the coordination of the academic union of Iran fully supports the demands of the retired academics.

The council of the coordination for the academic union of Iran

November 1st 2024

The summoning of 3 active workers for sentencing them to jail!



Mohammad iran-nejad, Nasrolah Amirlo & Morteza Seyedi that were previously arrested & were sentenced to jail, have been summoned to the court. The Islamic court has accused the 3 active workers of creating a group in the name of workers union and endangering the security of the country & each have been sentenced to 2 years in jail.

The strike of the 'Poli-Nar' in the city of Tabriz !

The Poli-Nar company, maker of granules, has 300 workers that because of low wages and empty promises of the management have gone on strike.

The limitation in the jail for Nasrin Javadi!

Nasrin Javadi the retired active worker who is 68 years old is serving 3 years of her 5 years sentence In jail. The prison authority has refused her temporary leave that she needs because of her illness, & currently more than 300 active workers & active women & human rights activists are asking for her release.

The brick making furnaces have been turned off!

The brick making furnaces near the city of 'Kashmar' that once employed 100s of workers are now closed because of the rising price of gas and lack of soil. More than 100 furnaces have become inactive & the number of workers have been reduced from 20 to 1.

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"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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