

## **Long live the international solidarity of workers**

On the eve of May 1st, the capitalist world is faced with a profound economic, political and social crisis. Not only has world capitalism failed to return to pre-crisis conditions in 2007, but the continuation and exacerbation of the crisis has put the inability and bankruptcy of this system on show. The coronavirus brought this system to its knees. Millions of defenseless people are sent to their deaths. While tens of millions have lost their jobs, the capitalist class continues to accumulate capital and increase its profits. Health, medical care, vaccines and human life are becoming the ultimate tools for profitability and capital accumulation. The priority of profit and capital over human health shows the true nature of the capitalist order and underscores the need to overthrow it and establish a new socialist order.

### **Comrades!**

The Iranian working class is today exposed to unimaginable economic pressure and has to bear the burden of the deep economic crisis. Low wages and skyrocketing prices for ▶ 2

## **The consistent struggle of the Iranian pensioners for social security and a life in dignity**

Retirees continue to fight consistently for their legitimate claims. They have been organizing several nationwide protests for months.

Their struggle has become increasingly radical and their political character has gained in importance. A few days since the beginning of the new Iranian year (beginning on March 21st with the beginning of spring), they have held three nationwide protests and demonstrations.

According to the Union of Iranian Pensioners, protest meetings took place in 22 cities on Sunday, April 4th, 2021. Along with slogans for their demands, they demanded the immediate release of imprisoned teachers and workers. As usual, her main slogan was "**We can only enforce our rights on the streets**". The mood was combative and it was pretty loud. A joint statement on their demands was published. In it they emphasize that the struggle for their demands, which began last year, will continue this year.

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### **Long live the international solidarity...**

basic needs, extreme poverty, unemployment and illness plague all workers.

Millions of people have lost their jobs and are left to their own devices without government support. More than 300 people die every day as a result of the Covid-19 and the misanthropic regime of the Islamic Republic does not take any serious measures to protect the population.

The open dictatorship and political tyranny of the ruling capitalist class have deprived the workers of the most basic human rights and political freedoms. Even the right to found one's own professional associations and political organizations is trampled on and persecuted.

Every form of strike, gathering and protest is massively suppressed and with imprisonment, flogging, dismissal.... fined.

Dozens of leading workers and activists are being intimidated and persecuted everywhere. Many are already incarcerated. Despite these reprisals and the corona pandemic, the struggles of the workers continue unabated.

Hundreds of strikes and protests in the mining, steel, railways, oil and gas industries, transportation and many other industries are some examples. Social security retirees and teachers are also organizing their ongoing nationwide protests.

In addition to economic demands, the political character of these protests is becoming more and more important. The measures taken by the government have failed to achieve their goal. The struggle continues more intensely and with more determination. All attempts by the ruling class to solve the existing crises have failed. The only response from the prevailing reaction is to intensify the repression and increase brutality. The revolution is inevitable and the tasks of ►

the proletariat in the revolution are very important and difficult. Only the working class can organize a unified nationwide movement to overthrow the regime of the Islamic Republic through nationwide economic and political struggles. The working class must prepare today to organize nationwide strikes. Secret factory and strike committees must be set up in all branches and factories. The strike coordination committee must emerge from the combination of strike committees from different areas and branches. This is an imperative in today's phase of movement. This difficult task must be taken over and carried out by leading workers. The oil workers took the first step in this direction last year and organized a comprehensive strike in August. The Iranian working class can seriously paralyze the regime through nationwide economic and political strikes, take over the leadership of the entire movement and organize a general political strike. In doing so, it creates the basis for a victorious armed uprising of the masses and the overthrow of the ruling capitalist order. May 1st is the day of international workers' solidarity against the capitalist order and the proclamation of the fact that there is no other way than socialism to save the working class and all of humanity from the suffering caused by capitalism.

**Long live May 1st, the day of international workers' solidarity**

**Down with the capitalist order –**

**Long live freedom Long live socialism**

**Down with the regime of the Islamic Republic - long live the council government**

**Organization of Fadaian (Aghaliyat) - Iran**

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**Long live the class autonomy of the working class!**

### ***The consistent struggle of the Iranian...***

On Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, the pensioners gathered again in front of the social security authority in several cities and demanded the realization of their demands. In response to these struggles, the State Social Security CEO promised that payments to retirees would increase by 130% in the coming days. The annual pension increase and the second stage of the pension adjustment should all be transferred in April. As it turned out after the pensions were transferred, it was an empty promise and indeed a lie and attempted deception.

The scandal was so great that the ILNA news agency wrote that "the initial promises made by the CEO of the State Social Security have not been carried out". Independent pensioner organizations knew in advance that such promises should not be trusted. Therefore, they called for a nationwide protest rally on Sunday, April 11th, 2021. Thousands of pensioners gathered in Tehran and other numerous cities in front of the social security authorities and in front of the parliament in Tehran. The protesters have confirmed that they will continue to resist until their demands are met. At all meetings it was stressed not to participate in the upcoming elections.

These consistent struggles clearly show ►

that, despite all the obstacles and opposition from government officials, the demands of the retirees have to be accepted; that in spite of the repression and attempts at deception, as in the case of the workers' house, the struggle of the pensioners will continue until their demands are fully met. The government of the Islamic Republic is pulling out all the stops to put an end to the retirees' struggle

Occasionally, a government official confirmed that retirees have numerous outstanding claims from Social Security that need to be met. Others, mainly from the government-related organizations such as the Arbeiterhaus, claim that almost 90 percent of the demands would be met and urge pensioners not to organize public protests, as nothing could be achieved on the streets. Repression, intimidation, arrest and detention of protesters are also on the agenda. The pensioners have found in practice and in their struggle that there is no other way than to continue the nationwide struggle consistently on the streets. On their way they recognized the need for independent organizations and used them to enforce their demands. Only through this struggle can they be successful and force the government to make concessions and to withdraw.

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## Iranian women and the fatal economic consequences of the corona pandemic

The corona pandemic not only threatens the health and lives of people worldwide, it also has devastating effects on all economic, social and political aspects of human society. Negative economic growth, rising unemployment, inflation, poverty and hunger show the enormous dimensions of this catastrophe. In 2019, around 690 million people worldwide suffered from chronic hunger and malnutrition as a result of poverty. That number should already exceed almost a billion people.

A study by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization shows that around three billion people worldwide do not have adequate nutrition. The data published by the Iranian Statistics Center shows the same trend in Iran. It is important to note at this point that official statistics from the Iranian government are not necessarily trustworthy. Published data are very often criticized as incorrect by various authorities and institutions. Last spring, 41% of the total working-age population (15 years and older) was said to have been economically active. That is, in absolute numbers, a decrease of approx. 2.1 million compared to the previous year.

Of these, 1.02 million are women and 970,000 are men. During the same period, around 1.5 million additional people became unemployed. About 700,000 of them were women. The proportion of women among unemployed university graduates was 20.2 percent, while the proportion of men was 10.3 percent.

As a result, over a million women had to leave the labor market by last autumn. This trend is also evident in the proportion of women in the total number of employees. Last spring, a total of 19.5 million men and around 4 million women were employed. The proportion of women in employment was thus around 15 percent. In recent years, the Islamic Republic has given companies the opportunity to only employ workers on fixed-term contracts. The state itself is setting a good example. A year ago, the Ministry of ►

Education said that thousands of teachers were missing. No institutions or persons responsible for filling these apprenticeships are willing to officially hire teachers with permanent employment contracts. Instead, soldiers, students and teachers are hired on a temporary basis.

The government justifies this approach with the budget deficit. This argument is used again and again for justification. Despite the budget deficit, the expenditures for religious foundations and institutions as well as for repressive organs in the state budget are not reduced. Even national development funds are used to finance them. Nursing is another sector that employs many women. Even in times of the corona pandemic, nurses are only hired on fixed-term contracts.

The vacancies in this important profession are therefore not fully filled even under normal circumstances. We can conclude that the gender discrimination in the labor market and the low percentage of women in this market (around one fifth of working men) is not only due to the dominance of patriarchy in this market and the greed of capitalists in the exploitation of cheaper.

From the beginning, the Islamic Republic has deliberately tried to exclude women from all social, political and economic areas by issuing religious and misogynistic guidelines and ordinances. Traditional roles for women are systematically promoted and everything is constantly being done to force them into the informal labor market, in which working conditions are poor and wages are lower.

Here the employees often have neither health insurance nor are their social security contributions paid. According to the OECD's 2019 report on gender equality, Iran ranks 118th (3rd place from the bottom). According to a study by the World Bank from 2019, Iran ranks 187 in terms of legal equality between women and men, which is the last place. Another example of a better understanding of this development is the question of population growth, which Khamenei has repeatedly raised in recent years. In this context, a law was passed in 2015 ►5

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containing general guidelines for "population and family development".

Thereafter, the priority for employment in all government and non-government sectors is married men with children, then women with children and finally childless people. This plan defines and envisages the "economic" role for men and the "mother and wife" role for women. This plan should increase the total population of Iran to between 150 and 200 million. Today 6 years later, statistics on marriage, divorce and births show the utter failure of this plan. According to the national registry, the number of marriages decreased by 33 percent from 2013 to 2019.

The birth rate fell by around 22 percent over the same period. This development was to be expected. Because the worsening economic crisis is increasingly pushing more and more people below the poverty line. The cost of living is rising steadily, housing and rent are soaring, and unemployment is rising, especially among ►

young people. No "government ordinance", directive, propaganda or law can dispel these facts.

Four decades of discrimination, disadvantage, poverty, violence, unemployment, humiliation and oppression are the result of the religious regime of the Islamic Republic for Iranian women. This overall situation was exacerbated by the fatal consequences of the corona pandemic.

Those four decades and the current situation have resulted in Iranian women being a crucial opposition to the Islamic Republic in Iranian society. The Iranian rulers are aware of this potential and fear it. That is the reason why more and more women and girls who fight are punished very severely. No change can be made in Iranian society without women. Women have and will not stop fighting until a society is established without reactionary religious laws, in which equal rights do indeed exist, and in which all social, economic and political discrimination and disadvantage are eliminated.



**The Islamic Republic must be overthrown with a general political strike and an armed uprising!**

## Death from the coronavirus in Iran and the need to protest against the ignorance of the rulers

Vaccinations against coronavirus have been taking place around the world for a few months. Several hundred million people worldwide are thus protected against the corona virus. The record of the Iranian government and its institutions in dealing with the pandemic, their dubious statements and promises only show that their "deadly policy" will be continued.

With the official boycott of WHO-approved vaccines and the reference to a "domestic vaccine" that should be available in 6 to 12 months without an effective lockdown accompanied by material support for the population, the people in the pandemic have been left to their own devices. All of this has been exacerbated by the recent announcement that the private sector has been hired to buy and sell vaccines. At the same time, advice for vulnerable and vulnerable people is repeated with the aim of holding them responsible for the spread of the coronavirus.

Nowadays, given all the achievements of civilized humanity, as well as the possibilities and capacities of our country, it is quite possible to overcome the corona pandemic and enable a healthy, happy and successful life. Our government has so far pursued the "herd immunity" and "elimination of the weaker" strategy to "control and manage" the deadly pandemic and continues to do so.

These events in this crisis could be avoided. How this came about and what failures there were so that the spread of the coronavirus could have been prevented has everything to do with politics. You (the rulers - Red.) Have shown that in Iran itself the "Corona virus" can and is a political instrument, has been an integral part of politics from the beginning and is thus tied to its survival and interests.



The basic requirements for human survival disappeared first. People were practically forced to take more and more risks in order to make a living. They were left alone for the unimaginable cost of treating corona. The entire medical staff in every medical center is fully occupied by Corona. Many sick and infected people have to be treated at home, at enormous cost. Family spending has multiplied as a result of the pandemic, and at the same time their purchasing power has been further reduced. The consequences of this development are unpredictable. At the same time, they (the rulers - Red.) Appropriated the entire wealth and property of the population and distributed it among themselves like loot. They have all the resources; their parliaments and pillars of power are built as a result of the work of the people. They have written down their laws and always point to the gallows.

Corona was the most effective weapon against the population. First of all, the corona pandemic was a welcome opportunity for the government to overcome the aftermath of the November 2019 protests and to prepare for the expected future waves. The helplessness of most people worldwide against the corona virus and its devastating consequences for their lives is arguably the greatest violation of human rights today. The Iranian worker, the Iraqi teacher, the student from Shinabad, the Afghan carpet weavers and the porters from Marivan, the Syrian, Yemeni and Sistani nurses have already done their part through their hard work and are not prepared to accept this unjust distribution.

The international community and the WHO are responsible and will not be relieved by their silence to those concerned. One of the most important ways to combat the oppression of capitalism and its free market today is to overcome the corona pandemic crisis. The vaccines produced are the product of labor, the common wealth, knowledge and creativity of mankind. Therefore, they should be made available to the general public free of charge, free



**Work, bread, freedom – council government**

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from the monopoly of the manufacturers. As a result, this is an indictment against all perpetrators, whether for-profit medical institutions and everyone who knew exactly what was happening to people and kept silent.

It is pointless to expect the prevailing political order (in Iran - Red.) To stand up for public health and put a serious fight against the corona pandemic on their agenda. In fact, they are neither able nor willing to seriously fight this crisis. Only continuous, consistent and public struggle can force those in power to carry out tasks to stop the pandemic, infection and victimization. Without the presence of social organizations, groups and movements, without the support of the world public and the medical community, which works tirelessly for people's lives, catastrophes would still be conceivable and possible that could be far more terrible.

The powerful intervention of the population, humanity and public opinion can prevent such disasters from spreading and recurring. Only through public protests and actions and by demanding general, free vaccination with safe WHO-approved vaccines can resources be mobilized to fight the corona crisis and stop this deadly policy.

April 14, 2021

**Agricultural Workers Union Haft-Tappeh**

**Bus drivers - Union of Tehran and the surrounding area**

**Professional Association of Teachers of Islamshahr**

**Association of Iranian Pensioners**

**Council of Iranian Pensioners**

**Alliance of Iranian Pensioners**

**Coordinating committee for building workers' organizations**

**Follow-up committee for the formation of workers' organizations**

**Dialogue center for social security pensioners**

**Union of Pensioners**



**Long live freedom – long live socialism**

### Voices from the Iranian labor movement...

Long live workers' day!

Long live the unity and class solidarity of the workers against oppression and exploitation!

#### Workers of the world let's unite!

Union of workers of agro-industry Haft-Tappeh

April 06, 2021

### On the eve of May 1st, International Workers' Day

How can the working class influence a situation in which, under the influence of economic and political conditions of the rule of capitalists and landowners, all aspects of the lives of workers and workers are threatened and the threatening shadow of poverty and misery spreads everywhere?

How can the working class improve conditions of their life and struggle? How can she find a breathing space to stand up for liberation from exploitation and class order?

**The** first conclusion from this situation is that the working class should not trust capitalist managers, be it business, political or administrative. It is clear that the concerns of the workers are not the concern of the capitalist order and its political power!

**The** working class must act with its independent politics and independent organizations, especially enter the field of economic and political struggle. Until this class has started its independent political struggle, there is no hope of real change. ►

**The** working class must unite the broad masses around demands that express their common interests.

**The** working class must have a clear vision of the social change, a deep awareness of its goals and a strong will for their realization and show and convey this knowledge, vision and the way to the broad masses.

**Workers** can achieve their goals by uniting in solidarity and fighting for the common interests and demands of the working class and defending all working people.

**Long live** the class solidarity of workers and working people

#### Group of Pensioners Union



## Down with The regime of Islamic Republik



## Voices from the Iranian labor movement on May 1st, 2021

We are on the eve of May 1st Labor Day!

On Workers' Day we show our unity!

Our demands are expressed on Workers' Day!

On Workers' Day, workers in solidarity loudly express their class power and their alternative for a society free from oppression and exploitation, discrimination and disadvantage, where poverty and misery are eliminated.

The working class is a global class and we workers have common interests and know no borders.

Workers' Day is not a national holiday, it is a world day. Workers' Day is not a religious day, but a day on which we stand hand in hand for a free, equal and humane life.

Regardless of skin color or ethnicity and language, we workers have common interests against the ruling class and the owners of capital, the owners of the means of production, and we have no other way but to wage an organized, united and independent struggle based on our own strengths.

Apart from us workers, no one can bring a human life to society as a whole.

The working class, with the support of other progressive movements and in a common nationwide struggle, can guarantee bread, work, freedom, happiness, prosperity and progress.

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The Organisation of Fadaian (Aghaliyat) is a communist organisation that fights for overthrowing of capitalist order and establishing of a communist society.

Our Organisation fights for establishing a society without classes where every sort of exploitation, oppression, discrimination, social inequality and suppression are abolished. All the society's free and equal members live in happiness, welfare and their abilities are thrived.

The immediate goal of the our Organisation is overthrowing the Islamic Republic of Iran and establishing the Soviet State of Workers and Toilers. Soviet State, which is the manifestation of the most consequent and complete form of democracy, will establish the broadest and most complete form of political freedoms, and with fulfillment the democratic, social and welfare demands the socialistic changes will begin.

**Long live Socialism!**

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