

Let's Convey Haft-Tappeh Sugarcane Workers' Voice to the World

The workers' strikes and struggles in the Sugarcane Company of Haft-Tappeh that started on May 6th in protest to closing down the factory, workers' mass layoff in the production line of this factory and not paying workers' salaries for three months have now entered its fifteenth day.

During their two-week magnificent struggles, the Haft-Tappeh workers have been demanding the payment of their unpaid salaries, freedom to form independent labor organizations, freedom for the labor activists and ceasing the prosecution of the workers, by chanting slogans such as "living is our absolute right", "worker prefers to die than to surrender" and "Haft-Tappeh workers are hungry". Haft-Tappeh fighting workers demand the consideration of their families' difficult living conditions for which the Iranian bourgeoisie and the Islamic oppressive and anti-worker regime is responsible.

The anti-worker economic policies by the Iranian Islamic government and uncontrolled imports by what is known as sugar mafia, part of which are the regimes top authorities themselves, have caused the production line of this factory to close down and consequently led to workers' mass layoff. These workers who have been working hard in this factory for years and have behind the increasing profits and wealth of the capitalists and factory owners, now due to the critical situation of the factory have been thrown away like redundant tools by the employers. The workers mass layoff unfortunately has no other meaning than this. The capitalist system and the anti-worker Islamic regime that responds to workers' legal demands by bullets, these layouts have no other consequences but to take the lives of the workers and their families.

The special guards and police forces laid an armed attack on the protesting workers' rallies Thursday morning 15th of May according to a predefined plan, wounded five workers and arrested and jailed several other workers. But despite these suppressive attacks, the fighting workers bravely stood up on the battle field and, on Sunday 18th of May, along with their families they held a wider protest which attracted the support of the brave people in the city of Shoush where thousands of people from the city joined the workers' rallies.

Freedom-Loving People! Leftist and Labor Organizations and Institutions!

The splendid struggles by the Sugarcane workers in Haft-Tappeh is an important part of the struggle of the Iranian working class and thus the defence and support for the brave protests by the Haft-Tappeh workers is without doubt the concern of the whole Iranian working class, freedom-loving people and all the defenders of the labor movements. Hereby, we call on all the institutions supporting the labor movements, the leftist and labor organizations and the progressive and freedom-loving opinions to give their constant support to the workers of Haft-Tappeh and work seriously for the freedom of all the labor activists and political prisoners.

Long Live the United Struggle by Haft-Tappeh Sugarcane Workers

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