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A united message from the 'Aslavieh' workers on behalf of the co-workers.

***A letter of protest from
2000 workers of 'Aslavieh.'***

We are 2000 contracted workers in 'Aslavieh'; and are on strike, since our wages are low and the payments are always delayed. We are protesting for the unsafe environment of our. Automobile sleeping quarters, dining areas, our toilet and shower facilities. and pressure on and hygiene conditions, because our lives- Haft are in danger with the current pandemic reality; and none of the . protocols of the 'world health organisation' for the prevention of

the pandemic have been met by the management, they have tried to soften our protests by promising us things that they never deliver; we still haven't been paid what we are owed in our wages, and today after much dialogue and protests the management has promised to pay our wages for the 4 month, i.e. we will still be owed our wages for the months of 'Mordad' (August) and 'Shahrivar'(September), as well as the month of 'Mehr' i.e. (October), also nearing its end. Most importantly we do not have any job security; currently many of the projects that we have been working in are nearing their end and the plan of the management is to single out the striking workers and have us replaced with a new group of workers whom they have been training in the guise of strike, since our wages are low and the payments are always delayed. We are protesting for the unsafe environment of our sleeping quarters, dining areas, our toilet and shower facilities and hygiene conditions, because our lives are in danger with the current pandemic reality; and none of the protocols of the 'world health organisation' for the prevention of the pandemic have been met by the management, they have tried to soften our protests by promising us things that they never deliver; we still haven't been paid what we are owed in our wages, and today after much dialogue projects are completed, also for fear of our rising voices strike the management is trying to prolong the situation so that they themselves (management) do not get their projects delayed, and lie to us that we will reemploy a large number of you for our next projects

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and with this scheme they try to calm the situation, as well as create dissention and disunity among the workers. In total all these conditions, plus the difficult economical and the high price of basic goods has put a huge pressure on the lives of all of us and we are worried for our lives, therefore the first emphasis is to stay more united. Our immediate demands are:

- 1.] Total payment of what we are owed.
- 2.] In the face of the conspiracy by the contractors; we will stay united and demand the removal of them (contractors) and a new workers agreement directly with the ministry of petroleum.
- 3.]we demand a better condition for our sleeping quarter, medical section, dining areas and implementation of all the protocols set by the 'WHO' in order to work and stay safe from the current world pandemic
- 4.] We demand our wages according to the work that we do in line with the ministry of petroleum.
- 5.]we strongly announce that these working conditions are no longer tenable for us and not possible to work in, and warn that if our demands are not met; we will continue with our strike.

Contracting workers of 'Aslavieh.'

Workers' strike in Täbriz

Iran Khodro workers in Täbriz went on strike. Workers demand the payment of their arrears. It has not been seen in any country that the workers do not receive their wages after work they have done. In any slavery system of capitalism workers are being exploited. Everywhere workers have to work and capitalists pay them a small part of what they produce in order to be able to continue working. But in Iran, they do not even pay that. They do not pay workers for months. For a long time they postponed the payment of their wages, or they do not pay it at all.



*Call for a general strike from
October 22, 2020*

Dear friends and colleagues, hardworking drivers and honourable truck drivers

Respectfully, following the protests and the announcement of the strike of drivers and truckers on October 10, 2020 in recent weeks, and following this announcement of the strike, the people involved and officials promised to address the demands of this toiling class and it was scheduled for October 4, 2020 to Address the legitimate and legal demands of drivers and truckers. Unfortunately, for unknown reasons, this meeting was postponed to the next date, October 11, 2020.



Unfortunately, as of today, October 12, no news has been published that indicates the decision or demands of truckers and drivers in this meeting, and this issue has raised doubts in the goals of the meeting and its effectiveness.

It was also previously promised that a number of tires would be cleared through the country's customs at government rates, and it was promised that they would be distributed nationwide soon.

But, unfortunately, this promise also has joined the other unfulfilled promises. The drivers' words are: unprofessional decisions and the issuance of important and complex letters, which have caused confusion, non-implementation and neglect, and for this reason, the transport companies have not complied with these directive, and the lack of loading coefficients has bothered drivers and made life difficult for them, both materially and spiritually, and has embarrassed them in front of their family at home.

We have shown all our goodwill in the previous announcements, and we have given the officials ample time to fulfil our demands, but unfortunately, we see that the officials are pursuing a policy of moving from one pillar to another, the steps of grounding and destroying the road transfer of this country's industry.

Unfortunately, despite our inner desire and despite the difficult conditions that all our compatriots suffer from, we have no choice, but to declare a nationwide drivers' strike.

***Successful termination of the 3 days strikes
by workers in Pars Ampoule factory***



The strike in protest to low wages and unsuitable work condition and demand for rehiring of the laid off workers that had started since Sunday 23th of the month of Sharivar (October) was over after 3 days. The strike in the Pars Ampoule factory located in the industrial metropolitan of Kaveh in the city of Saveh was resolved on Sharivar 28 (October- September), through negotiation with the

employer. In this compromise, engineer Heidar Ali - the manager of official logistic, Sahar Moshtagi - the manager of human resources and Dr Zanjani – the manager of the factory settled the issue with workers over the following items:

- 1- Workers return to work and continue with production- like before;
- 2- Employer is obligated to increase 20 percent to wages;
- 3- 10 Laid off workers get rehired.

Workers Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Wahed)

Because of the security perspective of officials, five workers of Wahed Bus Company continued to be fired.

On Tuesday September 2020, the fired members of workers syndicate of Wahed Company, Reza Shahabi, Hassan Saeedi, Naser Moharam zadeh, and Hossein Karimi Sabzevar went to the Ministry of Labor. These workers and Mrs. Farahnaz Shiri have been fired unlawfully for eight to fifteen years, because of pressure from security apparatus and sabotage of the Ministry of Labor.



It should be noted that in 2016, deputy of labor relations, Mr Hefdahtan, after reviewing the above names in a confidential letter, because of illegal dismissal from work of the above mentioned names, had ordered the labor office of the province to let these workers go back to work. But, because of the reports of security forces of Wahed Company (Harasat) to the security apparatus and interference of Ministry of information, unfortunately the return to work of workers was cancelled.

In pursuit of yesterday, the named ones talked to the general manager of labor relations and the person in charge of security (Harasat) of the labor ministry .After that the labor ministry promised to communicate with Wahed Company and Municipality of Tehran for the return of workers to work.

The dismissed drivers have been fired for years, because of their justified protests and defense of workers' rights. They faced file making and illegal decisions from the provincial council. They and their family have been under a lot of pressure economically for expenses regarding health issues, children's education, housing and other expenses and have tried to make a living by working as taxi drivers, street vendors, and/or with the assistance of other co-workers.

The Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Wahed) strongly condemns these illegal and security acts for the workers' issues. The acts which causes economic hardship on workers and their families.

The Syndicate, together with its fired members, is pursuing for their return to work and to meet their violated rights accordingly.

Unemployment status of automobile workers and parts makers

One third of the part manufacturers of the country are close or partially open and 150 thousand workers are suspended at work. There are around 2-thousand-part manufacturer units in the country, from which 800 units of them work black and without authorization. From the lawful 1200 part-



fabricators, almost 700 units have direct contacts with the auto manufacturers. Unfortunately, about 400 units are in the process of closing down. In general, at this time, only half of the part-fabricator functions serviceably. While only half of them fully operate, however all produced parts are easily sold in the country. There are 550 thousand workers in part making craft that more than 150 thousands of them are unemployed and on hold now.

The Union of Nationwide Associations of Truck owners and drivers in Iran

Continued interrogation of and pressure on Haft Tappeh workers will only increase the flames of our rage and protest!

After filing a complaint by the embezzling boss of Haft Tappeh, several workers were summoned to the police station of Haft Tappeh for interrogation and intimidation.

Today, Azeem Kaseer and Ghassem Kaseer were supposed to go to the police station. In previous days five workers from the factory and one from the non-sugar cane agriculture sector had been summoned. In the summon letters for these colleagues, they are addressed as witnesses, but in the police station they were told they had a role in launching the strike. But, since the police didn't have any proof they were only interrogated and intimidated. As a matter of fact these colleagues were summoned for no reason at all. The question is even if a worker goes on strike; under what title that worker should be tried? Why a man like Assad beigy who has done the largest embezzlement in the whole country has been arrested, but they don't acknowledge his arrest.

It is our definite right to go on strike and it is our right to oust the corrupt individuals from the company and from the region. No force can stop us in this regard.

Assad beigy's crimes and those of his agents still continue, but it is the protesting workers, who protest for Workers Syndicate of their evident, legal and human rights, that are under pressure and prosecution. Police 2nd Lieutenant Vali'ollah Baharvand, chief of police who has signed the summons, prosecutor Nazari, and the head of judiciary are all involved in the bribery and the embezzlement and are railroading the workers. The police station of Haft Tappeh has become the private security force of the corrupt Assad beigy's family. Its task has become to suppress the workers rather than keep the security of the company and the region. The "Tweeting" Madjles (Parliament) representatives, the boasting Friday Prayer Imam who said I will not allow them to bother the workers, the head of judiciary who said I am going to cut off the hands of the corrupt, but now is crucifying the workers, the central government and all the people in charge are entirely cooperating with this embezzling corrupt bunch.

We declare our complete support with our colleagues and we declare that for going on strike we do it not by the decision of one or ten people, but by collective action. It is our definite right to go on strike and it is our right to oust the corrupt individuals from the company and from the region. No force can stop us in this regard. The workers of Haft Tappeh are not afraid of your corrupt games and they will not surrender.

Immediate stop to privatization!

More protests and strikes are coming!

A group of Haft Tappeh workers from different sectors
Wednesday September 30, 2020