

THE RIGHTFUL PROTEST OF THE WORKERS OF KHATONABAD HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED BY ISLAMIC REPUBLIC

According to the news received, from ten days ago, there have been protests by a part of workers and their family against the sacking of 10th worker from still factory in Khatonabad of Babak City district.

Sacked workers demanding return to their work and asking for permanent employment. On Saturday, 24th of January, the workers gathered on front of contractor's office. The peaceful protest suddenly attacked by regime's police and turned into a bloody event.

Witnesses say the suppressing force of regime have started shooting from the air and ground using helicopter. At least four people died and some injured.

Attack on workers by police has sparked waves of hatred and anger among people of Khatonabad and Babak city of Kerman Province. Fear of the spreading of protest of workers and people forced the regime to send a big contingent of army to oppose the defenceless workers. Khatomy as always, in order to cut the voice of people and cover the crime committed by his government sent a committee to investigate the Saturday's event. But it is already clear that the job of this committee is to condemn the victims by labelling them as the enemy of state.

Suppress and murdering of hungry and sacked workers and their families in Khatonabad shows the brutality of Islamic ruler in dealing with people who show their opposition to them. Now Islamic Republic is the subject of protest by workers, women, youth, teachers, and other part of the oppressed and penniless of society.

In the past few months we have witnessed the spread of this struggle especially working class. Fear of expanding struggle, a dark future in front of regime, along taking softer line under pressure against people inside.

Communist Party of Iran Condemn the crime and sympathises with the victims of Saturday and calls upon all people, freedom fighters, organisations and lefts, human rights groups, workers union and international groups to support the demand of Khatonabad workers and entire movement of people and workers. The answer of IRI's (Islamic Republic of Iran) crime is the organised struggle to put an end to the life of IRI.

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