

## **The Declaration of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Iran on the Occasion of the First of May**

This year the Iranian working class celebrates the First of May, workers' international solidarity day in a situation where the Islamic regime of Iran has once again detained and imprisoned Mahmud Salehi, one of the activists and most well-known leaders in the Iranian workers movement, in a constant attempt to worsen the atmosphere of suppression, suffocation and detention of activists and leaders in the workers and other social movements.

Mahmud Salehi's only "crime" is his support for workers' rights and commemorating the First of May. By sentencing and putting him in jail the Islamic regime wants to spread fear and horror among the worker activists and pioneers and prevent a wide and glorious commemoration of the First of May.

But just as imposing difficult economic conditions, worsening the atmosphere of suppression, persecution and detention of worker activists haven't succeeded in hampering the progress of the workers movement, so putting Mahmud Salehi in jail will neither succeed in holding back the Iranian workers movement from commemorating May First independently and away from state influence.

In the recent years, workers have understood the necessity of a united struggle and awareness for the need of working class and mass formations on different social levels and this has created a substantial force of progress for Iranian working class. As the achievement and result of this round of workers' struggles and progresses, we can see different committees coming to the scene like the follow-up committee and the collaboration committee for creating free worker formations and the union between the workers committees and workers' syndicate of Vahed company for their set goals.

As a boost to these efforts and struggles for organizing the working class and the working mass, the creation of cooperation council that not only includes worker unions and activists but also socialist students and pro-worker writers as well as the council's call for holding the May First celebrations build up valuable steps toward a united fight by the Iranian working class.

These efforts show this fact that, despite all the existing disputes, these activists and pioneers who have come together in these unions are decisive to fight back in a united struggle against all the violations imposed by the capitalist class and their supporting government on the workers' lives and jobs.

Meanwhile by setting itself free from the influence of the reformist trends and bourgeois liberalism and taking up the strategy of unity with working class movement, the progressive section in both the students and women movements has endowed the socialist activists and pioneers in the working movement with greater strength and self-confidence and at the same time expect them to bear heavier

responsibilities. In Kurdistan, it is this dynamism and progress in the workers movement that has given new vigor to the revolutionary movement in Kurdistan.

All these tell us the fact that the workers movement is objectively going to be the backbone of any democratic and freedom-loving movement in Iran. But in order to accomplish its historical duty, this movement must develop and take the hard course of creating worker class and mass formations.

Now at the threshold of the First of May, while emphasizing on the axial demands and needs of the Iranian working class it is essential to build up our struggles and demands around Mahmud Salehi's unconditional release from prison and annulling all the sentences against other detainees of the First of May in Saez city.

At the current political situation where both the Islamic regime in Iran and the United States are beating the war drums and the Iranian people are living in the fear of war threats and more economic sanctions, the First of May is a great opportunity for the workers movement to cry out humanity's loud and just voice against the inhuman and backward policies of both sides of the conflict.

**Long Live First of May**  
**Long Live Freedom, Equality and Workers' Government**

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