

Long live 8th of March, the international solidarity day against gender inequality

We commemorate the international women's day this year while the Iranian women, again, are carrying the burden of dual suppression of capitalism society, reactionary theocratic regime and the patriarchal culture. In Iran under the Islamic Republic of Iran's (IRI) rule, the reactionary religious laws and the patriarchal tradition have emerged and consequently it constituted the routine dishonouring and undermining the rights of women.

In the developed societies the outcome of the economic transition and the struggle of those women and men who have fought for equality, have prepared a ground for the equal rights of women and men. Yet in Iran, IRI have kept the majority of women inside their homes and the house works slavery have become the responsibility of women. Furthermore IRI has excluded women from the production fields which resulted in males' economic domination. It also has created a situation under which the fundamentals of male suppression against women in the family's environment have strengthened. Under the Islamic regime's rule, female prostitution has widened rapidly and violence against women has become an ordinary phenomenon.

Under the super reactionary laws of IRI which has ruled the country for more than two decades, the demand and the expectation of women on any ground have been pushed back. In another hand the financial poverty and the family relation based on male suppression have created a very dense circumstances for the awakening of women in which they would participate in struggle against discrimination and lack of rights. On the basis of these bitter and painful realities the reactionary Islamic feminism forces have manipulated the women's definite inequalities. They have been trying to provide a new interpretation of Islamic laws in order to conciliate the demands and struggle of women for liberation with the religious reactionary. Their effort is to deprive the Iranian women from world's women solidarity by introducing the proportional culture theory. If the women's demands are worldwide demands and the women's struggle for materialising them is a worldwide movement, then the proportional culture theory is an effort to make a gap in the lines of the struggle. The Islamic feminism as part of the bourgeoisie's reform movement has been trying in many different ways, in the recent year, to derail the women's equality's movement.

Despite of all these boundaries and difficulties, we have witnessed radicals and equality actions inside the Iranian women's movement in which by employing different initiatives they have been trying to send the voices of their struggle and angers against gender inequality to the freedom- loving people. The lines of this struggle ought to be supported. The voice of this struggle ought to be louder and louder.

The freedom and socialist's movement without the active participation of women is meaningless. It is the obligation of each freedom-loving and socialist person to come forward to the front lines of women liberation struggle against gender apartheid and any other kind of suppression. Lets in the 8th of March, this year, with a more determent will take steps forward in the path of an organised struggle and establishing ties with the workers movement for abolishing gender inequality.

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