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## "Solidarity Committees with Iranian Workers Movement - Abroad" is 15 years old!

The Solidarity Committees have been able to work collectively in a healthy ambience, with respect to different opinions, consultation, discussion and collective exchange of views, and solidarity and support with workers in Iran in these 15 years. Naturally, this could not have been possible without a sense of responsibility by every single of these committees and their members.

The experience of the work of these committees, since their activities have been directly related to demands and the struggles of the working class and other social movements and were based on their collective form of work and collective decision making, has shown that this is an example of effective struggle and continuation of work.

Relying on common points and having the interests of the working class as the high priority, avoiding individualism,



cult of personality and sectarianism, the Solidarity Committees have been able to be

partially useful for the working-class movement.

Naturally, we, the Solidarity Committees, have been facing many ups and downs during these years and have many hot and difficult discussions behind us, as the workers movement has confronted numerous problems. Since all of us have emphasized the independent workers' interests and relied on independent workers organizations, we have been able to overcome the hardships and continue with our goals.

Further growth of the workers independent organizations, further maturity of workers movement struggles and numerous advancements of workers' protests and demands, will, naturally, put heavier responsibilities on the shoulders of the Solidarity Committees.

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# Message from Sugarcane Workers Syndicate addressed to brothers and sisters in Afghanistan

In the last weeks, in front of the eyes of all regimes who claim for human rights and western democracy, one of the savage currents whose statutes are brutal, controls the cities of Afghanistan.

Taliban and its brutal forces who supported by US, Pakistan and other reactionary countries have been prepared and organized and found another way to impose its rule on working people and forced 12 years old girls to marry their armed force men. This is very painful, disaster after disaster.

The imperialists and reactionary powers of the region are sacrificing women, children, and poor people to make more profit and access to the facilities of the region to divide the interest and profit and have more bargaining power in the area.

Our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan, we, the *Haft Tappeh* Sugarcane Workers Syndicate understand your situation, your pain, and your worries.

We know how terrible the situation of mothers and sisters in Afghanistan is, we know that all forces and even imperialists media who just claim for human rights remain silent in the face of the outbreak of war and the overt and covert aggression of the world capitalist government.

We know how much human dignity is ignored in the

intellectual relation and ideas of extremist currents, including Talibanist.

We know that fire, blood, and madness will continue to rule that land.

**We must unite to get rid of discrimination and inequality, to get rid of women discrimination, to get rid of war and killings and lootings, to get rid of poverty, humiliation, and greed of the owners of wealth.**

The women in Kobani have shown that their

history can be determined by themselves.

We can stand against ISIS and Taliban and all authoritarian relation. We must unite, to live with human life and dignity.

The *Haft Tappeh* Sugarcane Workers' Syndicate considers itself a supporter of all of those who fight for freedom against all forms of oppression and tyranny, whose first slogan demand is the equality of men and women in all economic, political, social, and cultural spheres.

We support advocates of equality and the enemy of any kind of

human exploitation of people and nature.

We stand and support our brothers and sisters in



Afghanistan.

We send our warmest regards to women and men who did not give up against reactionary and capitalism regimes. You fight for liberation from the clutches of oppression and tyranny.

**A united people will never fail, victory is ours.**

**Long live the unity and solidarity of the Afghan brothers and sisters against savagery, reaction and profiteering of the owner of gold and power.**

*Haft Tappeh* Sugarcane Workers Syndicate, 23 July 2021

# 22 independent retirees' groups condemned the six-year jail sentence for Ismail Gherami and demanded his unconditional release!

## Retirees, pensioners, disabled and other groups of wage earners:

It's been years since the increase in wages, according to the Labor Law, according to the inflation and securing the livelihood, should have been taken place, but it did not. Since July 2020, with the unbridled increase in prices of essential goods the salaries couldn't get us through the tenth of the month and the minimum salary has a big gap with the cost of living. Unfortunately, the family baskets are getting smaller and smaller and that is why we were witnessing the widespread and ongoing protests by the retirees in Tehran and simultaneously in other cities led to the implementation of uniformization and increase in salaries. Since the increases were not accepted by some retirees and the continuation of these protests were not welcome by security agents, "House of Workers" and the people in charge at the center for retirees. Members of "House of Workers" with propaganda and enjoying the media availability to them were trying to split the protesting retirees and show the increase in the wages as significant and by congratulating the officials were giving a signal to the protesting retirees to end the protests. Considering that in Tehran and

some other cities about 70 percent of the retirees were dissatisfied with the increases and would not stop protesting and the retired worker *Ismail Gherami* supported these protesters and sided with them, despite the threats from the security police. Security agents benefitting from advice by think



tank of "Workers House" and the officials at the Social Security Organization, entered the house of Mr. *Ismail Gherami* on April 3rd, 2021, and after searching the house and confiscating his Mobile phones, wallet, as well as his laptop, arrested him and took him to an unknown location.

Without proving anything, they have so far kept this 67 year-old retiree incarcerated for five months. *Ismail Gherami* has chronic illnesses and remaining in jail could endanger his life. We retirees of the independent groups condemn his incarceration and demand his unconditional release.

Consequences of the disregard to his physical health and safety should be borne by those who have issued the order to arrest him and to keep him in jail by force and against the law.

### Signed by the following:

- 1- Vanguard Veterans of Hormozgan
- 2- East Azerbaijan Retirees
- 3- Retirees supporting implementation of the Law of the National Service Management
- 4- The Council to Meet with Kermanshah's Parliament delegates
- 5- Bushehr Retirees
- 6- Center for Dialogue of Social Security Retirees
- 7- Enlightened Retirees Group
- 8- Ghilan's Independent Retired Workers Guild
- 9- Union of Retirees
- 10- Alborz Social Security Retirees Group
- 11- Independent Group of Tehran's Claiming Social Security Retirees
- 12- Claiming Group 2 of Ghilan
- 13- Kermanshah Social Security Retirees Group
- 14- Retirees Unity Group
- 15- Nationwide Retirees Council
- 16- Shargh Cement Group
- 17- Rasht Justice Seeking Syndical Group
- 18- Tehran's Retirees/Wage Earners of Social Security Group
- 19- Ghilan Workers Retirees Strategic Group
- 20- Union of Workers Retirees
- 21- A Group of Workers Retirees
- 22- Syndical Demanders of Glan

# Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat - e - Wahed)

**(The review of job classification plan and its immediate implementation in Wahed Company has a significant impact on the pensions of drivers and workers.)**

The review of the job classification plan has been raised many times in the past years by the workers and drivers of the Wahed Company. And the Workers' Syndicate of Wahed Company has carried out various actions and follow - ups through the management of Wahed and Tehran City Council and Municipality, and its documents are available in the telegram Channel of the Workers' Syndicate of Wahed Company.

There have been several protesting rallies by the drivers and workers of Wahed Company in front of the Municipality and Tehran City Council. In this regard, the Management of Wahed Company and Municipal officials have promised to the

workers that except as for one off minimum payment and as with continued Management meetings, and repeated promises, nothing has been given to the hard-working drivers and workers.

Since a large numbers of the workers and drivers of the Wahed Company are on the verge of retirement, the Management of Wahed Company, by tricking the one off payment method, a large numbers of drivers and workers who have been retired in the past and recent years, are virtually deprived of the privilege of benefiting from the Job Classification Review Scheme, and given that this review has not taken placed in the last

fourteen years, the drivers and workers who retire and do not benefit from the implementation of this plan, as a result, they retire with a minimum wage, and legally lose what was really their rights.

the Workers' Syndicate of Wahed Company announces the Management that the Job Classification Review Plan must be implemented as soon as possible. In this critical situation, the implementation of this plan not only affects the pensions of the workers and derivers, but also in difficult living conditions and unbridled expensiveness can solve and provide a part of living, medical and educational problems of hard-working drivers, workers and retirees.

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## Letter of appreciation of solidarity committees to the colleagues and English translators of the solidarity committees with Iranian Workers 'movement- abroad!

### Comrades!

*This year, the 14th Annual General Meeting was held in person in 11-12th of September 2021.*

*Once again, in this session, whilst emphasizing on the necessity of collecting the working-class news and reports, events and upheavals of labor movement in Iran, as well as the demands and the guild needs of the workers movement, sharing them with other labor organizations and international organizations, connecting with the global labor movement, also gaining their international solidarity and support. Needless to say, that publishing 144 regular and continuous issues of*

*Alternative Workers News- Iran, within six and half years was impossible without your help and sacrifices, and this most important task will continue as usual. Hereby, the solidarity committees appreciate your precious cooperation with worker's Bulletin and salute all of you. Your important role is strengthening the advancement of international solidarity.*

*Fourteen Annual General Meeting of  
The Solidarity Committee with Iranian Workers 'movement- abroad!*

*12 September 2021*

#### About us:

"The Committee in Solidarity with the Iranian workers Movement -Abroad" of solidarity groups and individuals outside of Iran that support Iranian Workers'. Struggle for:

- (1) Democratic rights and economic. Justice;
- (2) Exposing anti- labour policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (3) Building bridges between the Iranian and international workers' movement.

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