



MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRAL BOARD OF KOMALA

Long live the 1st of May, the international day of the worker!

This year the workers are preparing for the demonstrations of the 1st of May, and at the same time the Iranian Islamic regime is running over the workers with oppression and injustice. The result is unemployment, suspensions and exclusions, long postponement of the payments of wages, brutality and violence, and military harassment against the workers when they are protesting against this treatment. Other results are early pensioning of the workers, and exploiting of workers at small businesses by excluding their working place from the laws of protection of the working conditions. The workers' attempts to organize themselves are being stopped, and this is the common policy.

The conservative in Iran has seized power after they struck down the so-called reform friendly people of the national assembly. They are now planning more totalitarian actions and less freedom for the people. The brutal Islamic regime has become still more isolated and less influenced by reform friendly impulses. Among the workers and according to the public opinion, in addition to the international society, there are strong protests against the oppression, violation of the human rights and national rights like the freedom of speech, that are taking place in Iran. The oppression of minorities is particularly strong.

The social and political situation in Iran with the economical inflation which has struck the people and especially the workers, has impoverished the nation. This in addition to what is going on inside the government when it comes to rivaling and pressure from different groups. The result is that the Iranian people will not experience peace, safety and progress until this regime is overthrown. This is the common opinion of the people, and it adds to the strengthening of the workers' movement. The demands of justice and observance of human rights are the most important items in the fight of the people of Iran today.

Wide self organizing and establishment of independent organizations of workers is not only important and conclusive in this struggle, but it expresses the great need of demanding radical changes. The people's wish for changing the social and economic situation of today, the fight for full freedom, the women's liberation, the end of national oppression of minorities, the acknowledgement of the rights and needs of the young, and most importantly the fight for democracy and religious freedom in addition to a secular (non-religious) government, are all important items.

There are no doubts about what the main reason is when it comes to why the wishes of the people are so weakly positioned politically, namely the lack of a democratic and liberal alternative to what the government of Iran represents today. To create a broad alliance in favour of democracy is important for workers and socialists in Iran. The activists of the 1st of May demonstration should therefore focus on these items. They are extremely important and decisive for the people of Iran.

The workers movement on the basis of the international society stands strong, and is organized against reductions made by the capitalists. It is also strongly supported by anti dictatorial movements. The struggle for democracy and secular (not-religious) government is the foremost demand of the mass movements of Iran. It is necessary that

leadership of the pioneers of the workers' fight of Iran, and we have to strengthen the international solidarity of the workers. It is obvious that this movement of the people will be strengthened when we are taking steps towards stronger solidarity.

Workers from Kurdistan are among the minorities who are most exposed to oppression of the Iranian regime. The workers are living under extreme conditions, some of them as internal refugees. Some of them have only seasonal work, or they are working in small businesses which are granted exemption from the laws of protection of the working conditions. These are factors which have a dividing effect upon the solidarity of the Iranian and the Kurdish workers.

The people of Kurdistan is today actively involved in the radical movement of the people, and the fight is getting stronger. This is a situation which the Kurdish activists should make the most of, to be able to make the workers organize themselves at both small and large places of employment. In this way the class struggle and the people's fight for autonomy will be strengthened, and the active participation in the Kurdish fight for freedom will increase.

Long live the international solidarity among the workers!

Long live the independent organizations of the workers!

Down with the Iranian Islamic regime!

Long live freedom!

Long live Socialism!

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