Special issue about the struggles of "haft Tapeh" Workers

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Strongly condemn the arrest of the representaive of Haftapeh Sugarcane Syndicate

On Sunday, 18th November, 2018, in the ongoing protests of the workers of The Haft Tappeh Sugarcane cultivation and industry, in the streets of Susa (Shoush) city, and in front of the governor, the police force & riot squad, arrested Ismail Bakhshi, Moslem Armand - the two representatives of workers, and a female reporter, named Sepideh Gholian.

Following these arrests, and according to the Haft Tappeh Telegram channel, the other arrestees and detainees are: Poya Bashmeh, Saeed Mansouri, Jalil Ahmadi, Azim Sorkheh, Mehdi Davoudi, Saeed Alkasir, Alizadeh, Omid Azadi, Seyed Hassan Fazeli, Samir Ahmadi, Engimeer Salamat Nia, Emad Kasir, Mahmoud Sadi, Mohammad Khanifer, Khaled Tamimi, and Iman Akhzari.

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

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Today is the fifteenth day of worker’s strike, and it is the seventh continuous day that they have taken their protests to the streets of Susa, and in front of the Governor office.

The Haft Tappeh Sugarcane workers ‘strike, with strong leadership and extensive organizing, whilst expressing their demands by shouting out loudly, **Bread, Job, freedom, and council controlling**, it has a great influence in the labor movement and other social movements in Iran.

Ismail Bakhshi, has played a significant role, as a genuine and true representative, courageous, and conscious of the working class in directing and organizing these protests and strikes. His influence of authority in agitating, and its mass influence as a practical representative of labor movement, has gained him the trusts of the fellow workers.

The most important and interesting parts of his speech, are his attacks on the slavery capitalist system, privatizations, and defending the establishment of council formations, which has made him prominent as the real and independent workers’ representative, and popular figure among his co-class, and other social movements.

It’s quite clear, that these movements, which expand every day, will crush the Islamic capitalist system, and will shake the chaffy foundation of the regime, which will not be able to resist its ongoing groundswell of protest.

There is only one option left for the Islamic Republic, which as usual, resorts to the suppression of these movements, arrest, and the imprisonment of the real and practical independent representatives of the workers on streets and in the heart of sit-ins, and in factory protests…

Bakhshi’s agitating speech and other progressive workers of this movement, will be recorded as a prominent historic event in the history of this labor movement. The political movement that Ismail Bakhshi represents demonstrates class bravery and courage, that has cultivated such representatives in its being, and it helps to have no fear of the regime more and more, and the workers come to the streets and join the movement with the utmost courage.

Another strong point of the strike of the Haft Tappeh sugarcane workers was that it had the support of workers’ families, especially the presence of women and children. In fact, the women’s role in this movement, and their support and speech for the male workers was quite outstanding, which is the sign of the growth of the strike.

Now that he Iranian society is on the verge of events, changes, and upheavals, with street protests in most parts of the country, the ground is conductive for the organizing of the movements, especially...
the labor movements. Therefore, the conscious workers are openly educating, by information circulated, that their co-working class, are now without fear of suppression by the brutal Islamic Republic, and are encouraging all affected parties, to continue to protest and resist.

Today, these workers ‘strikes, with their true and fearless leadership in society, are openly and practically warning the government, employers and the mercenaries of the capital, and they have set a dateline, as the decisive part, which with the joining and supporting the protests of other social movements, they have the potential to become a movement that bring more strikes and protests every day. In other words, the victory of the general and street protests depends on the active participation of the labor movement and the workers’ strikes.

This is the second time that Ismail Bakhshi has been subjected to beatings, threats and arrest. The arrest of Ismail Bakhshi, Mohsen Armand, and the female journalist, Sepideh Gholiyan and dozens of other Sugarcane workers will not be able to stop the workers ‘struggle. Ismail Bakhshi and his imprisoned comrades will be supported by their co-class workers and by the International supports, and they will pressure the regime to free these loved ones as soon as possible.

The Solidarity committees of the Iranian worker movement –abroad, strongly condemn the arrest of Ismail Bakhshi, Mohsen Armand, and the female journalist, and the dozens of other workers and freedom fighter teachers by the capital mercenaries, and defend and support the righteous strikes of the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane workers in Susa, and the Ahwaz National steel Group, and demand the release of all of those arrested and imprisoned workers and other political prisoners in Iran, and believe that with unity and solidarity of the working class, and the popular forces, together, we can overcome the ruling regime and achieve victory.

Free imprisoned workers and all political prisoners!

Down with the capitalist Islamic Regime!

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19th November, 2018

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Statement by the Haft Tapeh Sugarcane Workers Syndicate:

if the detained workers are not released;
there won’t be any Negotiations!

The HaftTapeh Sugarcane Workers Syndicate: Workers 'representatives, as well as the Workers' Rights Defender, Sepideh Gholiyan, are in custody.

The protests of you, the workers of the HaftTapeh have been able to gain support of the other workers and the toilers, noble and aware people. Therefore, the slogan of the imprisoned Workers must be released, should continue to be the main part of our demands until the release of the workers.

The precondition of any negotiation of workers with government representatives is that the detained workers' representatives should be released immediately. As long as the representatives of the HaftTapeh workers are detained, they will not be any negotiation.

There are no negotiations while our representatives in prison. Some of those who are negotiators are now in jail, they must engage in negotiations, therefore our representatives must be freed, before any negotiation could take place.

Even if they pay back back pays, the negotiation will take place after the release and return to work of our prisoner's comrades.

Nov 02 2018

Sugar Cane Haft Tapeh Union: Be alert!

Why some of the authorities censor our main demand in terms of privatization?

Dear Colleagues,

Our town’s representative in a letter to the authorities in Teheran and in his speech in the parliament didn’t articulate our main demand in terms of privatization. Pay attention: He demanded just paying our delayed payment and bring the company under the cover of Support Bankrupt’s Industries. This is not our demand!!
This is our demand: First of all, we want that our company get back to the public sector. We don’t want that our company goes under the Support of Bankrupt’s Industries in order that the company stays in the private sector and the government pays the debt and the winner is again the private sector. As a result, we would stay again under the private sector, while they plunder our properties. This suggestion helps the escapee’s owner that they pay their debts by the public sector and then returns and plunder us again. This suggestion that the company which is now under the private sector goes to Support of Bankrupt’s Industries does not help us, it helps to the private sector. So they let the company first go under the public sector and then bring it under the Support of Bankrupt’s Industries.

We, the workers of the Sugar Cane Company, know what we should prevent the bankruptcy. The worker’s representatives are able not only to pay the debts of the company, but also to bring the company to the beneficence.

The point is that we don’t want that the company stays in the hand of the private sector. The company is our public property. Even if Mr. Rostami and Mr. Asadbaygi (directors of the company) hadn’t escape we do not want them.

Slogan: **No to privatization!**

The company belonged to our past generation and it will belong to the future generation. Why should we give the company to the private sector for free?

We want to be the owner of our company or the public sector gets the ownership and we supervise it. We don’t just want to pay our 3 months delay wages. Our main demand is that the company gets back from the private sector to the public sector.

We are not terrorists. We are the workers of Sugar Cane Haft Tapeh. We want our legal, labour’s demands, our basic human rights. We are not danger to the national security. Those people who are against us, they are against the natonal and international security.

**These are our main demands:** **First:** All of our imprisoned colleagues should be released from the prison without any conditions. **Second:** The company should get back from the private sector to the public sector.

We will continue our peaceful strikes and protests until we get our human and civil demands and as Ismail Bakhshi, one of our representatives, said:’’ none of the past strikes and protest events were so beautiful as our protests today’’. “We will continue patiently and tirelessly until we achieve our demands”.

Greetings to the Haft Tapeh’s workers who carry the name of Haft Tapeh with pride in Iran and around the world.

Free imprisoned workers!

No to privatization!

Nov. 21 2018
Calling for the support of detainees of the peaceful gathering of workers of the Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Complex.

Workers’ Syndicate Complex Workers, Workers and Independent Workers of Iran and the World!

As you know, today, three other detained workers on ongoing legal and peaceful gatherings of the Haft Tapeh workers were freed, but still one of the workers’ representatives, Mr. Ismail Bakhshi and Mrs. Sepideh Gholiyan, who participated in the peaceful gathering of workers and among the ranks of the people and Workers' families are in detention.

We wish to note that the strike, gathering, protesting and organizing are the obvious, legal and human rights of workers, and these are both guaranteed in the constitution and in international law, which the Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to observe. The Iranian government, which itself is a member of the World Labour Organization and annually reports to the organization about the suppression of labour and labour activists, is well aware that, according to ILO Conventions 98 and 87 of the ILO supports workers who create independent organizations and do not imprison and prosecute them.

The Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Workers Syndicate fully supports the strikes and protests of the Haft Tapeh Workers to obtain of arrears wages and other demands, as well as to restore the sugar cane complex from private sector to the public sector.

The Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Workers Syndicate, is asking all the workers and the Independent Workers' Organizations in Iran, the media and international labour organizations to support immediate and unconditional stopping the enforcement of the prosecution and asking for a complete closure and to be fully exonerated from accusations against the workers who have been released in recent days and ask for immediate release of our colleague, Ismail Bakshi, and also Mrs. Sepideh Gholiyan, who has been arrested for her sympathy with the workers.

The Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Workers Syndicate

The 23th Nov. 2018

A statement from a group of HaftTapeh sugar cane workers

In the name of beholder of Life and wisdom,

Dear colleagues in Sugarcane HaftTapeh, until today, when our strike continues peacefully, in front of the office of the management of HaftTapeh, and did not reach in any result, it's time to take our strike with our families in front of the governorate office of Susa (Shoush), and voice out for our rights to seek justice.
Dear colleagues, keep up the current critical phase of our alliance, as always, we must not listen to the warnings of some people who we all know that where they are heading, and their aim is that we do not take our protest out in streets. We are going to shout our demands peacefully, like Ahwaz Steel National Group Workers.

Maybe in the coming days, if we did not get proper respond from the authorities, we will take our strike at the governorate’s office, and join the brothers and the workers of the Ahwaz national group, and it will be on the day that we will see the union of the Khouzestani workers against the capitalist system.


**Slogan:** "Steel", "Haf Tappeh", Unity, Unity!

https://youtu.be/747CW8gMhT8

**Slogan:** "Steel", "Haft Tappe", Happy your Bond!

Brothers: we all know that no one can fulfill our rightful demands except our own efforts and exertions. we do not expect of Rohani and Jahangiri, who have relationship with the major shareholders.

And they’re the main cause of the situation, or from the Governorate and the security forces of the regime, wheret i Rouhani and Jahangiri are their bosses.

The reason why we have not got any answer, so far is that the government officials and the city, still have hope for the returning of shareholders who continue their robbery, and give them their share of the bounty.

At the appropriate time, we will report the violations of the provincial authorities and the members of the Susa (Shoush) council to Tehran, and if we do not get any respond, we will send them media.

Final word to President Hassan Rouhani: You and your government, in the past few years, have made situations worse for the workers, whom already were poor and weak.
Will the president sleep peacefully at night?

Mr. President Have you looked your government work result, which put the workers all over of Iran in the worst place possible?

How long the dominoes of the factory bankruptcy that have been launched, will continues?

Arj Factory, Azemayesh Factory, Drug Factory, Hepko Factory, Varamin Sugar Factory, Textile Factory, and hundreds more Small and larg Factories and Workshops!

A group of workers of HaftTapeh sugar cane

Some Videos about activities of the women workers:

The active participation of women workers in the Haft Tapeh Workers' Protest and Strikes November 2018

https://youtu.be/DMp0Lw0CKkc

The speech by of one of the female workers of the Hattapeh sugar cane, who determined the strike as a great victory!

https://youtu.be/7teP4zbK6IE

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kE-aXT9CYM

The remarks of one of the female workers of the Haft Tape sugar cane in the demonstration of cane workers November 18, 1997

(A part of the talk):

The governor and the authorities are sitting and saying that we will solve your problems. Are there any workers' representatives sitting with you?, Do you want to solve our problem? Do you know what hunger means? Let me take a look at the same Haft Tappeh cooperative company, which is made up of our money. We are shareholders. Now that the employer has deducted from our money, says go and get cheap Goods. Cheap Goods are the expired goods of their consumption date...

(A part of the talk):

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The voice of the workers of the Haft Tappeh is heard the whole world, but it did not get the attention of the governor, the mayor, the governor and the caretaker authorities, who, whenever there are elections, they came to us quickly!

We need Haft Tappeh. It is Our right to take our company back to our city, to all workers, teachers, students and those who have help for the survival of of Haft Tappeh!

No to violence, No to thieves! We are the Haft Tappeh worker, we are hungry, we are hungry November 18th. 2018
Between two rights, it is the worker's right
Why should a worker be forced to work? What is the total wages of fourteen months? I am a retired teacher and it's the same among my colleagues. As a teacher, I am going to call my other teacher colleagues to support the workers, because our pain is the same!
Worker, Teacher, Unite! Unite!

Lecture by a female worker, following the protest rally and strike of Haftepeh sugar cane workers against the governor of Susa/Shoush!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV7RdAsf1RE

The words of one of the women workers on the streets of Shosh and inviting families to join the workers 'protest!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNMQNZd4JaY

We strongly condemn the arrest of the workers of the Haft Tape sugar cane industry and demand the immediate and unconditional release of the detainees. On the sixth day of the workers' protests against the governorate, all representatives of the workers and several other leading workers including a journalist were arrested. According to later news, all except Ismail Bakhshi, Moslem Armands, Mohammad Khanifar, Seyyed Hassan Fazeli, and a journalist were released in less than 48 hours.

The workers of the Haft Tape Sugar Crop Industry and Industry Corporation have been on strike this year in protest of non-payment of their wages. It's been fifteen days since the new round of strikes, and a week of street protest of Susa and the governorate has been staged. The main demands of the workers in the recent round of their strike, to end privatization and pay the workers' wages. But so far, no attention has been paid to the demands of the workers. The people of the region and many other sectors of the population have expressed their support for their demands in solidarity with the workers.

Despite the arrests, the workers rightly did not retreat from their demands, continuing their strike, they have been protesting at the office of the Auditory in Susa, the continued persistence of labor protests will certainly be very effective in releasing the detainees and attaining their demands.

The Syndicate of Workers of the Bus Company of Tehran and Suburbs strongly condemns the arrest of the workers of the Haft Tape sugar cane industry, and declares its solidarity with the strikers. We
call on the working class throughout the country to support the workers of the Haft Tape Sugar Crop Industry in any possible way. The representatives of the workers and other detained workers should be released immediately and unconditionally, and the demands of the workers be immediately implemented.

Syndicate of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Drivers

November 20, 2018

The arrest of the Workers’ Representatives of Haft Tapeh Sugar Company is another step towards the suppression and dissolution of independent labor organizations

According to the Haft Tapeh Sugarcane Workers Syndicate, "All members of the Workers Representatives of Haft Tapeh Sugar Company and several workers were arrested".

The name and quality of detainees are as follows.


This criminal act of the military and law enforcement agencies and the ruling judiciary reflects the will of the capitalists and their supportive government to break independent labor organizations and bring workers to the knees in their fight for their fair economic and political demands. Haft Tapeh workers demand immediate payment of unpaid wages and benefits, demand the lifting of the privatization of the Haft Tape Sugar Crop Company and also want to participate in the management of this large agro-industrial complex. The detention of Haft Tapeh workers 'representatives' is the continuation of the raids that the government has launched over the past years in arresting and suppressing the Haft Tape sugar cane labor activists. In addition to the employer and the oppressive government, some of the right wing and reformist elements of the workers' movement also endorsed these anti-worker raids, committing themselves as oppressors. Just as some right-wing elements, in line with the government's agents and intelligence apparatus in Tehran, tried to dissolve the Bus
Company's Syndicate by announcing a false general assembly aiming to liquidate the genuine Bus Company’s Syndicate.

We strongly condemn the arrest of the representatives of the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane Workers and call for their immediate and unconditional release and the release of all workers, teachers and labor activists detained. We strongly believe that the free trade union and party activism, the right to create and operate free labor organizations for workers and by themselves, are a vital need such as air, water, food and housing. If workers do not want to merely be the tools to the employer's interests and desires, which they can throw out at any time, if workers want to be free and enjoy a better life for themselves and their families, it is necessary to participate in political struggle to achieve their economic political rights and to advance all their efforts in a determined struggle to manage their work conditions and the society as a whole.

Free the prisoner workers and political prisoners!

Long live independent labor organizations!

Flourish the political struggle of workers against the rule of capitalism!

Petrochemical workers of Mahshahr region and Bandar Imam
A group of Tehran-Karaj workers South Pars project workers
Workers activists Shush and Andimeshk South labor activists

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November 28, 1397

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Thanks to the protest of Haft Tapeh Workers, the detainees families, workers of other companies, teachers and intellectuals. A number of of Haft Tapeh arrested workers – and not all of them, so far as we know- have been released.

Statement by the Union for the Coordination of Drivers throughout the country about the Haft Tapeh sugar cane workers

Date: November 30, 1397

We, the members of the National Coordinator of Motor Vehicles throughout the country, hereby express our solidarity and support to the hard-working workers of the Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane, who expressed their demands for protest and continuation of their gatherings.
Signatories to this statement:
1- Association of Taxiers of Mazandaran
2- Association of Guards of Qom
3- Association of Drivers of Yazd Dump Truckers
4- The Bandar Abbas Motorists and Truckers Association
5. Iran Transit Transport Union
6. A group of Iranian transit drivers
7. Urban Transport of Tehran and Suburbs
8. Syndicate of Rental Drivers in Tabriz
9. Association of Drivers Leasing Gas Company
10. A group of lawyers in Tehran and Karaj
11. Qazvin Fire Station
12. Drivers of heavy machinery in Arak mine
13. Association for the Protection of Yasuj Drivers
14. Shush and suburban fire fighting unit
15. Driving School Driving School
16. Shiraz Agricultural Machinery Union

**Text:** We the workers of Hepco Arak Company Support the Haft Tappeh sugar cane workers, And the Ahwaz Steel National Group
Support from the workers of the "Pars Paper Industry Group" for the workers of the "Haft Tappeh Sugar Crop Industry and Industry Co."

Text: Haft Tappe colleagues, we are all together
"Pars Paper Industry Group"

Text: I am also a Haft Tappeian
A few video clips:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRQwLiuSOyM
https://ir.voanews.com/a/iran-labors-rights/4665975.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3lKdv_uEq8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPtGxNmoXGI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YseJCpA0bjY
https://ir.voanews.com/a/iran-labor-protest/4663467.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRQwLiuSOyM
https://ir.voanews.com/a/iran-labor-protest/4663467.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfcuYos8iE&feature=youtu.be
https://ir.voanews.com/a/iran-labor-protest/4663467.html
https://www.aparat.com/v/7Khz4/

Toufan TV in support of Ismail Bakhshi and Sepideh Gholian

Tuesday 6 December from 21 to 23 hours in Tehran Time

Gozareshtar appeal

With all our strength, alongside the workers of Iran, together, we will not be beaten.

Detain, imprisonment and torture of the representatives of the workers, was the response of the authorities of the Islamic Republic to the outcry for the rights of thousands of workers and their
families. Based on recent reports, some of the representatives of the Haf Tappeh Syndicate have been arrested and they have been imprisoned, so that the private sector and the relative of the ruling class with the support of the security forces, and the suppression of the Islamic Republic fulfill their profitable intentions, exacerbate exploitation, and making the empty table of workers and their families more depleted.

In parallel with the protest of the Haft Tappeh workers in Susa city, the workers of the National Steel Group of Ahwaz city, rallied also, demonstrating that the injustice, the plunder, the looting of profiteers will not end only on The Haft Tappeh Sugarcaes, Hepco of Arak, and the widespread section of society, but as the students of the Tehran University cried out: “from Haft Tappeh to Tehran – tomorrow all of Iran”, will participate in the general uprising against the oppression and tyranny.

Undoubtedly, the massive, widespread protests are on the way, and the time has arrived that to launch a national campaign of protests and condemning the suppression of the righteous protest of the workers and toilers, and demand the unconditional release of those arrested, and to give an appropriate respond to the criminal Islamic regime.

The recent protests by the workers of Hepco in Arak, Sugarcane of Haft Tappeh, and Steel of Ahwaz, have clearly demonstrated that those who have lined up against the oppressed and starving workers and their families, are the military forces, especial squads maintaining repression and the judiciary organizations of the Islamic Regime.

Also, these events indicate that the only way to the emancipation of the yoke of tyranny ruling for the oppressed and disadvantaged, is solidarity, unity and organization. The workers of The Haft Tappeh sugarcane put this into practice by retaining the general support for their syndicate.

We, political, social and cultural activists, whilst strongly condemning the brutal acts of the ruling class against the Iranian workers; we declare, that we are alongside the workers, teachers and students, and are consciously committed to our promise.

We appeal to all organizations that are supporting the workers’ rights and human rights in our country, to condemn the ruthless suppression of the ruling class against the workers, and act diligently for the release of all of the imprisoned labor activists, teachers, students and political prisoners and prisoners of conscience.

Gozareshgaran 21/11/2018

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Representatives of the striking workers of the Haft Tape Sugar Cane Industry were arrested and sent to an unknown location today. As of this time, no information is available about their whereabouts. Names of the arrested workers include: Esmail Bakhshi, Moslem Armand, Pouya Bashmeh, Saeed Mansouri, Jalil Ahmadi, Azim Sorkheh, Mehdi Davoodi, Saeed Alkasir, Alizadeh, Omid Azadi, Seyed Hassan Fazeli, Samir Ahmadi, Salamat Nia, Emad Kasir, Mahmoud Saadi, Mohamma Khanifar and Khaled Tamimi. A reporter was also arrested today. Her name is Sepideh Gholian.

Immediately after the arrest of these worker representatives, their lawyer reached us to the Public Prosecutor office of the city of Susa/Shoush, but the Prosecutor reported that he had not yet received a report on the source and reason for the arrest of these workers.

Workers’ organizations in Iran including the Syndicate of Workers of Haft Tapeh Sugarcane Company have strongly condemned the use of security forces against the striking workers of the Haft-Tape sugar cane company and the arrest and beatings of workers and demand the immediate and unconditional release of all detained workers.

The recent wave of strike by the Haft Tapeh sugar cane workers, which is now entering its fifteenth day, has been against the privatization and breakdown of the company, corruption by the management of the company, and the non-payment of workers' wages and benefits. Instead of resorting to persecuting workers, the government and government officials ought to be accountable for their anti-worker policies, including severe blows to the Haft Tapeh sugarcane industry, which has devastated the working and living conditions of thousands of working-class families.
Workers have been protesting on the street of the City of Shoush for the past 6 days. Striking workers have vowed that these repressive measures will not deter their will and determination (see the tweets below).

Please send strong protest letters to the Iranian government authorities, demanding the immediate and unconditional release of all arrested workers.

**International Alliance in Support of Workers in Iran (IASWI)**

**November 18, 2018**

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https://twitter.com/IASWIinfo/status/1063096751450599425

https://twitter.com/IASWIinfo/status/1062874037439721473

https://twitter.com/IASWIinfo/status/963316374306254848


**PLEASE SEND** protest letters to the electronic addresses below: Please also send them via the Iranian diplomatic representatives accredited to your country, if there is an Iranian diplomatic mission in your country. Although Iranian embassies’ addresses change frequently, please see the link below which might help: [https://www.embassypages.com/iran](https://www.embassypages.com/iran)

- Leader of the Islamic Republic
  Ayatollah Sayed ‘Ali Khamenei
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- President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
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  Twitter: @HassanRouhani (English) and @Rouhani_ir (Persian)

- The Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran – High Council of Human Rights
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Support of the Haft Tape Sugar Factory Workers Syndicate for
Tehran Bus Drivers syndicate

Now it has been vivid clear and open some agents of anti-labour movement have been planning provocations and disturbance against Tehran Bus syndicate. The anti-labor policies of these people have failed in Susa (Soush), but people in the company have done activities in the past few months with a predetermined schedule.

People such as Saeed Torabian, Hassan Mirzaei and Abbas Bakhshesh, on the basis of evidence published by the syndicate of the company, with the support of the security, the Islamic Council and the management of the company, have called for a general assembly of the syndicate.

As the security and other anti-labor have failed to do anything to undermine the independent organization of the workers, they have now began a new plot in order to undermine the ever rising movement of Iranian workers.

The project is aimed at holding the general assembly and elections, the destruction of an independent organization - independent of the employer to the creation of a puppet organization under shadow of security forces. The target organization is eventually organized to contain the protests of the workers - especially in the current situation - and appeasement with the employer and the financiers.

The Haft Tapeh Sugar Syndicate condemns this anti-worker plot and, based on class duty, continues to see itself as a single syndicate.

We believe that this conspiracy will lead to failure by the unity and solidarity of the workers and the true activists of the workers 'movement, as the activists of the former workers' movement in the past,
in connection with the establishment of independent labor organizations, the financial independence of the working class, and other matters with the victory of the struggle To this day.

Long live the unity and solidarity of the workers

Syndicate of “Haft tape” (Susa) Cane Sugar Workers
November 06, 2018

Message of Solidarity of Unions of Canada Unifor
with over 300,000 members

To: November 24 Iranians in Vancouver in support of the Iranian Labor Movement

Subject: Struggle of workers of Haft Tapeh Company in Khuzestan province, Iran

Friends!

The Union of Unifor, as a union of all workers for their rights, and the struggle for equality and social justice for progressive change and for a better life in Canada and outside Canada. We support the strikers of the Haft Tapeh Sugar Cane, as well as their demand from the government of Iran to respect for labor rights, ending the violence and crackdown on union activists and the release of labor activists detained on November 18, 2018.

We all are aware of the increased attacks on human rights defenders and labor activists, who are struggling to realize the rights of workers and social justice in many countries, in particular the unceasing attacks on Iranian union labor activists and the threatening conditions imposed on them by a regime that totally ignores human rights and labor rights in Iran.

The Iranian regime must stop the attack on activists and workers who fight for freedom and equality. Having decent working conditions, freedom of association and a fair negotiation, and

Slogan: We stand to the end! Free thief, prisoner worker!

the right to strike without any intimidation, threats and violence, are the workers' rights.
Unifor, as the largest Canadian trade union, calls on the Iranian government to respect international labor laws, to stop the attack on labor activists, and release political prisoners who are detained in support of workers and their families.

We joined many international unions such as IndustriAll, UNI, ITF and many others to condemn the brutal threat of Iranian labor activists, and we express solidarity with the Iranian workers' movement.

In Solidarity

Mohammad Alsadi

Secretary of the International Section and Social Justice Aid – Unifor

Nov 22, 2018

Note: This message follows the pursuit of Ehsan Sabet, a member of this union and a member of the "Defense of the Revolutionary People's Movement of Iran-Vancouver" campaigners.

Following the request and coordination of the “new voice” of the Australian Union of Workers of Construction, Forestry, Mines, Ports, Shipping and Energy at the General Assembly of Workers' Deputies, they supported Iranian workers, especially the workers of Ahwaz and Haft Tappeh.

Esmail Bakhshi     Sepideh Gholiyan
Dedicated to Ishmail and all the workers

Neda Shah Heydar:

The hero is your small name
In the middle of the dead
Freedom is loose from your larynx
As your name suggests Haft Tappe,
has taken on the word revenge
Let’s have a letter to the night
Over flowing with the excitement of words
It is full of fresh and new foundations
Which is your favorite family?
From which desert you crossed?
And what kind of thinking is the lost heart
That’s what you believe in us.

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I still believe in the flood of human desires
Still honestly rubbing from believing a name
Still nothing to be lost for everyone
Still getting fertilized, it was a rising boom
Still all so no

It’s a great way, but still the hero is your small name ....

Haft Tapeh sugar cane workers syndicate
Monday 19 November 2018
The Union Representative of the Workers of the Sugarcane Plantation and Haft Tapeh Sugarcraft, Esmail Bakhshi was captured and arrested together with 20 other workers by the Iranian security service on November 18, 2018.

After massive domestic and international protests, the detainees were set free, but the union leader Esmail Bakhshi and the journalist Sepideh Gholiyan remained in custody. The two detainees have now been taken into prison in the city of Ahvaz and are accused of crimes against the security of the country.

According to the State Iranian News Agency (ILNA) quoting the prisoners' lawyer Farzaneh Zilabi, they are now accused for breaching national security, which unable her to represent them in a court of law. The information about the arrested people is scarce and we fear for their lives.

On November 5, the workers started a new round of strikes and demonstrations at Haft Tapeh, a giant factory with five thousand workers in the city of Susa/Shush situated in western part of Iran. For almost two years, they have been struggling to get their wages paid by Haft Tapeh company, that is now being accused by the International Food Union for not having paid out four months’ salary.

The peaceful protests of the workers have been met by repression and arrests. They have been routinely harassed, dismissed and subjected to constant monitoring of the regime's security forces. Esmail Bakhshi has been arrested and abused on several occasions before, but now the charges against him seem to be of an alarming character.

Sepideh Gholiyan, a women's rights activist and journalist who came to Shush to profile the workers' struggle is also being accused of violating the national security. Iranian security service has searched and confiscated material from her home and she has only had the opportunity to make a short phone call to her family. She also has Previously been arrested for her articles about the struggle of workers in southern Iran.
Sugarcane workers' strike is now entering its 23rd day, and the trade union has decided not to negotiate with any party before all detainees are set free.

International support and solidarity are very important for the Sugarcane workers' struggle. Those arrested will not get any fair trial. Many international unions and organizations such as French CGT, CDFT, FSU, UNSA, SOLIDAIRES, International Trade Organization IUL, Danish Enhedslisten, etc. have expressed their support for Haft Tapeh's workers.

We urge all trade unions, political parties and organizations to express their support for the workers in Haft Tapeh, demanding an unconditional release of Esmail Bakhshi and Sepideh Ghaliyan.

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**last News:**

From: Th. 29, Nov. 2018

Resistance to Ismail Bakhshi, despite the torture and transfer to the hospital, and the defense of the demands of the workers of the Haft Tappeh!

According to reports, security forces have been beaten and tortured severely after being arrested by Ismail, who has been severely hit by the head and face, with his face bruised and swollen. The agents have inflicted severe blows on Ismail's body, and it has come to the notice that Ismail has suffered a severe bleeding of the stomach so that the security forces transferred him to one of the security hospitals. Ismail is likely to be in part of the Sepah hospital in Ahwaz. After this incident and after admission, there is no news from Ismail, and it seems that he has again been subjected to interrogation and torture, and until this moment there is no information about his fate.

It has come to the notice that security forces have been struggling with torture and physical and psychological abuse in order to confront the protests of the Haft-Tapeh workers and in order to intimidate and suppress the workers' representatives, in order to impose on them the security charges
that Ismail himself has chosen. Ismail Bakhshi resisted this conspiracy and torture of the security forces and refused to accept them, and despite the pressures and injuries he faced, he firmly defended the rightful demand for the workers of the Haft Tappe.

**Ali Nejati and Ismail Bakhshi must be released!**

Reza Shahabi wrote in a tweet about the detention of Ali Nejati:

"This morning, at 10:30 am on Thursday morning, 10 security personnel and two police carriers came to the house of Mr. Ali Nejati. Mr. Ali Nejati, the board of directors of the Haft Tape Syndicate was beaten up, and taken away with his son and his guests, Mr. Majid Rawai. Family of Ali Nejati is worried about the workers' activist for his health. Due to lack of heart surgery, beatings and prison conditions, his health is compromised. Ali Nejati should be released. The supporters of the labor movement will help."

Following the onslaught of security forces this morning at the house of Ali Nejati and his arrest, and Peyman Nejati (his son) and Mr. Majid Rawai (his guest), Hours ago, after interrogation of the the son and guest. The named persons were released on bail.

And Ali Nejati was transferred to an unknown location. It should be noted that some of Mr. Rawai's belongings were taken by the security apparatus.

Considering the history of heart attack # Ali-Najati and his assault on arrest, it is necessary to consider the appropriate arrangements for him.