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PROTEST GATHERINGS OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND STEEL



Today, November 19, social security and steel retirees gathered, protested and marched like every Sunday. These retirees are protesting their poverty and the low level of their income and they are pursuing their demands. Gatherings of social security retirees were held in the cities of Kermanshah, Shush, Arak, and Ahvaz, and gatherings of steel retirees were held in Isfahan and Tehran.

In their protest gatherings today, pensioners chanted slogans such as “the cost of inflation is the people’s lives”, “pensioners, shout for your rights!”, “we want livelihood and treatment Now!”, and “they robbed the social security fund and made us miserable”. The pensioners expressed their protest and anger against poverty, and authorities’ theft and embezzlement. The retirees also challenged government departments with their protest slogans and emphasized on the unity of working and retired workers and different sections of retirees.

National and social security retirees have called for a large nationwide rally in front of the Ministry of Labor in Tehran on November 21. Retired people are the voice of protest of the whole society with their protests and with the cry of working and retired workers’ unity, and we should widely support their protests.

Four organizations and labor groups of the Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Workers Union, the Retirees’ Union Group, the Coordinating Committee to Help Establish Labor Organizations and Retired Workers of Khuzestan, supported the protests of oil workers and various labor sectors and retirees in a message and demanded that that the monthly salaries should be increased several times.

Hamas and Netanyahu must be tried for war crimes

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Toomaj Salehi was released from prison

Iranian activist rapper Toomaj Salehi was released from Isfahan prison on bail after a year and 21 days of unjust imprisonment.



Toomaj was the voice of people's anger and protest. They arrested him, tortured him, but in the end they were forced to release him on bail.

We congratulate Toomaj, his family and all those - in Iran and internationally - who fought for his release.

PROTEST GATHERINGS OF EMPLOYED AND RETIRED OIL WORKERS

Today, November 19, a large number of employed and retired oil workers from companies in southern oil-rich regions gathered in Ahvaz city to pursue their demands. In this large protest gathering, the workers clapped and chanted their protest slogans against poverty and the worsening of their living conditions and against embezzlements and thefts by the officials and the government’s livelihood attacks.

In this regard, today the formal workers of Aghajari Oil and Gas Exploitation Company as well as the official workers of the Falat E Ghareh Company gathered in Siri Island.

The complete removal of the salary ceiling, the removal of the limitation of retirement benefits, the return of excess tax deductions, and no theft from the pension fund of oil workers are among the urgent demands of these workers. In this large gathering, the workers announced their solidarity with other sections of the retirees by shouting “Employed and Retired Unite!” and by this slogan raised the banner of working class unity at the national level.

Protests in oil industry are widespread in Iran these days. These workers should be widely supported.

