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- **Protests at Boushehr Nuclear Power Station**

In protest to dismissal of 25 co-workers, workers at Boushehr Nuclear Power Station have protested and gathered at city's House of Labour. Protesters demanded reinstatement of sacked workers. Managers are planning dismissal of 28 more workers, and at the same time promising sacked workers short term employment in service companies. They also promised rapid solution to problems.

- **Samico Workers March**

On April 7th workers of Samico Sanaat plant in city of Hamadun marched on the streets in protest to closure of the plant and loss of their jobs. While chanting "Death to cause of unemployment" and "Death or work" the workers gathered in front of the city's labour office and demanded immediate response to their problems. The plant has been closed for the last 2 years while the situation of all workers is still unclear.

- **Meat Plant Workers Protest**

On April 9th workers at Fars Meat plant picketed in front of this plant protesting against closure and dismissal of all workers. The plant has been closed on the pretext of loss making and all workers have been dismissed.

- **Sacked Workers Picket**

Zaman electronics plant in city of Mashhad has dismissed 140 workers with long seniority. Sacked workers picketed the labour office of Khorasun state on April 11th demanding clarification of their situation. It seems 60 more workers are going to be dismissed in short time.

- **Manucipal Wokkers Protest**

City of Ilam municipal workers protested on April 6th to negotiate with the City. Workers picketed the city hall demanding re-employment and renegotiation of their contracts. The workers have worked for at least 4 to 7 years without any permanent bargaining.

Short News from Iran:

- Ban-Iran audio equipment manufacturing plant has been closed since March 10th and all the 54 workers have lost their jobs. Workers have been picketing in front of city's labour office to complain against the managers and demand re-employment.
- After a hard winter, more than 230 plants in the state of Gilan have been damaged and had to stop due production. As a result, hundreds workers have lost their jobs. Only 4,700 of those workers are covered by the unemployment insurance. They would get an equivalent of 80% of their final wage up to 18 months.
- Owners of copper mine of Zari near the city of Birjand have again dismissed a number of miners. This time more than 70 miners have lost their jobs. This resulted in miners' action. On this occasion ministry of social affair has promised a quick response to the miners' demands.
- On April 5th a 17 years old worker lost his life. Cause of death was explosion of gas container of welding equipment. The tragedy happened in city of Semnun.

- An explosion at Fibre Glass plant injured 23 workers. The explosion was so strong that several buildings were damaged. The exact number of injured and maybe dead workers is still unknown.