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### **Sazmaye Workers Protest**

Workers of Sazmaye Brick Factory blocked the Varamin road on 17<sup>th</sup> August in one hour to protest against non-payment of 6 months. Afterwards workers marched towards the government office. The same workers had picketed the Iranian Parliament on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Workers Protest at Oroumiye Brick plant**

30 contracted workers at Oroumiye Brick plant, who were sacked by the owner, had picketed in front of the Labor offices on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Most of these workers have long working experience.

### **Workers Strike at Takab Nirou**

Workers at Takab Nirou have gone on strike since August 16<sup>th</sup>. The action is in protest to the owner's decision to sell shares to workers.

### **Shahou Workers on Picket Line**

Workers at Shahou plant in city of Sanandaj protested non-payment of 5 months delayed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The action, like several times before, took place in front of the government office. The plant is still closed and workers are still on strike.

### **Poushinbaft Workers on Picket Line**

On August 18<sup>th</sup> workers at Poushinbaft clothing company picketed in front of Ghazvin county offices to protest 4 months delayed wages and other benefits. In the past almost 2 years these workers have been paid partially and since 4 months ago the workers have not been paid.

### **Ghadir Workers Protest**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 300 workers at Ghadir chemical plant took protest action against 4 months unpaid wages and other benefits. The action was timed to take place while Iran's newly "elected" president Ahmadinejad was visiting the city of Oslaviye.

### **Nakhnaz Workers Protest**

On August 28<sup>th</sup> thousands of workers at Naznakh plant in city of Ghazvin picketed in front of the presidential offices demanding 4 months delayed wages and other benefits. In the past almost 2 years these workers have been paid partially and nothing for the past 4 months.

### **Sacked Workers at Persigas sit-down strike**

Workers at Persigas are still continuing their sit-down strike at the plant one week after being sacked. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 85 workers at the plant were forcibly sacked. Now the number of the sacked workers has reached 200. Most of the sacked workers have company seniority up to 10 or 20 years. These workers are losing their jobs while the company is about to hire contract workers.

### **Free All Arrested Workers !**

On August 26<sup>th</sup> sacked workers and Mr. Borhan Divargar, a sacked worker and member of the Saghes Bakery workers union have been arrested and sent to prison. Borhan Divargar is a member of the "Committee for Establishing Trade Unions" and one of the 12 members of the founders of the "All

Iranian Unemployed Workers Union”, which has recently been established. Besides many youth have also been arrested during recent mass protests in different cities of Iranian Kordestan. Number of parties and organs have protested against these repressive measures and asked for the release of all arrested. On August 27<sup>th</sup> “Committee for Establishing Trade Unions” in a common communique has protested the arrest of Borhan Divargar and asked for his immediate release. But the Islamic regime has ignored all these efforts and is continuing its policy of terror and repression. This criminal regime should be pressed until all arrested have been released.