

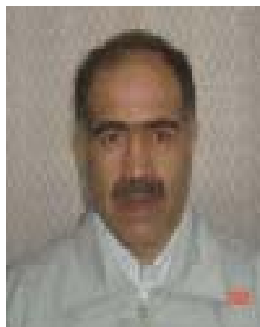
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Statement of the  
First World Festival  
of Dignified Rage in  
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Movement of Iran



**Free Anti-Capitalist  
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*This is a special issue of Against Wage-Labour. On December 22nd, 2008, Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri were arrested by Security Forces in Iran. These anti-wage-labour anti-capitalist worker activists are currently in Evin Prison for the crime of propogandizing against the Islamic Regime of Iran or in other words, for participating in an anti-capitalist struggle for a society without wage-slavery. As worker-activists they represent many workers who fight against capitalism and for their actions are repressed by capitalist governments. This issue of Against Wage-Labour highlights the current wave of pressure on worker activists in Iran and presents a few examples of the support they are receiving from workers in Iran.*

*We ask for any and all support from workers for these worker activists who are members of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization; their e-mail is: khbitkzs@gmail.com*

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We, the groups, organizations, collectives and individuals from different countries of the World which are participating in the First World Festival of Dignified Rage in Mexico City, in meetings discussing "oppression" are sending our solidarity to the men and women workers in Iran for better working conditions, more rights and the rights to freely organize. We condemn immensely the persecution of the activists of the independent workers' movement by the Islamic Republic of Iran; and demand the immediate release of the worker-activists Bijan Amiri, Mohsen Hakimi, Ibrahim Madadi, and Pedram Nasrullahi who have been arrested in the last few weeks and since then have disappeared.

All political prisoners must be released.

Mexico, December 28th, 2008

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# Message to the Workers of the First World Festival of Dignified Rage in Mexico



Workers!

What is happening in the existing world is a narrative of starvation, captivity, suffering, torture, bloodshed, contempt, and obscene acts on billions of wage-slavers. Many decades have passed by under the domination of the relation of buying and selling labour power, and the current world has been overwhelmed by capital. This situation reached its peak of impossibility of the continuation of life of inferior human beings within the hell of terror, bloodshed, starvation and tyranny. The annual social production that has been produced by the workers around the world reached to the sky. The annual average of such production annually passed 23,000 dollars for half the population of the world whereas the average livelihood of 2 billion workers and their household is not more than \$400 per year. During the last four decades the value of capital around the world has increased more than ten times. Simultaneously the number of unemployed persons

reached 1 billion around the world. For a long time now there have been many cutbacks of education, health care, and in general all previous achievements that workers struggled for, and this is accelerating every day. The level of the real wages is continuously decreasing, and the wave of attacks by capital onto our livelihood is increasing. The chief question here is 'what has to be done?' and the solution to such a catastrophe is where and how must it be sought out? There are different approaches from within and from without the international workers movement which consist of different answers including contradictory ones to such questions. From our perspective many answers to this question, which from our perspective as an anti capitalist movement of working class activists, often are not solutions rather on the contrary they are a dire prescription for sustaining the existing situation strengthening the base of power of the anti-human wage-slavery system. Some would say that there is a lack of

industrial development and an inadequate growth of investment and subsequently would suggest that the immense industrial accumulation in every society is a key factor for any decrease in unemployment, poverty, starvation, and for a better livelihood of human beings. Without a doubt, there is no need for any reasoning in this direction, it is only a deceit for workers; it is a path for the intensification of exploitation; it is way for more unemployment, starvation, and poverty. It is a direction that buries the inferior human beings into the brutal cemetery of capitalism. The problem for existing human beings is not about capital investment or the development of industrial accumulation rather it is the nature of the existence of the capitalist system. We are living in such an age that every cent of the immense accumulation of capital is a step towards more starvation, the deepening of poverty, increasing unemployment, more intense exploitation, and all various dimensions of miseries on earth. To

understand this, there is no need for any theory or theoreticians. For example, there are only 36 million people starving in the United States as well as deepening unemployment in Europe. Exploding unemployment and the deaths from starvation take place in the pole of regions with greater than 10% economic growth annually.

Syndicalists and trade union activists would discuss the struggle for better working conditions and livelihood of workers within the framework of capitalism. Trade unions for many years have confined the majority of the workers around the world to the framework of right reformist syndicalism and block any type of anti-capitalist struggle of the working class. Trade unions present the same direction, horizon, and approach to the working class that the capitalist system infuses into the minds of workers by its thinkers, representatives, and its protectors of the hell of stinking wage-slavery as a necessary way to perpetuate the capitalist system. Societies that are under the influence and at the centre of the biggest trade unions become the field of the brutal invasion of capital against the livelihood of working class lives. And trade unions everywhere collaborate and are accomplices with the owners of capital and its governments to impose all miseries of capital on the yoke of the working class and their livelihood. We recognize that the trade unions and the syndicalism movement moves within the direction of burying the anti-capitalist struggle of the working class and in

adopting such a reformist direction of the union the situation becomes deadly for the working class. Various groups from the past up until now have attempted to steer the workers movement into becoming a guerrilla force; an anti-regime meta-class; democracy-seekers, followers of the right of self determination, and "emancipators", and etcetera. The vast majority of these forces and groups, historically, came into existence and proclaimed themselves falsely and unrightfully in the name of left, workers movement, and proclaimed the ideals of emancipation of the worker masses. In the past, they imposed a kind of nationalistic and bourgeois anti-imperialism as the foundation of the struggle of that day and presented a form of governmental production and work of capitalist programming as the landscape for the struggle of the workers movement. The remains of these forces, these days, exist around the world as circles and parties, with various names and in most cases they falsely claim a rupture from the past but follow the same policies and approaches; changing this regime to another one, democracy-seeking, anti-globalization, syndicalism, democratic movements of women's rights, peace, environment, or anti-child-labour, all without any anti-wage-labour class context, and without demonstrating themselves directly against the relation of buying and selling labour. All of these are without exception, struggles against the intense exploitation

of labour forces, struggles against poverty and starvation and tyranny, struggles against child labour and the disenfranchisement of women's rights, the struggles against war, and all miseries on the yoke of human beings; are disconnected from the struggle against the foundation of capitalism. Many of these currents would discuss themselves as anti-capitalist but the entireties of their practices and outlooks, and the reality of their political existence are not in a direct fight against capitalism, rather, they are in the direction of diverting the workers' movement to their prospective approaches.

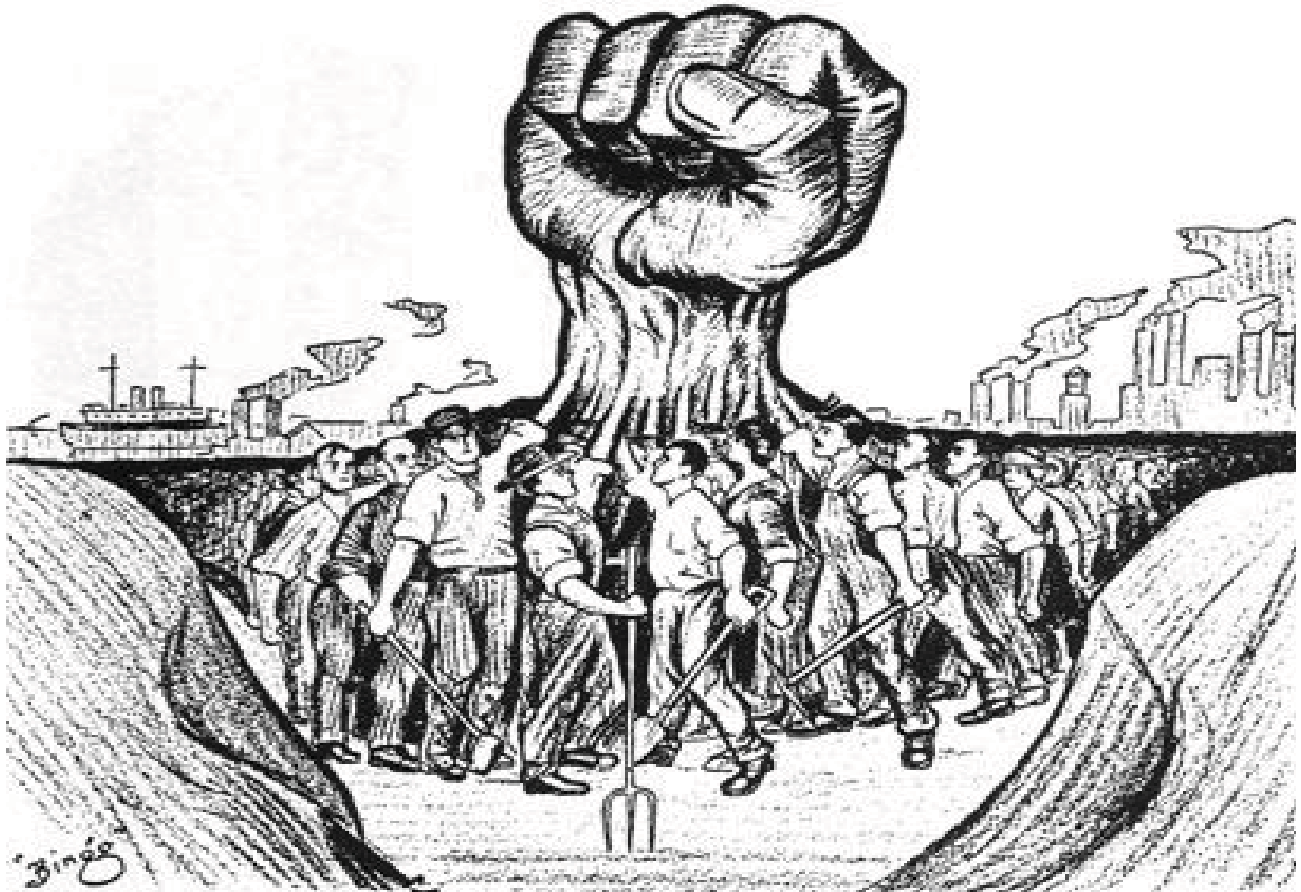
Workers,

We believe that none of these approaches, solutions and prescriptions is the answer for the working masses of the world. Whatever is happening to us is because of the existence of the wage-slavery system. The root of all miseries of human beings is tied or rests upon the relationship of buying and selling labour. The unemployment of more than a billion people around the world is a good example of such a relationship as long as capitalism exists, the number of unemployed increase, the starving of a few hundred million, and in reality three billion workers around the world, it is an unquestionable gift of the existence of the wage-slavery system. We witness very clearly however much capital accumulates its enormous amounts; the number of starving people increases; millions of street kids are a direct result of such exploitation by capital; the root of all disenfranchisement of

women's rights in the contemporary world lies deeply within the relation between the buying and selling of labour forces. This is capital that jeopardizes the environment and the

capital for intensifying the labour power of workers and increasing the rate of the extraction of the surplus value from the exploitation.

with rotten nationalism dressed up in red anti-imperialism, or being merely democratic anti-regime, or with the instrument of the bourgeoisie against



environment of human beings for its profiting more and more. All wars around the world – it is the capitalist that is opening such wars and at the end it is the working people who are victimized. Oppression, dictatorship, tyranny and barbarism of the existing world are completely necessary for the existence of the relationship of buying and selling labour forces; and they are interconnected parts of the same political order as well as parts of the production relation of producing surplus value. The pressure curve and the continuing emergence of dictatorship precisely undulate with the social needs of

In one word whatever exploitation, oppression, crime, discrimination, disenfranchisement and brutality existing in the world all in all, come from the existence of the wage-labour relation. Without a conscious struggle and an organized, firm, internationalist struggle against the foundation of the existence of the relation of buying and selling labour power, and without connecting the daily struggle of workers within a strategic approach any problem cannot be overcome. Workers! We, anti-capitalist activists of this movement, strongly believe that

globalization and most of all, being confined within the rotten framework of syndicalism and unionism, any problem of the working class cannot be open. Precisely based upon and within this conscious conclusion, we take the path for a nationwide organized and internationalist struggle of workers against capital and against the foundation of wage-labour. The anti-capitalist movement for us is strategy and tactic. We move from the current struggle of the worker masses. We belong to such a struggle and we are striving within this context with all forces to have an active, sufficient and

conscious presence. The working class of Iran today, after a constant thirty years of attacks by capitalists, withdraws to the point that these days the struggles for months of back wages and the prevention of lay-offs become the main campaign of the day.

The situation of female workers and street kids in Iran is terrifying, the pressure of the naked brutal tyranny and dictatorship of capital on the worker masses and worker-activists have reached its peak. We, anti-capitalist movement activists within the current daily struggle of the workers against such a situation and these miseries, are striving in a more conscious, organized, and united and more powerful way within our class movement. We want to organize and unite around the charter of fundamental anti-capitalist demands. We are striving to organize the masses around this platform as a council. We are not inviting workers to merely demand payment of back wages; rather we want to move from this standpoint to prevent being trapped within the law and legality of the capitalist order. In spite of this, we rely on our anti-capitalist class power. We, during this struggle, explain the fate of labour product and exploitation of workers and how their labour becomes capital. This explanation is extended to a class consciousness of workers and to a socially conscious being. We, within our class movement, participate as connected members within the movement. Additionally, the current demands of the masses of our class not only refer to the

needs of the livelihoods used for the reproduction of labour forces, rather simultaneously, we refer to the need for attacks against the root of existing capital, by interrupting the social and production order of capital, and by interrupting the flow of surplus value production and the production of capital. We are with all of our might trying to turn the platform into the trench of the daily struggle of our masses. We are pursuing the path of anti-capitalist councils organized of the worker masses and with direct, sufficient, and conscious intervention of all workers to proceed with all issues of the struggle. It is months that

we call upon the working class to take over those factories that are on the brink of shutting down. We want workers to rely on their own powerful class unity to establish their own anti-capitalist councils. And, within the councils, workers bring the powerful class unity and relying upon such power, take over factories and program the work and production process with their own will based upon the approach of attacking the foundation of capitalism. We, with all of our might, are striving to connect all forms of struggle against any type of disenfranchisement consequences of capitalism as a united frontline



against capitalism. For us, the phenomenon such as democratic movements of women, democratic movements of peace and environment, movements against child labour, outside of the orbit of a united struggle of the anti-capitalist movement are phenomena that maintain capitalism. All of our emphasis is about uniting all of the connected trenches of nationwide anti-capitalist struggles. Obtaining the full payment of wages for 15,000,000 women domestic labourers is a struggle in the direction of getting a small right for women and at the same time is against capital. We do not tell women workers to struggle within a capitalist women's struggle for better hierarchical positions within the capitalist programming of work and production and thereby attaining positions to impose the production order of capital on worker masses of their own classes. This job is not about struggling for women's rights, rather by using women for this or that group of capitalists to perpetuate the wage-slavery system, or struggling for the environment we attack the foundation of programming work and capitalist production. We take an anti-capitalist platform of Iran as groundwork to interrupt the process of producing surplus value and consequently struggling for better conditions of work and life. What is determining our daily approaches for the struggle for us are better livelihoods, social and political rights of the masses by way of interrupting the process of reproduction of capital, and the step-by-step solidification

of aggressive power of the working class against capital, the organizing and being more and more anti-capitalist, establishing a more clear and transparent horizon to abolish wage-slavery. For us, as anti-capitalist activists of this movement, all of these parts of our daily activities within the current workers movement are interconnected, and these activities are what separate us from right reformist syndicalism and left reformist sectarianism inherent

any obligation of work and within socialism we see that our struggle is organic and inseparable. We know that the emancipation of human beings from the octopus of the brutality of capitalism is only possible via such a direction and none of the others would put an end to such a brutality.

Workers,  
Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri are well-known activists of this movement; they struggle in this



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**Coordinating Committee to Form Workers Organization**

of the former Soviet bloc. Our socialism is a socialism of abolishing wage-labour, the socialism for the emancipation of human beings from the existence of capitalism, from

direction with all their heart, and they pay for such a struggle by their arrests and torture and in future will pay more. Hakimi and Amiri now are in the jail of the capitalist government of Iran. Their only crime was to be workers, active and participating in



the struggle of workers to organize international councils of the anti-capitalist movement. Hakimi and Amiri in this direction of the struggle, are not only targets of the brutal capitalist regime of Iran, but are also targets of the different right-wing syndicalists and left sectarians. They tried and will continue to try to have a presence in the heart of the daily struggle of the workers with the anti-capitalist struggle of workers everywhere from Detroit car factories, to Bike System in Germany to the worker councils In Argentina or elsewhere.

Hakimi and Amiri right now for such crimes are in prison. Anti-capitalist movement activists ask for your support for them. They do not want this class support only for them,

Amiri and Hakimi, rather also for the anti-capitalist movement of Iran and the entire working class movement of the world. The precise message from Hakimi and Amiri and the anti-capitalist movement of Iran to you is: let's turn the existing world into a battlefield against capital and against the foundation of wage-slavery; let's wherever we are, be a united unit of the anti-capitalist movement for the abolition of wage-slavery of the international working class; let's hoist the flag of the struggle against the foundation of wage-slavery in every workplace around the world and the entire international workers' movement; let's unite and put our hands together around one single anti-capitalist platform of demands

around the world.

Let's organize against capital

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# Latest News of the Imprisonment of Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri



a deal and asked his family to not accept this surety.

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Saturday January 3, 2009 - According to the most recent news received today, Mohsen Hakimi spoke to his family and informed them that he is with Bijan Amiri and they had been transferred from solitary confinement

from Range 209 to the public range. The accusations against Mohsen Hakimi are propagandizing against the Islamic Regime and they asked for more than \$100,000 surety. Mohsen Hakimi did not accept such

(Please note that to communicate with the Coordinating Committee, their e-mail address has been changed to khbitkzs@gmail.com)

## We Condemn and Protest the Arrest of Workers Movement Activists and the Detention of Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri



Friends and Dear Co-Workers,  
According to the news Mohsen Hakimi, a member of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers Organization and member of the Writer's Association of Iran, and Bijan Amiri, worker at the Pars Khodro car factory, were arrested and moved to an unknown location. According to reports, the Revolutionary Court informed their families that they

temporary arrest warrants and they will be under one week interrogation. This is Iran Khodro Workers rights to protest in this direction against the existing situation and condemn the detention of Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri and we want their immediate and unconditional release. We also call upon all

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workers organizations and human rights organizations to condemn the continuation of the detentions of Mansour Osanloo and Afshin Shams as well as the detentions of Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri; and we call upon all social activist movement activists united to call for the unconditional release of all detainees in prison and to put an end to the arrests and pressures upon the worker activists and other social movement activists in Iran.

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# Pamphlet of Collective of Workers in Defense of the Worker Activists Detainees Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri

We, workers and worker-activists, announce our disgust at the arrests of worker-activists Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri, at this anti-human action. Worker-activists do not need any permission to defend their rights and class demands from any capitalist institution. This is our inseparable right to defend our class interest. We want the immediate release of worker-activists Mohsen Hakimi and Bijan Amiri from the jail of capitalist government.

December 27, 2008  
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Collective of Workers of the Industrial city of Rasht  
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## Condemn the arrest of Mohsen Hakimi

An undercover (plain-clothes) Security Force officer arrested Mohsen Hakimi, a member of the 'Iranian Writers' Association' and the 'Coordinating Committee to Form Workers Organization', and was transferred to an unknown location. He is well-known within the workers movement of Iran and a lovable figure. The only crime committed by Hakimi is being this loveable figure of capital wage-slavers. He is always and everywhere fighting against capitalist exploitation, against the crime of capital and the disfranchisement that is derived from capital. He fights shoulder to shoulder with the worker masses in the trench of dissent and struggle. He was arrested for such reasons on

December 22nd, 2008 at night and has been moved to an unknown jail. The Coordinating Committee to Form Workers Organization condemns the arrest of this militant, brave, and prominent figure of the anti-capitalist movement of the working class and demands his unconditional release. The defense of Mohsen Hakimi is the defense of the struggle of wage-slavers against capital, and is the defense of the class movement which is striving for the emancipation of human beings from the miseries of the wage-slavery system. We

ask from all activists of the worker movement around the world to protest and defend him as defending him is defending the ideals of our movement.

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