



Iranian Workers' Solidarity Network

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Support the Sanandaj textile workers' strike!

The strike by the textile workers of Sanandaj (in Iranian Kurdistan) has bought production to a standstill. Once the strike had spread to all parts of the Sanandaj textile factory, when all workers downed tools and joined their striking workmates, then this was the only outcome.

The workers of the Sanandaj textile factory have so far gone on strike twice and with their united struggle have forced the boss and the state into retreat and made them accept their demands. When six militant workers were fired the workers took immediate action. This strike almost included everyone in the factory.

The workers had the following six demands:

- 1- The immediate and unconditional return of the six fired workers to work and an end to the sacking of workers with temporary contracts;
- 2- Annuling of temporary contracts and official hiring of workers in the factory;
- 3- Amending the rules of the factory's discipline committee and respecting workers as people;
- 4- Implementing the job classification scheme in the factory;
- 5- Creating a healthy environment for workers and the prevention of diseases that are due to the work environment;
- 6- Opening a self-service restaurant and providing a hot meal instead of the 16,000 rial food allowance.

The workers told the boss that these were their demands and then went on strike.

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Iranian Workers' Solidarity Network (IWSN) calls on all trade unions, international progressive organisations and forces to send emails, faxes or letters to the Iranian regime's authorities expressing their support for the Sanandaj workers (please also send copies to IWSN at the above address).

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Please send your protest to:

Email: khatami@president.ir

Fax: 0098- 216 464 443

Address: Mr Mohammad Khatami, The Presidency, Palestine Avenue, Azerbaijan Intersection, Tehran, Iran.