



Long live March 8th, International Women's Day

This year, we are welcoming International Women's Day in Iran in a situation where the streets of many Iranian cities are witnessing the daily protests of pensioners from all social classes, a significant number of whom are women. Women stand side by side with men in the nationwide movement of educators to defend human dignity and the right to a decent living for modern humans and to improve the level of knowledge of our beloved children. The increasing number of women joining the protest movement of educators is disrupting the balance of power between the people's desire for justice and the reactionary, predatory and oppressive rule of the Islamic regime. Activists of the women's liberation movement are fully defending the legitimate struggles of workers, educators, nurses and pensioners.

Four decades have passed since the first widespread attack by the Islamic reaction on women's rights. The newly arrived rulers, with slogans either openly or covertly, were pursuing the eternal slavery of women in the Islamic system. From the very beginning, with the widespread demonstrations of women on the first of March 8th, the women's liberation movement in Islamic Iran was launched. The Islamic reaction mobilized its thugs and educated people to suppress this movement in the streets and in thought. They tried to deface this day and its ideals into oblivion with the Day of Fatima Zahra and Zaynab. Unaware that the movement that was started with the determination of socialist women does not go home with these subversive attempts of the Islamist, but continues to go on in any possible way and by transferring its experiences and fighting tradition to the next generations, it carries out the struggle for the realization of freedom and equality. The oppressed and exploited masses in the uprisings of 2018 and 2020 and the 2023 movement in the popular uprising referendum have voted to bury this rotten and fetid system. The widespread participation of women in this struggle indicates the end of tolerating the misogynistic and inhumane system and laws of Islamic rule. The spark that was ignited by the government murder of Mahsa Zina Amini in the rotten cloak of the misogynistic regime, the expansion of the women's movement for a life of freedom and egalitarian demands is deeply rooted in society. This movement targeted the hijab, this symbol of the yoke of women's slavery and the main pillar of sexual discrimination and humiliation of women, and forced the regime to retreat in implementing the regime's reactionary hijab and chastity law. We are witnessing the presence of a generation of freedom-loving and egalitarian women and men in the scene of the struggle for women's rights, who are fresh and determined to challenge the ruling, petrified and rotten regime at any possible place and time.

Today's reality speaks of the disruption of the balance of social forces. The two reformist and conservative wings of the ruling bat, which were broken in January, can no longer be repaired. In this cold winter, the regime's inability to provide electricity, gas, potatoes, and control inflation under the rule of the Islamic virus has endangered people's health. The Women's Liberation Movement, in solidarity with the student movement, the labor movement, the movement of educators, retirees, nurses, and other oppressed groups, cries out that we will not settle for anything less than freedom, equality, and a life worthy of today's human beings.

Consigning the rule of misogynistic Islam to history is not far away!

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