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In Iran, women, men, youth, trade unionists, students, artists and athletes have been protesting for human, women's and worker's rights since September 2022, despite massive repression by Revolutionary Guards and civilian thugs. Meanwhile workers in all sectors are on strike across the country against the catastrophic economic situation, very high inflation and growing poverty.

They are fighting for a political opening of their country, for freedom of the press, for the right to demonstrate and strike, for better living and working conditions, and for equal rights.

"Woman, Life, Freedom" has become the symbol of this movement worldwide. The people of Iran are demanding an end to the repressive rule of the Islamic Republic. They are campaigning for an equal, democratic and free state based on the rule of law.

However, the regime responded with a new level of persecution, brutal violence and intimidation to suppress the people's uprising. Many have been arrested, tortured, raped or killed.

Our colleagues who strike or protest for their rights or for better working conditions are also massively persecuted. Many of them are in prison, sentenced to long prison terms, and some face the death penalty. Free independent unions such as the bus drivers' union in Tehran or the unions of oil industry workers, truck drivers or steel workers are banned. Strikes of our colleagues are put down, the strike leaders are arrested, and trade union activists are persecuted as agents of the Western world.

The European Trade Union Confederation strongly condemns the Iranian regime's actions against its own people and stands in solidarity with the protesters. We will not abandon our colleagues in Iran!

We demand the immediate release of the prisoners, the establishment of a fair trial including the right to freely chosen legal counsel.

We demand the repeal of those laws that restrict Iranian women in their fundamental rights.

We demand the regime to immediately end the genocide against women and girls! Their struggle is our struggle!

We demand the lifting of the ban on free and independent trade unions. As a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Iran must adhere to the core labour standards to which every ILO member is obligated. If trade union members and workers are persecuted, arrested, or even murdered, a country like Iran must expect the appropriate consequences.

The ETUC urges all European politicians to increase pressure on the Islamic regime in Iran, to support the democracy and trade union movement in Iran and to do everything in their power to stop violence, persecution and executions.

Jin, jiyān, azadî! Woman, Life, Freedom!