

## *Iranian Regime Shot Dead Four Mine Workers In Khatoon Abad*

It is reported that a protest march by redundant contract workers of a copper smelting factory at the Mirook Mine near Khatoon Abad village ended after four workers were shot dead by Iranian Regime security guards on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004. Moreover, dozens of workers have been injured at this event.

The laid off contract workers have been demanding for job security through permanent jobs in this mine for some times with no success. Eventually, they organise a demonstration on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Shahr Babak, a city close to their village. The workers were accompanied by their family members in expressing their belief as well as demanding for their jobs as their basic right. Shortly after gathering, demonstrators were confronted by anti-riot guards and army helicopters. To disperse the demonstrators who were accused of road blocked, armed security forces opened fire on the protestors murdering at least four workers.

This is not the first bloody incident during the reign of Islamic regime in Iran. Iranian Regime has been committed to endless gruesome confrontation since in power. Their scores of violation of human right only equal with their predecessors, Shah's Regime. The vicious attack to Tehran University Campus, Killing of Zahra Kazemi the Iranian – Canadian journalist, Chain murders of political activists are only the recent blemishes on the face of Iranian regime Dossier.

The Organisation of Revolutionary Workers of Iran (ORWI ) Rah-e-Kargar, strongly condemns the barbaric act of opening fire on demonstrators on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Shahr Babak in Kerman Province.

ORWI demand all progressive political parties, individuals and trade unions to deplore and condemn this horrendous act of Iranian Regime.

ORWI calls for solidarity with Khatoon Abad Copper Smelting Workers and their families. United action of working class through independent workers organisation is a fundamental requirement to overthrow the anti-worker Regime of Iran.

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