

## PROTESTS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

**In Spain:** In the month of November (2015) more than 20,000 women belonging to 380 local women's associations and 70 nationwide women's associations have participated in protest demonstration at Madrid against the ever growing violence against women in Spain. They demanded that the laws of the country be amended and reformed against all kinds of violence including violence against women. Violence against women has become a social malaise in Spain. The protesting women claimed that since 1965 around 1,318 women committed suicide due to the violence perpetrated against them.

**In South Korea:** Opposing the introduction of new lessons in class text books, amending the labour laws for easy removal of workers, thousands of workers have conducted an anti-government protest at Seoul, the capital of S.Korea on Dec.5 (2015). The government deployed 20,000 police to control the workers' protest demonstration.

**In Germany:** Opposing the German government sending 1200 soldiers to Syria in the name of fighting against ISIS terrorists, and sending military war planes to Syria in support to the NATO forces a massive rally was conducted by anti-war people on Dec.5 (2015) at Berlin.

**In London** Demanding to stop the war at Syria and bombing it, women protesters have demonstrated on Dec.13 (2015) at London.

**In Greece:** Protesting against the austerity measures taken up by the government peasants, dock workers, pensioners and fish workers have blocked the roads of Athens on Jan.22, 2016. The protest demonstrations were also conducted throughout the country.

**In Tunisia:** Protesting against increasing unemployment raged throughout Tunisia on January 23, 2016. Unemployed youth have been agitating against the problem of employment demanding the government to resolve the problem.

**In Ireland:** Opposing the increase in water charges, thousands of people held protest demonstration at Dublin on Jan 25, 2016. They demanded that the increase in water-charges shall be stopped immediately and that water shall be supplied at free of cost to the farmers.

**In London:** Opposing the trade union bill prepared by the government, claiming that it is intended to attack on women workers, and that the bill also is intended to remove the right for strike, the women members of the trade union council held protest demonstrations at London on January 29, 2016.

**In New Zealand:** Protesting a free-trade deal the Trans-pacific partnership agreement, which was ceremonially signed by trade ministers from 12 Pacific Rim countries including U.S.A, massive protests were held in Auckland on February 4, 2016. Thousands of protesters participated in these protest demonstrations and blockaded roads in protest. They alleged that if this newly signed pact is implemented thousands of jobs will be lost and the member countries will lose their sovereignty.

**In Santiago:** On Feb5, a massive protest demonstration was held in front of the presidential palace in Santiago against the TPP free trade pact between 12 Pacific rim nations.

**In Finland:** A group of women calling themselves 'The sisters of Kyllikki' protested against anti-immigration marchers in Tampere, Finland on February 11, 2016. These women belong to anti-racist 'Soldiers of Odin' clown group. The women protested against a group of stocky men of Keni town, in black jackets walking in the streets claiming to be protecting local women and children from 'Islank Intruders' - the Syrian refugees seeking asylum. The protesting women challenged the group of stocky men smiling, seducing up hugs.

**In Monte Negro:** A massive "No to war- no to NATO" protest was held in central Padogorgia, Montenegro on February 13, 2016. While Montenegro was still a part of a union with Serbia NATO bombed Montenegro during the Kosovo war in 1999.

**In Israel:** On February 20, 2016, a protest demonstration was held by Israeli peace activists against the closure of Shuhada street to Palestinians, in the West bank city of Hebron, Israel.

**In Pretoria:** An anti-racist protest demonstration was held at Pretoria opposing the continuance of race hatred and intolerance in S.Africa; on February 20, 2016. Thousands of protesters participated in this anti-racist protest demonstration.

**In Japan:** More than 30,000 protesters have protested in front of the parliament building in Tokyo opposing the military settlements of USA hoisted on the banks of Okinawa; on February 2, 2016. They shouted slogans against USA. They are opposing the construction of a military base on the bank of Okinawa. They claim that with this military base, the sand pollution and other pollutions greatly increased, and that the rate of crimes too is increased. They demanded the removal of the US military base permanently.

**In Philippines:** Filipino activists, some of them were “comfort women” during world war II, held protest demonstrations, holding placards condemning the recent defence agreement between Japan and the Philippines in front of the Japanese embassy in Passu, suth Mamila on March 1, 2016. They carried banner with the slogan “*Never Again to Another Generation of Comfort Women*”.

**In Japan:** Demanding to cancel and waive off the disputed security laws more than 40,000 have protested in front of parliament building in TOKYO on March 30, 2016 claiming that these new laws are anti-constitutional. They alleged that these new laws are made only to be more nearer to USA and for a better tie up with USA. They demanded that the constitution refusing war shall be protected.

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