

Labour file:

## Protests of the People around the World

**In Mexico:** Protests and Protest demonstrations were conducted throughout Mexico from 1-1-2017 to 13-1-2017, opposing the increase of the fuel prices, alleging that the raise in (gasoline) fuel prices in the result of political corruption. Due to the increase of gasoline prices bus charges were increased. Truck and taxi drivers, farmers, workers and agricultural workers have participated in these protests and agitations opposing cuts in gas subsidies.

**In Germany:** On January opposing the deportation of Afghan refugees, a protest rally was conducted at Frankfurt, organised by the Frankfurt Afghan Hindu cultural association and other Hindu & Sikh associations. They carried placards with slogans such as: “Stop Deportation! Stop Harassments!”, “We are all human beings but not objects!” “Let the entire families live at one place!”

Around 30,000 demonstrators rallied in Frankfurt on 18-3-2017, calling for “democracy in Turkey” and a ‘No’ vote in referendum.

**In Italy:** Around 700 protesters have conducted a protest rally and a demonstration in Rome on 22-1-2017, opposing the military camp organised by U.S imperialism at Visenza city in South Italy. A massive protest rally was conducted at Visenza city opposing war and opposing the U.S military camp being organised in their city.

**In Australia:** Organising the ‘Australia Day’ thousands of aboriginal people of Australia conducted a protest demonstration on Jan, 26, 2017. Protest demonstrations were held in the cities of Canberra, in front of parliament building in Sidney and Brisbane also. They carried placards reading “You have Stolen Land”. They claimed that Jan 26 was the day of treachery and aggression by the British and demanded that the Australia day shall be changed to some other date.

**In California,US:** A protest against president Trump’s order against refugees was conducted at the international terminal of Los Angeles international Airport, California on 29-1-2017. Protesters carried placards reading: “Refugees are welcome”; “Hands of My family”! etc.

**In Greece:** Opposing the collective agriculture policy (CPA), of the European Union, small and marginal farmers have started their protest agitation blocking the highways. Thousands of farmers have blocked the highways of Greece with hundreds of tractors on Jan, 28, 2017 as a protest since their agricultural produce and lands are going in to the possession of big and rich people; due to E.U. agricultural policy.

**In Iraq:** Thousands of protesters held a massive protest demonstration at Tahir Square of Bagdad on Feb, 11, to press their demands of electoral reform. Police clashed with protesters, fired teargas and rubber bullets on the protesters alleging the protesters attempted to march on Bagdad’s fortified Green Zone.

**In Jordan:** Opposing the government’s decision to impose new taxes on goods services (GST), thousands of people agitated throughout the country including the Capital Amman on 24-2-2017 February. They opposed the government’s decision to impose new G.S.T as well against the ever raising prices. They chanted slogans like “We cannot support corruption. We can not pay bills of the corrupters!” etc.

**In USA:** In March 8, the international women’s day, women in USA, wearing red coloured clothes, held a protest March calling it “A Day Without Women”, exposing the violence on women in their daily life and asserting the importance of women.

**In Britain:** On 18, March, on the occasion of international day against racism, more than 30,000 protesters held a massive demonstration in London. They chanted slogans opposing the colonial policies adopted by Britain and USA. They conducted their protest demonstration in front of the office of BBC and continued a protest march and demonstration up to parliament square.

They demanded that refugees shall be permitted and welcomed and that deportations of refugees shall we stopped.

**In Burma:** In March 29, over 300 farmers from five town-ships in Mandlay region demonstrated in Singur, demanding the immediate release of a fellow farmer and to drop unfair charges against other arrested farmers. These farmers were charged for robber when they ploughed confiscated land that they had previously owned. These farmers are reclaiming over 3,000 acres of their land confiscated in the 1970's by the Burmese army.

**In USA:** In April 22, thousands of scientists from around the US joined the demonstration "March for Science" to express their opposition to cuts in research proposed by US President Trump. Protest rallies were held in more than 500 cities in the world. Massive protest rallies were held in New York, Chicago, and Manhattan.

**In Venezuela:** Demanding to stop violence, opposing fascism and terrorism, tens of thousands of women have demonstrated on May 8, at Caracas, the capital of Venezuela and demanding to establish peace in the country.

**In Poland:** More than 90,000 people held a protest demonstration at Warsaw the capital of Poland on May 8, protesting against the dictatorial policies of the government.

**In Hungary:** Demanding not to violate human rights and freedoms in accordance with the E.U. standards, thousands of people held a massive rally at Budapest on May 21. They protested against the decline of the conditions of fundamental rights and democracy in Hungary.

**In Argentina:** In June 4, a massive rally was held at Buenos Aires the capital of Argentina by thousands of women, in protest against the killing of a 46-year old women by her husband in Altagracia town. The conditions of women have been deteriorating while violence on women has been increasing. For every 18 minutes a woman is being killed. They demanded the release of Milagrola sala on a false charge on Jan 16, that she misappropriated the government funds.

**In S.Korea:** More than 3,000 South Korean protesters have expressed their opposition to the "Terminal High Attitude Area Defence – THAAD of USA, established in the borders of both the Koreas, holding a protest demonstration in front of American Embassy in Seol of S.Korea. They carried placards leading "We condemn USA for illegal encroachment of THAAD!" "Remove THAAD immediately!" and "Koreans Donot Want THAAD – They want Peace!"

**In Turkey:** A massive protest rally and demonstration of women was held on July. 29, at Istanbul, Turkey, in which hundreds of Turkish women participated. They protested against harassment of men dis-allowing them to wear the clothes they liked. Full- throated slogans like " Do not Force Us on Wearing Clothes", We Do not Bear Your Harassments, We Won't be silent, We won't Fear! Through Our Resistance We will Succeed!" By hanging Denim shorts to hangers, they exhibited in the demonstration.

**In India:** On 26-12-2016, thousands of slum dwellers of Thane, staged a 'rasta roko' protest against the action taken by Thane Municipal Corporation on Mafatlal land which houses more than 35,000 slums since Mafatlal had transferred the leased government land to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party without the states consent in 2011.

On 2-3-2017 destitute women activists under the aegis of *Gas Peedit Nirashrit Pension Bhogi Sangarsh Morcha* demonstrating against CM, in front of the state assembly demanding hike in their security pension in Bhopal.

On 2-3-2017, families of the farmers protested against hydro-carbon project as it would cause damage to agriculture land and crops, in Neduvasal, pudukkotai district of Tamil Nadu state.

On 28-6-2017 a protest called "Not In My Name" was organised in all the major cities of India against mob lynching by so called Gaurakshaks.

On 11-7-2017, farmers from 20 Madhya Pradesh villages that are in submergence zone of sarovar dam, at Barwani, protesting against administration's order asking them to vacate their villages. They are observing a fast to make the point that they do not want to abandon their villages.

A *Kisan Mukti Yatra* was conducted jointly by the participation of various farmer's association, which passed through Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan and reached on 18<sup>th</sup> July to Jantar Mantar of New Delhi, exposing the plight of farmers and the indifference and apathy of governments towards the just and genuine demands of farmers for remunerative prices for the produce of the farmers including milk.

Children of the farmers who committed suicides took part in a protest during '*Kisan Mukti Sansad*' at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi on 19-7-2017 ; chanting the slogan that "Our Fathers Paid the Price".

Activists held a rally against RCEP in Hyderabad on 24-7-2017. They said RCEP is yet another reinforcement of the "destructive development model" that the existing free trade agreements and the policies of liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation have inflicted upon the poor.

The ousters of Polavaram project held a massive protest rally and Dharna at Chintur of West Godavari district of A.P, on 1<sup>st</sup> August demanding Proper rehabilitation arrangements.

On July -31, farmers and environmentalists and social activists sat in Narmada river as a protest against dams that threaten the livelihoods of locals, in Chilakada village on the boarder of the Barwani and Dhari districts of M.P.

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