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Working Class Commemorated International Human Rights Day

Lahore, Dec 10: Working Class of Pakistan commemorated International Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2008 under the aegis of "PAKISTAN WORKERS FEDERATION" by holding a special meetings on 10th December, 2008 at Bakhtiar Labour Hall Lahore and was addressed by Ch. Talib Nawaz, President and Mr. Khurshid Ahmed, General Secretary and other representatives of the union. It passed the various resolutions to affirm its commitment to continue to make concerted struggle for the respect and enforcement of Fundamental Human, Trade

Union, Economic and Social Rights in the country enabling the down trodden and working class to attain the right of freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining and elimination of the scourge of Child and Bonded Labour and ensure Decent Work for each young and fair wage and protection and independence of Judiciary and Press and Freedom of Assembly and speech in the country and demanded to the Government to take full measure in terms of legislation and practice and social and economic inputs to achieve these objectives.

Government Urged To Restore Labour Inspection Machinery

Islamabad, Dec 18: Labour leaders Thursday urged the government to restore Labour Inspection Machinery (LIM) to enforce the various provisions of labour laws in the four provinces. Addressing a joint press conference here at Capital Development Authority Headquarters, leaders of Pakistan Workers Federation (PWF) urged the federal government to restore LIM according to the convention 81 of International Labour Organisation, which had been ratified by Pakistan. They alleged that the Machinery had been illegally suspended by previous provincial governments.

They also urged the government to incorporate labour rights like formation of unions, collective bargaining and freedom of labour courts in the proposed Industrial Relations Bill 2008. They also demanded restoration of trade unions' right to re-audit the company's accounts ensured un-

der Industrial Relations Ordinance (IRO) 1969.

General Secretary PWF Khurshid Ahmed termed suspension of LIM by provincial governments as anti-labourers and violation of fundamental human rights. He appealed to the President, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Labour and Manpower to play their role in restoration of the Machinery.

He said that restoration of LIM was necessary for ensuring various provision of labour laws like protection of health and life of workers at workplace, enforcement of laws on minimum wages, observance of working hours, payment of overtime and provision of social security, etc. General Secretary CDA Mazdoor Union Chaudhry Yaseen, too, urged CDA administration to approve the charter of demand that had been submitted before CDA Board

PWF Strongly Condemns the Human Rights Violation in Gaza



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PWF Has Made Detailed Proposals To The Government Of Pakistan For Including In The Agenda Of National Tripartite Labour Conference To Be Held In The Month Of February, 2009.

Pakistan Workers Federation has presented a detailed proposed agenda for the National Tripartite Labour Conference to be held in February, 2009 at Islamabad asking the Government to evolve National Economic Self Reliance Policy, developing national industries and agriculture and infrastructure for overcoming the Gas and electricity load shedding and raising

employment opportunities for the young labour force and get amended the anti-labour provisions of Industrial Relations Act, 2009 and promotion of safety culture for prevention of accidents and occupational diseases of the workers and raising adequate opportunity for provision of meaningful education and training to each child and take measures for elimination of

child and bonded labour in the country and promotion of welfare of female workers in order to tackle gender issues and enforcement of labour laws through independent labour inspection machinery and respect of right of freedom of association and collective bargaining in conformity with ILO Conventions Nos.87, 98 and 81 ratified by the Government of Pakistan.

PWF Asks Government To Amend Industrial Relations Act-2008 To Remove Flaws

Islamabad Dec 24: Pakistan Workers Federation (PWF) has asked the government to immediately amend the Industrial Relation Act, 2008 for removing flaws in the existing regulations to check bonded labour and abuse of children at the workplaces of industrial sectors in Pakistan. The national conference on "Industrial Relation for Welfare of The Workers and Raising Productivity" held here on Tuesday.

The conference asked the President and Prime Minister to amend newly promulgated "INDUSTRIAL RELATION ACT 2008" and bring it into conformity with principle of ILO Convention No 87 & 98 ratified by the Government of Pakistan and get enforced all Labour Laws in conformity with ILO

ratified Convention No 81 through an Independent Labour Inspection.

All the labour unions and workers' federation developed consensus that the Industrial Relation Act, 2008 needs immediate amendment for betterment of the labour community.

It expressed concern over the mass unemployment on account of load shedding and asked the government to take special measure to get reopened the hundreds of closed mills. International Labour Organisation (ILO) has been working to promote Decent Work Country Programme in Pakistan through its Four Strategic Objectives namely Fundamental Rights, Social Protection, Social Dialogue and Productive Employment. It has been extending technical assis-

tance to the GoP in the various fields including Elimination of abuse of Child, Bonded Labour, Skill Development and Safer Work. These views were expressed by Donglin Li Director, ILO Area Office Islamabad in the conference organised by "Pakistan Workers Federation" attended by the large number of Trade Union representatives from all over the country including Fraternal Delegates from Muthida Labour Federation, All Pakistan Trade Union Federations, National Trade Union Federation and Pakistan Workers Federation.

The conference urged the Indian Government to stop War Hysteria against Pakistan and in the interest of the both nations and declared full support for the defence of motherland and defeats any aggression.