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Down with S. Korean Pres. Yoon Seok-yeol! Workers united will never be defeated

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South Korean workers rallied on May Day 2023

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Demand South Korean President Yoon Seok-yeol resign, regain the rights that were taken away, and prevent war.

Yoon Seok-yeol's regime is currently at war with laborers and the general populace. He prioritizes the rule of law and labor reform for the benefit of businesses, while being determined to eliminate labor unions and harm workers. He is also enthusiastic about providing deregulation and tax breaks as gifts to conglomerates and the wealthy to realize the interests of capitalists.

Yoon Seok-yeol has been denying the basic human rights of those who oppose his regime. He has severed dialogue with labor unions, and resorted to unilateral authoritarianism and repression. Despite a continuous increase in industrial accidents and fatalities, he blatantly enforces 69-hour workweeks and openly pressures laborers to work to their deaths. He is isolating and attacking labor unions by categorizing them as corrupt entities through financial disclosures.

The size of household debt has surpassed the national GDP, and Yoon Seok-yeol is fully shifting the burden of high-interest rates, high exchange rates, and inflation onto the shoulders of laborers and the general populace. He intends to break the backs of laborers and the general populace who are already struggling with stagnant wages, rising public utility costs such as buses, subways, electricity, gas and heating, and skyrocketing prices.

As Yoon Seok-yeol openly declared that the government and businesses are a single entity, to them, the survival rights of laborers and the general populace are merely a nuisance that should be eliminated and made to disappear.

Under the Yoon Seok-yeol regime, oppressive actions and the greed of capitalists have combined to lead to the deaths of Yang Hoi-dong and Bang Young-hwan, following the earlier death of Yang Hoi-dong. Who is acting illegally, and who are the thugs here?

Yoon Seok-yeol ignores the three labor rights specified by law and supports the illegal actions of capital. He has employed the police and the National Intelligence Service to violently suppress the legitimate rights of laborers. In his speech on Armed Forces Day, he openly admitted to a sustained infringement on the rights of the people through the deprivation and oppression of the regime.

Allegiance to declining U.S.

Yoon Seok-yeol, who has pledged allegiance to the declining United States, brought in his accomplice, Kishida, and, through U.S.-Japan cooperation in national security, threatened the Korean people and sided with the inhumane crime of discharging radioactive water from Fukushima. The people of our country had to endure the dismal fact that U.S.-Japan joint military exercises took place on the day of Takeshima, which the Japanese marked as Japan's territory, in the East Sea.

Yoon Seok-yeol, who once gave absolution to the crimes of imperial Japan, now conceals his own heinous acts and distorts the nation's history, fostering division and enmity. He wrongly labels the righteous anti-Japanese armed resistance as anti-communism while supporting acts of violence, territorial occupation, and the brutal collective massacres committed by Israel. Yoon Seok-yeol is nothing more than a loyal henchman of imperialism.

While Yoon Seok-yeol is serving the United States by paying tens of billions of dollars in tribute to the American imperialists and paying enormous defense expenses and purchasing weapons worth tens of billions of won, the people are swallowing dry tears as they are deprived of even their meager welfare.

Yoon Seok-yeol, who became the pet dog of the U.S. imperialists and NATO and funneled weapons and tax money to Ukraine, which was devastated by the U.S. imperialist proxy war, is an accomplice to the U.S. imperialist war crimes.

Due to the war alliance, nuclear alliance, and ROK-U.S. alliance, the nuclear strategic assets of the U.S. nuclear fighter planes, nuclear submarines, and nuclear aircraft carriers are mobilized and frequently travel in and out of the homeland as if it were their own home, threatening nuclear war.

Yoon Seok-yeol, a descendant of the Syngman Rhee regime, which proclaimed its subordination to the U.S. imperialists by turning his country into a military base, war powder keg, and outpost for the U.S. imperialists 70 years ago through the

humiliating ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty, became a slave to the nuclear-based ROK-U.S. They are trying to turn it into a battlefield.

There is no other choice for the working people who are in a moribund state, their survival is at stake, and suffering from the threat of war.

In order to survive, we must uproot Yoon Seok-yeol, who wields fascist tyranny against the working people on the inside and becomes a loyal dog of the U.S. imperialists on the outside and goes crazy for war, and destroys the lives of the working people.

