

# Workers in Egypt shake up dictatorship backed by Washington and Ottawa



While workers and youth in Egypt confront Mubarak's dictatorship demonstrations in solidarity, like the one portrayed above in Montreal, are being organized around the world.

For over a week now, encouraged by the success of the mass popular mobilizations in Tunisia, workers and youth in Egypt are continually affronting the Hosni Mubarak dictatorship and its military and police apparatus. At least 125 people have been killed. Workers are demanding not only the end of the Mubarak regime but also recognition of their democratic rights and justice for victims of the regime as well as jobs and the lowering of food prices.

Meanwhile, Ottawa and Washington, like all the other imperialists countries, try to salvage what they can of a regime that they have supported without shame for three decades. Egypt is one of two countries in the world that receive the highest military subsidies from the United States.

The imperialists are worried about the mass mobilizations in the Middle East. Their increasing attacks against workers here will inevitably lead to confrontations that raise the question of which class will lead society. They are preparing today by attacking workers' capacity to defend themselves. That is why they fear these popular mobilizations that give toilers worldwide an example that it is possible to struggle collectively to change our lot.

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**Friday, February 4 at 8:00p.m.**

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