

## *May 20, 50 arrested including Kitahara and other leading Sanrizuka farmers* **Fight back successive crackdowns on militant labor movement and Sanrizuka farmers' struggle**

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### *Outrageous repression on Farmers Struggle by Tokyo High Court and Tokyo Metropolitan Police*



Police brutality in the High Court



numerous police vehicles were deployed in advance to transport massive framed-up arrestees

On May 20, the Tokyo High Court was opened to decide on the issue of removal of the headquarter building of Sanrizuka Farmers' Opposition League on the adjoining spot to the airport runway, demanded by the Narita International Airport Corporation (NAA). The Chiba District Court had recently ruled the case in favor of the NAA and Sanrizuka farmers had appealed to the Tokyo High Court. Numerous concerned people gathered to attend the court judgment.

On the court, Judge INOUE Shigeki, as soon as

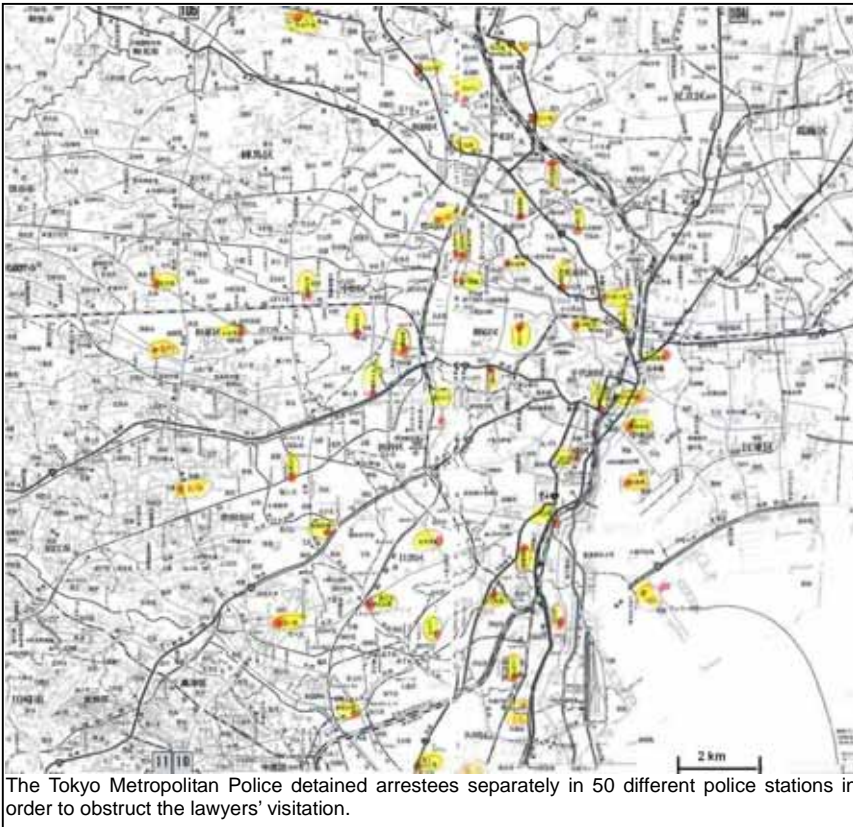
he took his seat in the courtroom, denied the appeal of the farmers after only one minute's explanation of the reason, and instantly issued a provisional execution order to forcibly remove the headquarters building in question. Both the judgment and the order are unjust and outrageous.

Juridically speaking, the insistence of Sanrizuka farmers to refuse the removal of the headquarters building is quite just and grounded because superfcies had already been settled in regard to the land, on which the headquarters building is located, by the unlawful judgment of the Tokyo High Court in favor of, and quite obedient to, the NAA, provoked a stormy explosion of protest in the courtroom. landlord (ex-vice president of Sanrizuka Farmers' Opposition League). The unjust and

### *Sudden arrests on a framed-up trespass*

Immediately after the judgment, Sanrizuka farmers' Opposition League laid a claim to the Civil Department No.15 of the Tokyo High Court to suspend the provisional execution order to forcibly remove the headquarters building. Mr. Kitahara, the general secretary of the League, and other members accompanied by the lawyers demanded a talk with the judge Inoue. All of a sudden, a troop of security department of Tokyo Metropolitan Police assaulted on the protesters there and arrested 50 of them, including Mr. Kitahara and other members of the Farmers' League as well as their supporters such as labor unionists, students and citizens. The charge was "trespass".

Why was it "trespass" to protest against the court's rule on the spot, to lay a claim on



suspension of the provisional execution order or to demand a direct talk with the judge in the building of the court? These are all quite normal behaviors and have long been admitted in the court building. Such arrests on a charge of “trespass” are unlawful. It is a blatant framed-up case.

***12 arrestees released—take back remaining 38***  
 What has caused these outrageous mass arrests by the Tokyo Metropolitan Police in complicity

with the Tokyo High Court? It is an expression of profound fear of the ruling class who are confronted with the fighting farmers of Sanrizuka who have been continuing the struggle against the construction of the Narita Airport for more than 45 years and are now joining the mounting anger of workers, farmers, fishers and other inhabitants in the quake-stricken areas who are suffering from the disasters and radioactive exposure.

Although 12 people, mainly members of the Farmers’ League, are released on May 22, 38 are unjustly still kept in custody.

Let’s crush violent repression on the Sanrizuka struggle by Tokyo High Court and the Tokyo Metropolitan Police!

We demand the immediate release of 38 people!

Fight for the victory of the struggle, smashing the provisional execution of removing the headquarter building of the Sanrizuka Farmers’ Opposition League!

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**We denounce the arrests of 13 unionists of Kan-Nama by the Osaka Prefectural Police!**

## ***For the success of June 5 Rally!***

***Let’s fight for the revival of class struggle labor movement!***

On May 11, the Osaka Prefectural Police mounted a bloody crackdown on Kan-Nama (Solidarity Union of Japan Construction and Transport Workers Kansai Area Branch) raiding 20 union spots and houses and arresting 13 union officials and members. We indignantly denounce this violent repression.

The unjust arrests were carried out on charge

of “interference of forcible obstruction of business”: the alleged charge pretends to be related with the protest action on last May of Kan-Nama members against Kansai Ube (an affiliate of Ube Cement, a major bulk cement provider) for its breach of the labor contract.

It is quite natural and lawful that a labor union organizes a protest action against the management’s breach of the labor contract. In February 2009 fierce repression took place

during negotiation of the above labor contract, too.

***Fair price of ready-mixed concrete obtained by the strike last July***

From July to November last year, 139-day strike was fought for the first time in the history of labor movement of ready-mixed concrete industry. The aim of the strike was to fight against the attempt of major general constructors of price reduction of ready-mixed concrete. Kan-Nama successfully organized other labor unions and also small and medium business owners of the industry into joint action against big corporations. As a result, almost all construction sites in Osaka region stood still by the strike. An unprecedented victory was won in gaining fair price of ready-mixed concrete by the great long-term strike.

***Rise up to crush violent crackdown together!***

The recent violent repression on Kan-Nama is

a frenzied attack of Osaka Prefectural Police, co-opted with Kansai Company of Ube Cement, to counter the significant challenge of labor union in joint action with small and medium companies against major general constructors.

Kan-Nama has already risen up to fight back with the following statement of the union:

“The aim of the recent crackdown on us is to defend and expand the interest of big corporations at the sacrifice of small and medium companies and workers, to crush labor unions and to liquidate labor movements. We are firmly determined to fight back the unjust repression and to reinforce and develop our movement.”

Fight together against the brutal crackdown on Kan-Nama!

Join us in June 5 Big Rally of National Railway Struggle for the revival of the labor movement engaging in class struggle!

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