



ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION

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State Bank Buildings, St. Mark's Road, Bangalore – 560 001

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DATE:

TO ALL AFFILIATES /MEMBERS:

**PREPARATIONS FOR STRIKE ON WAR FOOTING
CLC CONVENES MEETING ON 18TH FEBRUARY, 2013
MAKE 2 DAYS STRIKE ON 20TH AND 21ST A GRAND SUCCESS**

The strike notice has since been served on the Indian Banks' Association by the United Forum of Bank Unions conveying their decision to observe countrywide 2 days' strike on 20th and 21st February 2013 as a part of their campaign against the ill advised moves of the Government and also its continuous attack on the financial sector in particular the banking industry with a view to allow the Private Sector banks and also the multinationals to take over our banking industry over a period of time. The entire labour force will be observing the strike throughout the country opposing the various initiatives of the Government under the direction of the Central Trade Unions as well all other Federations and Confederations.

2. Comrades, the United Forum of Bank Unions with its 9 constituents would be a great force to reckon with. The Government has to take a strong message through this 2 days historical strike and should retrace many of the steps that are against the interest of the common people of our country. While, the strike is expected to go through, we have also received reports from all parts of the country that the strike preparation under the local chapters of the United

Forum of Bank Unions are in full swing and the entire banking industry will come to a standstill on 20th and 21st of February 2013 as mark of protest against the so called reforms initiative of the Government.

3. The UFBU has also received a notice for the meeting fixed by CLC at Delhi on 18th February 2013 in response to the strike notice received by them. However, the CLC meeting is only a formality and they will not be in a position to resolve the issues that we have raised in the strike notice. It is for the Government to retrace some of the initiative it has taken in regard to the banking industry and as there is no positive response from the Government authorities, we are compelled to go ahead with the strike programme chalked out by the Trade Unions in the country.

4. We have been receiving reports from various parts of the country as to the future course of action. We wish to convey to all our members that the cause for which we are campaigning through these strike actions supported by the entire working class in the country is to safeguard the interest of the common man in our country. The Banking is a vital part of our economic activity and needs to take care of the basic requirements of the teeming millions and millions of the people living below the poverty line. We cannot allow the Private Sector and the multinationals to step and take over these vital institutions for meeting their greed in the name getting Foreign Direct Investment/ Private capital etc., Hence, let us all be prepared to put through the strike action in total and make it a grand success in order to demonstrate our unity and solidarity with that of the entire working class of our country.

5. All our Affiliates/State Units will ensure the participation of the rank and file across the country under the banner of the United Forum of Bank Unions not only in the 2 days strike action but also for the demonstrations, rallies, processions etc., in a massive number to demonstrate the strength of the working class in our country.

6. In the meanwhile, we have received invitation for bipartite meeting on 22nd February, 2013 from the Indian Banks Association. However, we cannot expect any substantial progress in the meeting. If necessary, the leaders of the United Forum of Bank Unions will meet immediately after 2 days strike on 22nd February, 2013 either before the IBA meeting or after the meeting and take a review of the situation and plan our future course of action in pursuance of our campaign in the defense of the banking industry as well as other public sector units in the country.

7. We will keep you all informed of further developments in the matter.

With greetings,



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