

## **We strongly condemn the court ruling against five Iranian labour movement activists.**

Islamic Republic Regime of Iran sentenced five Iranian labour movement activists to imprisonment after 18 months of continuous summoning, harassment and persecution. The court rulings that was communicated to Mrs. Mahshid Mahdood, Mrs. Manijeh Mohamadi and Mr. Sharif , the accused lawyers are as follows:

- 1- Mr. Mahmood Salehi, sentenced to 5 years imprisonment and 3 years forced exile to city of Ghorveh (a city in Kurdistan), for his participation in May day celebration, and an attempt to calculate and compile the living cost of a family with 5 members. He was acquitted of charges of Komaleh (a Kurdish communist organization affiliated to Communist Party of Iran) supporter.
- 2- Mr. Seied Jalal Hosseini sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for his participation in May Day celebration in 2004. He was acquitted of Komaleh supporter.
- 3- Mr. Mohsen Hakimi, Mohmood Abdipoor and Borhaan Diwangar sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment.
- 4- Mr. Haadi Tanoomand and Mr. Esmaail Khodkaam were acquitted of charges.

These labour movement activists were detained for their participation in May Day celebration in the city of Saghez (a city in Iranian Kurdistan) last year. Their arrest has sparked a worldwide protest that forced the Islamic Regime to release them after 12 days. But after 18 month of continuous harassment, summoning and interrogations they have to face a long-term imprisonment or forced exile just because they wanted to exercise their internationally recognized right of celebrating the first May, the international worker's day.

### **Workers, freedom loving people, radical leftist organizations and parties!**

The reactionary Islamic Republic Regime of Iran is not only depriving the oppressed peoples and working class from exercising their right to strike, express themselves freely, or organize themselves but severely and savagely suppress any kind of protest or demonstrations with very harsh and bloody way.

The fact is, the Islamic Republic Regime, by convicting these labor movement activists, is convicting the Iranian working class as whole, and this anti labour and inhuman aggression of Islamic Regime has to be strongly condemned by we workers, and freedom loving people.

Iranian working class struggle for a decent life is a part of international working class struggle, therefore it is needed and has to be supported internationally.

Therefore we will urgently request all labour unions and organizations, left and communist parties and labour activists' organizations world over to protest against Iranian government's anti-labour policies and condemn the imprisonment of labour movement activists and demand the nullification of these inhuman sentences and unconditional release them.

**Abroad Committee of Communist Party of Iran**