

Let's Actively Participate In The International Campaign To Free Mahmoud Salehi, Mansour Osanloo And Other Iranian Trade Union Activists!

The Islamic government in Iran is still holding Mahmoud Salehi, the well-known and combatant figure in the Iranian workers' movement, in prison despite his critical health condition that could endanger his life. It has also abducted Mansour Osanloo, the head of the Tehran Bus Workers' Union (Vahed Syndicate) and has put him in the notorious Evin prison. This government still refuses to recognize the workers' international rights on freedom to strike, freedom of independent associations and freedom of speech. The repressive agents of the Islamic government have also abducted and incarcerated Bakhtiar Rahimi, a member in the Coordinating Committee To Form Workers' Organizations in Marivan in Kurdistan province. The Islamic government has sentenced both Adnan Hassanpour, the reporter of the weekly Asoo and Hiwa Bootimar, a social activist, to death. Lately it has arrested tens of activists in the women and students movements and has exposed them to torture. The judicial authorities in the Islamic regime have launched a new wave of executions. These are only small parts of a hell that the Islamic government has created for the Iranian society.

Against these brutalities of the Islamic government, there are widespread protests and struggles going on inside and outside of Iran. [International Trade Union Confederation \(ITUC\)](#) and [International Transport Workers Federation \(ITF\)](#) have announced 9 August as the International Day of Struggle to free Mahmoud Salehi and Mansour Osanloo, two Iranian well-known trade union activists. Guy Ryder, ITUC General Secretary and David Cockcroft, ITF General Secretary, have declared in the announcement of this International Campaign as follows: "We are hoping that both Osanloo and Salehi will be released before our target date and we are maintaining constant pressure on the Iranian authorities to that effect. If, however, either one or both of them are still detained on Thursday 9 August, we are calling on all ITUC and ITF affiliates and Global Union Federations to consider our International Day of Action in solidarity with Iranian workers on that day."

In another action, the [Campaign of the Trade Union Activists Abroad](#) consisted of solidarity committees and support institutions for trade union movements in Europe, Australia and Canada has called for a Weeklong Common Action from 4 to 11 August 2007 as the week of common protest campaign to free Mahmoud Salehi and Mansour Osanloo.

The Abroad Committee of the Communist Party of Iran considers the ITUC and ITF call for **the 9 August** Action Day as well as the Weeklong Common Action by the Trade Union Activists Abroad as positive and valuable actions in the struggle to free these worker activists and calls upon all the members and supporters of the Communist Party of Iran and Komala, freedom-loving people, political left parties and organizations and humanitarian institutions to actively participate in these campaigns for Mahmoud Salehi and Mansour Osanloo's release in any way possible.

The release of Mahmoud Salehi, Mansour Osanloo and other arrestees of the social and justice-seeking movements and the realization of workers', women's, students' and oppressed people's demands can be imposed on the Islamic regime only through the wide-spread solidarity and united struggle of the working class and the revolutionary movements.

Long Live Workers' International Solidarity and Unity!

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