

## Let's impose the release of the labor activists and other political prisoners on the Islamic Regime of Iran with our united struggle

The attacks by the oppressive Islamic Regime of Iran against the activists of the labor movement, the women's and students' movements as well as journalists, teachers, cultural activists and other freedom-lovers has been continuing fiercely and everyday more political fighters are arrested, tortured and executed. Meanwhile, under the dark rule of the capitalist state, poverty, unbearably high price rates of the basic necessities and inflation can be seen all over the Iranian society and the increasingly spreading effect of these due to the economic sanctions imposed by the western countries over the regime's atomic dispute, has led to a risky and hard life for the workers and toiling people. Following shows few cases of the regime's dark records in taking measures against the labor activists and other political prisoners:

- Afshin Shams Ghahfarokhi, one the activists in "The Coordinating Committee for Forming Labor Organizations" and a member of "Mahmood Salehi's Defense Committee" as well as "The Assembly of the Caricaturists", was arrested by the regime's agents on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2008 at his workplace in the city of Aligoodarz and was transferred to a prison in Isfahan. Mansoor Osanloo, the labor activist and the Head the Syndicate of Workers of the Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company, is still in prison. The arrestees of the May First rallies in Sanandaj have been sentenced to long imprisonments and other antihuman punishments such as receiving lashes.
- As measures to prevent the commemoration of the anniversary of "Tir 18" (8<sup>th</sup> of July), many students among who are Sajjad Rajabi, Mohamad Mizban, Anoosheh Azadfar, Mohamad Poor Abdolla, Nassim Soltan-Baygi, Bizhan Sabagh, Abed Tavancheh, Towhid Dawlatshenas, Mohamad Zara'ati, Farzad Hassanzade, Asgar Akbarzadeh, Habibolla Latifi and Hossein Hosseini were arrested during several attacks by the regime's oppressive forces and put in jail.
- Numerous political and cultural activists, fighting teachers and progressive journalists and Weblog writers have been jailed and several of them been sentenced to death. Among these activists are Farzad Kamangar, Kamal Sharifi, Farhad Hajmirza'i, Sadigh Mina'i, Farhad Vakili, Adnan Hassanpour, Hiva Bootimar, Anvar Hassanpanahi, Sasan Baba'i, Mohamad Sadigh-e-Kaboodvand, Arsalan Awlia'i, many of whom have been on food strike during the last days in different cities.
- Hana Abdi, Fatema (Vida) Dehghanian, Zinab Bayazidi, Roonak Safazadeh, Shahnaz Gholami, Parvin Ardalan, Jolveh Javaheri, Maryam Hosseinkhah, Nahid Keshavarz and tens of other women rights activists have been arrested and imprisoned for fighting against the regime's medieval laws and regulations.

Imprisonment, terror and assassination of the workers leaders and activists and the political dissidents and imposing a political dictatorship has been the continuing policy of this anti-worker and anti-freedom regime from the first day. The Islamic Regime in Iran not only has deprived the workers, the women, the students and all the freedom-loving people from their rights of self-organization, freedom of speech and all other political and social rights but has also answered to any just voice by police violence, terror and torture.

At the same time, the wide protests by the workers, the glorious actions by the leftist and freedom-loving students, the efforts and struggles by the women movements and other political activists and prisoners has shown to the anti-worker government of the Islamic Regime that the increasing wide

mass protests are irreversible and that the labor activists, the leftist and freedom-loving students and other political activists, the working class or any other social movement will not be frightened by the wave of the oppression and imprisonments.

While condemning the arrest and the imprisonment of the labor activists, the students, the women and the progressive intellectuals and artists, we stand up for the freedom of all the political prisoners and call up on all the workers rights institutions, the leftist and communist organizations and progressive and freedom-loving public opinion to defend these struggles and put in serious effort to release all the labor activists and all other political activists. Only through a united and constant struggle by the working class and other progressive and freedom-loving movements inside Iran, the wide international support and solidarity and revealing the regime's policies of terror and oppression, we can set a retreat on the Islamic anti-worker and anti-freedom regime in Iran.

### **The Political Prisoners Must Be Released!**

**Long Live Freedom, Equality and the Working Government!**

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