

We Decisively Condemn The Announced Sentences By The Islamic Regime's Unjust Court Against Mansour Osanlou And Ebrahim Madadi!

On Sunday October 28th 2007, The Iranian Islamic Regime's Revolutionary Court sentenced Mansour Osanlou, the president of the board of directors of the Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Vahed Company), to five years imprisonment and Ebrahim Madadi, the vice-president of the board of directors of the Syndicate, to 2 years imprisonment. The charges against Mansour Osanlou were allegedly "propaganda against the system" and "acting against the national security".

The Iranian Regime has stepped up its policy of suffocation and suppression against the labour and the freedom-loving movements, against the workers' protests and other social movements broadly. Though these suppressive measures against the labour as well as other social movements and jail sentences against the labour activists have always been an inseparable characteristic of the Iranian Islamic Regime, but under the current political situation in Iran they have other specific objectives.

Due to its fear of the workers' ability to organize and the huge fighting potential in the working class, in the women freedom movements, in the revolutionary movement of Kurdistan, in the students as well as other protest movements in the Iranian society, the Islamic Regime has intensified the level of suppression and suffocation, still keeps sentencing the labour as well as other freedom-loving activists to imprisonment and has spread its policy of terror and collective execution across the society.

The Islamic Regime in Iran is using the nuclear crisis and its conflict with the US and other western states as an excuse to step up the suppression against the social movements, specially the labour movement and display its power of brutal suppression through the anti-riot manoeuvres of police and Bassij forces and equipping these forces with all kinds of light and heavy weapons.

Mahmood Salehi is still in prison despite his deteriorating kidney condition; Mansour Osanlou and Ebrahim Madadi have been just sentenced to a long time imprisonment; Two weeks ago, there was an assassination attempt on Majid Hamidi's life by the regime's agents; Dozens of activists in the women and students movements have been arrested in the latest demonstrations and....

These assaults by the Islamic Regime are not due to the regime's strong position in the equation rather it is due to its fear of the growing progressive and revolutionary movements across the Iranian society. The brave actions of May First in the city of Saez, the August 9th victorious protest in Kurdistan, the broad struggle by the Vahed Company workers, the broad strike and struggle by the Haft-Tapeh sugarcane workers, the efforts of the worker leaders to organize the working class movement, the women and students glorious struggles and many other examples like these country-wide as well as the international solidarity in the few recent years are part of a broad struggle and movement that show the real potential and power of the Iranian social movements and these have changed the power balance against the regime.

Solidarity and united struggle of the working class and other progressive movements is our only means for fighting against the regime's suppression and suffocation and

for freeing Mahmood Salehi, Mansour Osanlou, Ebrahim Madadi and other activists in the protest movements. It's very essential to continue the broad campaign condemning these anti-worker sentences and keep up the fight for freeing these worker leaders and activists both inside and outside of Iran persistently.

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