

Free Mahmud Salehi Now!

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According to the latest news, Mahmud Salehi the well-known activist in the Iranian workers movement has been arrested by the Police forces of the Islamic regime of Iran on Monday April 9th 2007. After the Saez appeal court issued its verdict, he was immediately detained and transferred to an unknown place under tight security measures.

Mahmud Salehi along with Jalal Hosseini, Mohsen Hakimi and other worker activists in Saez city have been put on trial and sentenced to jail for many times by the Islamic regime's inquisition court on the charges of commemorating May First in 2004. Now and on the same charges Mahmud Salehi has been once again sentenced to one-year imprisonment and three-year postponed imprisonment on probation and has been arrested by the Police forces after barging into his work place violently.

Mahmud Salehi and other worker activists in Saez city were just trying to hold independent May First celebrations based on international criteria and workers' international rights and were supported in their efforts by freedom-loving people in Saez city, by Iranian workers and other leftist and worker unions and organizations on the international level.

By arresting these well-known activists and features in the workers movement, the anti-workers Islamic regime in Iran is just exposing its concerns about the spreading worker struggles. The Islamic regime is trying to create the atmosphere of horror so that to prevent any May first celebrations in Kurdistan and all over Iran. Commemorating May First independently is workers' certain and recognized right and the regime won't be able to deprive the Iranian workers from this fundamental and unconditional right of their own by arresting Mahmud Salehi again.

Freedom-lovers! Leftist and Workers Unions and Organizations!

Without doubt it is our duty as Iranian working class, as freedom-lovers and as supporters of the workers movement to condemn Mahmud Salehi's arrestment and imprisonment and put in hard effort for his unconditional and immediate release from jail. Hereby we call on all the organizations that support worker movements, all the worker and leftist unions and organizations as well as the world's progressive and freedom-loving opinion to put together their hard efforts and persistent struggle to free and acquit Mahmud Salehi and other worker activists of May First 2004 in Saez city.

- **We decisively condemn the arrestment of Mahmud Salehi, the well-known activist in the Iranian workers movement!**
- **We all the supporters of the worker's movement demand Mahmud Salehi's immediate release!**

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