

Political Letter

To Dear Mr. Guy Ryder

Before anything please accept my warmest regards. I am writing this letter to you in the central prison of Sanadaj city (Kurdistan) on May 10th 2007 to inform you of two issues.

This year ILO meetings are due to be held in Switzerland late May 2007 and usually member countries take part in the meetings of this organization. Last year Iran had sent top personnel from its social services office rather than a real representative for the Iranian workers. The Labor House, which is a state-dependent organization, wants to take part in this year's ILO meetings as well. Mr. Ryder, the Labor House neither is the Iranian workers' representative nor is recognized as one by them. Workers' elect representatives are now in jail and since the first of May this year tens of these workers have been arrested and put on trial on charges of participation in May First commemorations.

In this prison where I am now there are 12 other workers who were arrested during May First celebrations. Based on the above-mentioned cases, participation of workers' representative in the ILO meetings is legally and internationally void. I officially complain against the Islamic Republic of Iran and I hope my complaint will be reviewed in your assembly's convention. The newspaper 'kar-o-karegar' (Work and Worker), which is owned by the Iranian Labor House, has published your letter in its 46th issue on May 8th 2007 where you warn about the violent actions exercised on workers on the First of May. In that letter there is no point to Iran as the biggest violator of the workers' rights or even if there has been, it has been omitted by the Labor House. Please follow up this case and deal with the publishers of the letter.

Thank you and wishing you success
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