

## **Mahmud Saalehi and Jalaal Hosseini were taken to the Revolutionary Court in Saqez city for the last hearing**

As people of Iran and the world know, the workers in the city of Saqez had arranged the celebration of the Workers International Day in the Kudak Park on 12.2.1383 (May 2004). But before arriving at the park, they were attacked by the Police and Intelligence forces and about fifty of them were arrested and detained.

The same day all the workers except seven of them were released from jail. These seven detainees were Mahmud Saalehi, Jalaal Hosseini, Mohsen Hakimi, Mohamad Abdipour, Haadi Tanoumand, Borhan Divargar and Esmaa'il Khodkaam. They were taken to the city of Sanandaj for interrogation. These seven workers went on hunger strike to protest against their detention and the police's insults during the detention time. After 12 days of hunger strike and as a response to people and workers' demand, Mr. Abdullaah Salehi, Mahmud Saalehi's brother, was allowed to enter the prison and ask the strikers to end their strike.

The strikers held a meeting the same day inside the jail to consider people and workers' demand. They voted on the demand and the majority voted for the end of the strike. Thus they announced the end of their strike by giving out a communiqué.

These workers were released on heavy bails accordingly: Mahmud Saalehi on 200 million Toman bail, Mohsen Hakimi on 200 million Toman bail, Jalaal Hosseini on 30 million Toman bail, Mohamad Abdipour on 20 million Toman bail, Borhan Divargar on 10 million Toman bail, Esmaa'il Khodkaam on 10 million Toman bail and Haadi Tanoumand on 6 million Toman bail.

The first district of the Saqez Revolutionary Court headed by Mr. Tayaari issued the following sentences against the workers after few hearings.

On 21.1.84(March 2004), during court case no. 258, Mahmud Saalehi was sentenced to 5 years jail on probation and 3 years exile to the town of Qorveh, on 12.5.84, during court case no. 784, Jalaal Hosseini was sentenced to 3 years jail on probation, on 12.5.84, during court case no. 794, Mohsen Hakimi was sentenced to 2 years jail on probation, on 28.3.84, during court case no. 530, Mohamad Abdipour was sentenced to 2 years jail on probation, on 28.3.84, during court case no. 529, Borhaan Divargar was sentenced to 2 years jail on probation, all on the charges of sedition act by participating in the disorder and illegal assemblies during the May First celebrations in the city of Saqez on 12.2.1383(May 2004).

During the court case no. 949 and 948 on 15.6.84(September 2005), the court ruled out further prosecution of Esmaa'il Khodkaam and Haadi Tanoumand.

The convicts and their lawyers Mrs. Mahshid Mahdud, Mrs. Manizheh Mohamadi and Mr. Mohamad Sharif protested against the verdict issued by the first district of the Saqez Revolutionary Court. The case was taken to the seventh district of the appeal court in the province of Kurdistan. On 20.1.85(March 2006) in a meeting headed by Mr. Mohamad Mostawfi and Mr. Hamid Reza Hassanpour as the counselor, the court acquitted all the convicted workers of the forged charges by the Saqez Revolutionary Court and sent the case to the earlier-mentioned court for review.

After reviewing the cases on 27 and 28.1.85(April 2006), Saqez Revolutionary Court headed by Mr. Shayan put the workers on trial again on charges of committing crime against the country's internal security and acquitted Mohamad Abdipour of the forged charges on 30.3.85(June2006).

Mahmud Saalehi and Jalaal Hosseini were taken to court on Monday and Wednesday on **October 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** (24 and 26.7.85) for the final hearings to defend themselves against the forged charges.

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