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## PROTEST ON SENTENCES IN THE SAQEZ TRIAL.

The Red Electoral Alliance (RV) Norway, wishes to protest against sentences handed down to trade union members in Iran.

We have been informed that on 9 November this year Mahmoud Salehi, the former President of the Bakery Workers' Association of the city of Saqez and a co-founder of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organisations was sentenced to five years imprisonment and three years in exile in the city of Ghorveh . Jalal Hosseini, a member of the Bakery Workers' Association of the city of Saqez, was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

We have also been informed that the Saqez Revolutionary Court has sentenced Moshen Hakimi, Borhan Divangar and Mohammad Adipour to two years imprisonment. Hence five out of the seven initially charged have now been sentenced, including Mahmoud Salehi and Jalal Sosseini.

RV believes that similarly to those condemned earlier, Moshen Hakimi, Borhan Divangar and Mohammad Adipour were sentenced for their trade union activities, especially given the fact that the initial arrests were made in connection with their participation in May Day 2004 celebrations and that charges against them were made shortly thereafter.

RV maintains that these sentences show that your governments violate fundamental trade union rights, such as freedom of association

RV urges you to take all necessary measures to ensure the immediate repeal of the sentences against Mahmoud Salehi, Jalal Hosseini, Mohsen Hakimi, Borhan Divangar and Mohammad Adipour. We urge you to ensure that all charges against Borhan Divangar in connection with his arrest on 7 August 2005 be dropped.

We trust that the innocence of the above-mentioned workers will be fully recognised in later stages of this juridical process.

Yours sincerely

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