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Mahmoud Salehi, Iranian union activist, arrested and re-imprisoned for one more year

About noon on Saturday, October 28, 2017, Mahmoud Salehi, a prominent activist of the Iranian Labour Movement, was arrested by four plainclothes security forces immediately after his kidney dialysis in a hospital in Saqez, Kurdistan province.

Mahmoud Salehi goes to Khomeini Hospital twice a week for dialysis. On October 28, 2017, as usual, after dialysis treatment, he was heading home along with his wife, Najibeh Salehzadeh. Suddenly a plainclothes agent stopped Mahmoud from behind and said he was arresting him. Mahmoud and his wife explained that he wasn't feeling well due to the dialysis treatment and that he could report to their office a day after, but two other plainclothes agents also came and they placed him forcefully in a car; at the same time a female agent went behind Najibeh to make sure that she could not intervene.

Najibeh requested to accompany Mahmoud to the courtroom, but they refused her request. They took Mahmoud to the Saqez court and Najibeh arrived separately shortly after. The public prosecutor of the Saqez court stated to Mahmoud Salehi that previously they had sentenced him to 9-year prison but his jail term has been reduced to one year effective immediately. Thereafter, around 4:00 PM, Mahmoud Salehi was transferred to the central prison of Saqez for execution of the sentence.

Mahmoud Salehi suffers from serious heart and kidney diseases; plus twice a week he has to do kidney dialysis in the hospital. The health of Mahmoud Salehi will be in grave danger in prison and the authorities know that really well.

By incessantly targeting veteran labour activists in Iran, the Iranian government and judiciary not only are perpetuating a seemingly permanent state of fear and intimidation, it also is condemning some of these activists to gradual death. The Iranian labour movement just mourned the death of Mohammad Jarahi, who was refused proper treatment during his prison term.

Mahmoud Salehi is one of the most progressive and courageous Iranian labour activists and has been crucial in the rise of the Iranian labour movement in the past decade. He has spent many years in prison. The Iranian labour organizations and activists have strongly condemned the re-imprisonment of Mahmoud Salehi and demand his immediate and unconditional freedom.

As we stated previously, we all remember that Shahrokh Zamani was killed in Rajaei Shahr prison in September 2015 and no justice has yet to be done for his death; this is the same notorious jail that Reza Shahabi is being held prisoner. As predicted, none of Reza Shahabi's demands have yet been addressed by the IRI's prison/intelligence authorities after he conditionally halted his 50-day hunger strike on September 27th. Shahabi continues to be in prison despite growing health problems. Education workers, Esmail Abdi and Mohsen Omrani, continue to be incarcerated, and Mahmoud Beheshti Langroodi has been arrested and transferred to Evin prison on September 12, 2017 and the appeals court recently confirmed another 5 year jail term against him, which means that his total prison sentences are now 14 years. Tens of other Iranian labour and social activists have been summoned to courts in recent weeks.

The member organizations of the International trade-union network of solidarity and struggle condemn this arrest. We require his liberation, as well as that of all the union activists of Iran.

Mahmoud Salehi, syndicaliste iranien a été arrêté à l'hôpital et conduit en prison

Son épouse, Madame Nadjibeh Saleh-Zadrh a publié le récit de son arrestation, le lendemain : « le samedi 28 octobre, nous étions en train de quitter l'hôpital après la séance de dialyse hebdomadaire lorsque 4 agents des forces de l'ordre nous ont entourés. Malgré nos protestations, ils l'ont conduit au tribunal, où on nous a informé que la cour d'appel a modifié sa condamnation de 9 ans de sursis en 1 an ferme et ils l'ont conduit directement à la prison centrale de Saghez. Nous n'avons pas été avertis de déroulement de quelconque cour d'appel. »

Mme Saleh-Zadeh, en s'adressant au public et aux militant.es ouvriers, alerte sur son cas fragile, en raison de ses maladies récurrentes d'insuffisance rénale et problème cardiaque. Un an de prison sans les soins appropriés mettra sa santé fragile en grand danger. Elle a demandé aux militant.es et activistes ouvriers et à tous les travailleurs et travailleuses de contester le sort réservé à Mahoud Salehi et d'œuvrer pour sa libération immédiate. Elle est la porte-parole du comité du soutien à Mahmoud Salehi.

L'arrestation arbitraire de Mahmoud Salehi intervient à la suite des arrestations inquiétantes de Reza Shahabi, Esmail Abdi, Mahmoud Beheshti-Langroudi, et d'autres syndicalistes en Iran. Elle nous alerte sur l'aggravation de la répression qui vise tous les travailleurs et travailleuses d'Iran qui osent lutter pour la réalisation de leurs droits les plus élémentaire et leurs revendications justes.

Les organisations membres du Réseau syndical international de solidarité et de luttes condamnent cette arrestation. Nous exigeons sa libération, ainsi que celle de tous les syndicalistes d'Iran.

Les organisations membres du Réseau syndical international de solidarité et de lutte

Organisations syndicales nationales interprofessionnelles

- Central Sindical e Popular Conlutas (**CSP-Conlutas**) - Brésil.
- Confederación General del Trabajo (**CGT**) - Etat espagnol.
- Union syndicale Solidaires (**Solidaires**) - France.
- Confédération Générale du Travail du Burkina (**CGT-B**) - Burkina.
- Confederation of Indonesia People's Movement (**KPRI**) - Indonésie.
- Confederación Intersindical (**Intersindical**) - Etat espagnol.
- Syndicat National Autonome des Personnels de l'Administration Publique (**SNAPAP**) - Algérie.
- Batay Ouvriye - Haïti.
- Unione Sindacale Italiana (**USI**) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs - Solidarité Ouvrière (**CNT SO**) - France.
- Sindicato de Comisiones de Base (**CO.BAS**) - Etat espagnol.
- Organisation Générale Indépendante des Travailleurs et Travailleuses d'Haïti (**OGTHI**) - Haïti.
- Sindacato Intercategoriale Cobas (**SI COBAS**) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale du Travail (**CNT-f**) - France.
- Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya (**IAC**) - Catalogne.
- Union Générale des Travailleurs Sahraouis (**UGTSARIO**) - Sahara occidental.
- Ezker Sindikalaren Konbergentzia (**ESK**) - Pays basque.
- Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs du Sénégal Forces du Changement (**CNTS/FC**) - Sénégal.
- Independent Trade Unions for Egyptian Federation (**EFITU**) - Egypte.
- Sindicato Autorganizzato Lavorator COBAS (**SIAL-COBAS**) - Italie.
- General Federation of Independent Unions (**GFIU**) - Palestine.
- Confederación de la Clase Trabajadora (**CCT**) - Paraguay.
- Red Solidaria de Trabajadores - Pérou
- Union Syndicale Progressiste des Travailleurs du Niger (**USPT**) - Niger.
- Union Nationale des Syndicats Autonomes du Sénégal (**UNASAS**) - Sénégal.
- Unión Nacional para la Defensa de la Clase Trabajadora (**UNT**) - El Salvador.
- Solidaridad Obrera (**SO**) - Etat espagnol.

Organisations syndicales nationales professionnelles

- National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (**RMT/TUC**) - Grande-Bretagne.
- Centrale Nationale des Employés – Confédération Syndicale Chrétienne (**CNE/CSC**) - Belgique.
- Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores del Sistema Agroalimentario (**SINALTRAINAL/CUT**) - Colombie.
- Fédération Générale des Postes, Telecom et Centres d'appel - Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (**FGPTT/UGTT**) – Tunisie.
- Trade Union in Ethnodata - Trade Union of Employees in the Outsourcing Companies in the financial sector - Grèce.
- Syndicat national des travailleurs des services de la santé humaine (**SYNTRASEH**) - Bénin
- Sindicato dos Trabalhadores da Fiocruz (**ASFOC-SN**) – Brésil.
- Organizzazione Sindacati Autonomi e di Base Ferrovie (**ORSA Ferrovie**) - Italie.
- Union Nationale des Normaliens d'Haïti (**UNNOH**) - Haïti.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Scuola Università Ricerca (**CUB SUR**) - Italie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Immigrazione (**CUB Immigrazione**) - Italie.
- Coordinamento Autorganizzato Trasporti (**CAT**) - Italie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Credito e Assicurazioni (**CUB SALLCA**) - Italie.
- Syndicat des travailleurs du rail - Union Nationale des Travailleurs du Mali (**SYTRAIL/UNTM**) – Mali.
- Gıda Sanayii İşçileri Sendikası - Devrimci İşçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu (**GIDA-IŞ/DISK**) - Turquie.
- Syndicat National des Travailleurs du Petit Train Bleu/SA (**SNTPTB**) - Sénégal.
- Asociación Nacional de Funcionarios Administrativos de la Caja de Seguro Social (**ANFACSS**) - Panama.
- Conseil des Lycées d'Algérie (**CLA**) – Algérie.
- Confederazione Unitaria di Base Trasporti (**CUB Trasporti**) - Italie.
- Syndicat de l'Enseignement Supérieur Solidaire (**SESS**) – Algérie.
- Palestinian Postal Service Workers Union (**PPSWU**) – Palestine.
- Union Syndicale Etudiante (**USE**) – Belgique.
- Sindicato dos Trabalhadores de Call Center (**STCC**) – Portugal.
- Sindicato Unitario de Trabajadores Petroleros (**Sinutapetrolgas**) – Venezuela.
- Alianza de Trabajadores de la Salud y Empleados Publicos – Mexique.
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers / Syndicat des travailleurs et travailleuses des postes (**CUPW-STTP**) – Canada.
- Syndicat Autonome des Postiers (**SAP**) – Suisse.
- Federación nacional de trabajadores de la educación (**SUTE-Chili**) – Chili.
- Plateforme Nationale des organisations professionnelles du secteur public – Côte d'Ivoire

Organisations syndicales locales

- Trades Union Congress, Liverpool (**TUC Liverpool**) - Angleterre.
- Sindacato Territoriale Autorganizzato, Brescia (**ORMA Brescia**) - Italie.
- Fédération syndicale SUD Service public, canton de Vaud (**SUD Vaud**) - Suisse
- Sindicato Unitario de Catalunya (**SU Metro**) - Catalogne.
- Türkiye DERİ-İŞ Sendikası, Tuzla et Izmir (**DERİ-İŞ Tuzla et Izmir**) - Turquie.
- L'autre syndicat, canton de Vaud (**L'autre syndicat**) - Suisse
- Centrale Générale des Services Publics FGFB, Ville de Bruxelles (**CGSP/FGFB Bruxelles**) - Belgique
- Arbeitskreis Internationalismus IG Metall, Berlin (**IG Metall Berlin**) – Allemagne
- Sindicato Unificado de Trabajadores de la Educación de Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca -(**SUTEBA/CTA de los trabajadores Bahia Blanca**) – Argentine
- Sindicato del Petróleo y Gas Privado del Chubut/CGT – Argentine.
- UCU University and College Union, University of Liverpool (**UCU Liverpool**) - Angleterre.

Organisations syndicales internationales

- Industrial Workers of the World - International Solidarity Commission (**IWW**)

Courants, tendances ou réseaux syndicaux

- Transnationals Information Exchange Germany (**TIE Germany**) - Allemagne.
- Emancipation tendance intersyndicale (**Emancipation**) - Fr
- Globalization Monitor (**Gmo**) - Hong Kong.
- Courant Syndicaliste Révolutionnaire (**CSR**) - France.
- No Austerity - Coordinamento delle lotte - Italie.
- Solidarité Socialiste avec les Travailleurs en Iran (**SSTI**) – Fra
- Basis Initiative Solidarität (**BASO**) - Allemagne.
- LabourNet Germany - Allemagne.
- Resistenza Operaia - operai Fiat-Irisbus – Italie.