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Sharife Mohammadi the worker prisoner who is sentenced to execution should be free

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Freiheit für Scharife Mohamadi, Arbeiterin und politische Gefangene im Iran









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The new president for Iran. What will change?

Sadegh Afrooz

Now Iran has a new president. A man named Pezshkian who has been in the service of Islamic republic regime from day one. Reformists have gathered around him and introduced him as a political leader who will put an end to all political and economical problems. A messiah who will stay in front of fundamentalists. But if you have a little bit of knowledge about the Iranian political system you will have different opinions .

In Iran supreme leader is on the top and makes all the key decisions. He has guardian council which filters all the candidates for parliament and parliament members should approve the ministers of the president, the Judiciary branch also is under supreme leader control. The president supposed to be on the top of executive branch bur IRGC and Ghods brigade and Basij

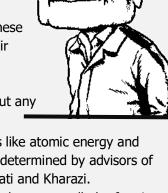
(militia forces) and two parallel security forces are under supreme leader control.

IRGC not only is arm force but also is a biggest economical monopoly which can not be audited by government agencies. Beside these organizations clergies have their own monopolies.

They run religious shrines and receive billions of dollars without any audit.

All the important political issues like atomic energy and relations with epoxy forces are determined by advisors of Khamenei. By people like Velayati and Kharazi. So the question remains: what does a so-called reformist

president do in this system? What will change? What brave Iranian people who stood in front of a repressive regime will gain?



Ismail Abdi's note for Ismail Bakshi

Let's not forget Ismail Bakhshi

Talking about people with honor makes a person feel good. People who dedicate their lives to fight for freedom and justice. The ones with the least rights have had the most effect among their like-minded people to fight against discrimination and inequality.

Esmail Bakhshi, a member of the Haft Tappeh Syndicate, is one of the lovely and noble people.

I was unaware of Ismail Bakhshi for a long time until last month he came to our house with one of the activists from the south of the country. We reviewed prison memories together.

Ismail said that he remembers well that he came to Evin prison in solitary confinement and endured a lot of pressure and...

Description of meeting in Evin:

In 2018, we were transferred from Ward 350 to Ward 7 of Evin with my colleague and dear friend Mr. Mahmoud Beheshti Langroudi by the order of the Tehran Prosecutor. After settling in and choosing a room in hall 2, we found out that Esmail Bakhshi is in hall 5 with Amir Salardaoudi, a brave lawyer. I quickly went to the information office. I asked the time guard officer to page him. I hid next to a pillar while Ismail went to the security officer. Ismail approached with firm steps and said, "Did you need me for anything"?



The guard officer asked him, who would you like to see now? Ismail was silent for a moment and thought.

The guard officer told him that another Ismail is also in this prison! He said "Who?" The guard officer kept silent, Ismail looked behind his head and around and suddenly saw me. We both came forward and hugged each other for a few minutes and shed tears. Not tears of fear and sadness in prison, tears of joy to meet colleagues and like-minded people in the so-called Evin University.

Extracted From Instagram of teacher Ismail Abdi

Reza Shahabi

went on hunger strike in Evin prison!

Monday, 8 July, 2024 / According to the opinion of a neurosurgeon specialist, prisoner -worker Reza Shahabi is a candidate for neck surgery due to the protrusion of the 4th and 5th vertebra, severe pain and numbness of the left hand, and back surgery due to the rupture of the 4th and 5th discs and the protrusion of the 2nd and 3rd disc and There is numbness on the right leg and severe pain in the leg and back, the records of which are available in the medical records of Evin Prison Hospital. Due to Shahabi's serious condition, the medical commission has ordered to send him to Rasool -e-Akram Hospital for heart and urology consultation and nerve tape in order to make a faster decision regarding his surgery and treatment outside the prison. But due to the failure of the person in charge of Ward 4th of Evin prison in sending a letter of request to the hospital, instead of sending him to the hospital, he was sent back to prison. On the other hand, Shahabi has been threatened to be transferred to another ward in Evin prison.

The reason for that is the failure to hand over the bed to the room's manager, in the 36-meter room, where 17 prisoners are locked up and there is no empty bed and there is not even room for the prisoners' personal belongings and clothes. Homogenise, due to the harassment of labor prisoners and the discrimination of the head of the 4th Ward of Evin Prison in meetings, this person in charge has also prevented Reza Shahabi from working for free to cut the hairs of poor and lowincome prisoners in the prison barber shop. These harassments and threats have been repeated many times, including yesterday, and Reza Shahabi, a member of the board of directors of the workers' Syndicate of Bus Company (Sherkat -e- of Wahed), protested the continuation of repressive and discriminatory practices and to make his voice heard by the workers, the public and the officials. As far as he is concerned, he spent his only capital, and started a hunger strike, which is deteriorating his health.

More information will be announced later. The imprisoned worker must be released! The workers' solution is unity and organization! Workers' Syndicate of Tehran and suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat -e- of Wahed)

Reza Shahabi stopped his hunger strike following the promise of immediate attention to his demands

At the end of the third day of Reza Shahabi's hunger strike deputy health officer of Evin prison, Mr. Tosli, came to see him and asked the reason for the strike and Shahabi's demands.

Considering the physical condition of Shahabi, who is a candidate for urgent neck and back surgery according to the opinion of a neurosurgeon, and also considering the fact that he has spent more than half of his prison term, Shahabi applied for parole and sick leave to go out of prison.



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He should undergo surgery and treatment, but both requests have been rejected by the prosecutor's office . The deputy health officer of the prison announced that he had spoken with the assistant prosecutor in charge of security prisoners, Mr. Nayeri, and promised to follow Shahabi's parole so that he could undergo neck and back surgery under the direct supervision of a neurosurgeon outside the prison.

Meanwhile, Shahabi was promised to remove the obstacles on the way to the hospital. Due to the promise of pursuing parole and the removal of obstacles to being sent to the hospital, Reza Shahabi has stopped his hunger strike from tonight, July 11 2024, until the outcome of the follow-up is announced.

The imprisoned worker must be released.

The workers' solution is unity and organizations.

The union of Tehran and suburb Vahed bus company

July 11 2024

The Resolution of the Organising Committee for 7th June Protest in Geneva

The 112th session of international labour Conference is being held from June 3rd to 14th 2024, with the participation of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while this delegation is entirely made up of government agents. The so-called Iranian labour delegation includes the members of governmentaffiliated "labour organizations" who have played a direct role in suppressing and restraining workers' struggles. During the 45 years of its rule, the Islamic Republic of Iran has continuously violated basic labour rights, including the rights enshrined in ILO conventions, by resorting to repression. Every collective effort by workers to set up independent labour organisations, or take part in protests, strike actions and collective bargaining has been met with threats, arrests, and imprisonment. Every year, hundreds of labour activists and teachers are threatened, fired, summoned, imprisoned, and tortured for exercising their rights, which are taken for granted in many countries. Currently, at least around 40 labour activists and teachers are in prison. In addition to government's repressions and violations of fundamental human rights which are inflicted on all citizens, working women face double discrimination and tyranny both in the workplace and

society. The employment rate for women in Iran is about 14%, one of the lowest participation rates for women in the region whilst 60% of all university graduates are women and more than 70% of graduate women are unemployed in Iran. In many jobs, especially in small workshops and many service sector positions, women workers receive lower wages - even less than pitiful official minimum wage. In a nutshell, the capitalist regime of Iran has imposed and legalized gender apartheid which has become one of the main pillars of this regime. This includes: imposing government dress code on women(mandatory Hijab), taking away women's right to work and travel and making it conditional on obtaining permission from their husbands, women do not have the custody rights for children and the right to divorce, they are banned from some jobs, faced with legally endorsed inequality in lawsuits and many more which are all enshrined in the official laws of the country. The rise of "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement that shook the foundations of the Islamic regime and resonated around the world, was more than anything else a mass protest against this gender apartheid. The brave struggles of women against forced veiling and other rights are still continuing on





a daily basis, and the regime, despite waging an open and violent street war, beating, arresting and fining women for not wearing hijab, has not been able to silence women's voice for freedom and equality.

Child labour has become common. Unofficial reports indicate that there are about three to four million child laborers in the country. Last year alone, according to official reports, more than 930,000 children missed or dropped out of school due to family poverty and the government's failure to own up to having any responsibility. Many of them have joined the enormous army of working children who are deprived of their childhood, harshly exploited and constantly exposed to all kinds of abuse and exploitation, violence and mental and physical harms. Despite all the difficulties and obstacles, the working class of Iran has not been a silent victim of massive assaults and attacks by the ruling capitalist regime.

In Iran under Islamic rule, we witness an open, relentless and ongoing class struggle between the workers and the ruling class. In the past decade, there have been an average of two thousand strikes, gatherings and protests by workers, teachers, nurses, pensioners and other sectors of the working-class. Workers and labour activists have been fighting for the right to set up independent organisations, the right to strike, and protest, to increase wages and equal pay for equal work, annulment of all kinds of discrimination, and dismantling of temporary contracts and contracting companies. There is solid and indisputable evidence to demonstrate that the Iranian workers now demand a fundamental uprooting of all inhumane and intolerable conditions which are imposed on them by the oppressive and tyrannical ruling class.

In solidarity with the labour movement in Iran, we announce:

- 1 -The Islamic Republic's delegation at the International Labour Conference are totally made up of agents of the Iranian government, therefore Iranian workers are not represented at this conference. The continued participation of the bogus delegation in the conference, especially while labour activists are in prison, is an insult to the working class in Iran.
- 2 We demand the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, including workers, teachers, labour activists and retirees. We also demand the immediate abolition of the heinous death penalty and any form of physical and mental torture.
- 4 Freedom to form independent labour organisations, the right to collective bargaining,



strike, protest, setting up political parties and associations and freedom of opinion and expression are basic and fundamental workers' rights worldwide. No government should deny these rights under any pretext. We strongly condemn the violation of these rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

- 4 -The independence of labour organisations is inviolable. Therefore, we condemn the actions taken by few trade unions in Europe to set up a "confederation" for and in the name of Iranian workers, and demand an end to such actions.
 5 -We demand equal rights for men and women in all economic, social, and cultural spheres. We demand
- economic, social, and cultural spheres. We demand the immediate annulment of all laws based on gender, ethnic, racial, religious, and linguistic discrimination.
- 6 -We along with many labour organisations, progressive forces and human rights defenders around the world, strongly condemn, as an act of genocide, the daily killings of children, women and civilians in Gaza by the Israeli government. We demand an immediate end to these heinous crimes and call for peace in the region and around the world. While refuting armed Islamist groups, we resolutely support the Palestinian people's right for self-determination which has been taken away from them by the racist Israeli government.



- 7 -We call on all trade unions, human rights organisations, progressive and freedom loving groups to take direct actions for the release of political prisoners and against the continued wave of executions in Iran.
- 8 -We sincerely thank all of you who are here, and all speakers and trade unions who have endorsed this protest rally.

The Organising Committee for 7th June protest in **Geneva**

7 June 2024



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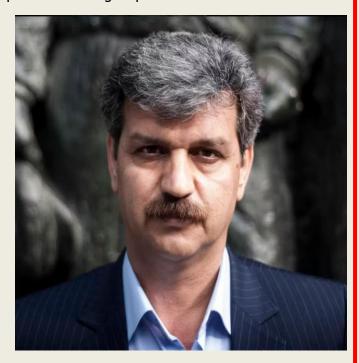
June 1st

Sabzevar, Isfahan

Death and injury of five workers due to lack of work safety

June 2nd

For the second night in a row, prisoner worker Reza Shahabi was transferred to the Evin prison hospital due to back pain and sciatic vein congestion, and then she was returned to prison with an injection of painkillers and gabapentin tablets.



Gachsaran, Ahvaz, Isfahan, Tehran, Ahvaz, Shush, Kermanshah, Bandar Abbas, Bushehr, Kerman

Thirteen protest gatherings of working workers in different sectors.

June 3rd

Bahar, Gachsaran

Seventeen workers were injured due to lack of work safety

Esfahan

Iran Telecommunication Company drivers strike **Iranshahr**

Salary arrears and non-payment of Eid holidays for municipal workers

June 4th

Ahwaz, Shush

Two protest gatherings of drivers and workers

June 5th

Ahvaz

Protest gathering of wheat farmers

June 6th Kerman

Death of a worker due to lack of work safetyDeath of a worker due to lack of work safety

Semnan

Sixteen workers were injured in the mine as a result of the overturning of the minibus

June 7th Hormozgan

Wages arrears for Kish wood factory workers **Pakdasht**

The death of two workers and the injury of one worker due to the lack of work safety

June 8th Ilam

Protest gathering of bakers

Qazvin, **Takestan**, **Targaba**- Eighteen workers were injured due to lack of work safety

Tehran, Ahvaz, Tabriz

Wage demands of Railbus company workers **Ilam**, **Sirjan**, **Semnan**

Protest gathering of bakers, truck drivers and workers

June 9th Tehran

Reza Shahabi, a member of the board of directors of the bus company workers' union, was transferred from Evin prison to the hospital

Kerman

Four miners were injured in a road accident

Marand

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety **Tehran**

Four labor activists, Keyvan Mehtadi, Anisha Asadollahi, Reza Shahabi, Hassan Saeedi, were sentenced to three years and seven months in prison.

Tehran, Ahvaz, Sush, Kermanshah, Isfahan, Mazandaran

9 protest gathering, cultural retirees, social security and steel industries

June 10th

Tabriz, Sanandaj, Bijar, zanjan

Protest gathering of pensioners

The death of two workers and the injury of fifty-one workers due to the lack of work safety

Identification of two thousand six hundred working children in the country

June 11th

Isfahan, Tehran, Kermanshah

Protest gathering of workers and retirees

June 12th

Shiraz The fifth day of the hunger strike of labor activist Mohammad Davari in Adel Abad prison

Bandar Imam

Protest gathering of municipal workers

June 13th

Rasht

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety

Zahedan

Protest gathering of municipal workers

June 14th

Amnesty International's request for the unconditional release of labor activist Reza Shahabi

Asalooyeh

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety

June 15th

Zabul

Gathering of workers in protest of living conditions

Handijan, Arak

The death of two workers due to lack of safety

Bandar Imam

Salary arrears of municipal workers

Arak, Hamadan, Zabul, Lawan

Protest gathering of drivers, retired educators and workers

June 16th Shazand

Four workers were buried under the rubble due to the collapse of the mine

Urmia, Selmas, Maybod, Shazand

Death of six workers due to lack of work safety

Ahvaz, Susa, Kermanshah, Tehran, Tabriz,

Isfahan Seven- protest gatherings of social security retirees, telecommunications company employees, steel industry retirees

Ilam

Termination of health insurance for municipal workersf municipal workers

June 17th

Neyshabour

Injury of a worker due to lack of work safety

June 18th

Kermanshah, Tehran

Protest gathering of national retirees, telecommunications, social security, Bank Mellat

Haft Tappeh

Gathering of citizens looking for work in front of the agriculture and industry complex for the employment of local youth

Tehran

Rehane Ansarinejad, a labor activist, and Daoud Razavi, a member of the board of directors of the workers' union, were sent from Evin prison to the hospital.

Namin

Protest gathering and strike of Arta Plast workers

June 19th

Tehran

Wages arrears for the workers of Darugar factory

Kermanshah, Mashhad

Death and injury of four workers due to lack of work safety

Ilam

Protest gathering of unemployed petrochemical project workers

Death of eight miners in three months

June 20th

Abdanan, Khorramabad, Rasht Death and injury of four workers due to lack of work safety

The protest rally of the retirees of the Ministry of Health in **Tehran** and the strike of contract workers of the oil industry

June 21th

Lavan

Protest gathering of oil company employees

Contract workers strike in oil fields

Isfahan

Strike of project workers working in Sepahan Oil Company

Khorasan Razavi

Non-payment of five months' wages of road construction project workers

Orumieh

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety

June 22th

Shiraz

A number of obstetrics and gynecology assistants withdrew in protest against heavy workload

The continuation of the hunger strike of Mohammad Davari, a labor activist, and his detention in solitary confinement

The sentencing of three labor activists, Mohammad Irannejad, Nasrullah Amirlou and Mornazi Saidi, to a total of six years in prison.

Tehran

Labor activist Seyyed Nejad returned to Maziar Prison after the end of his leave

The strike of 9,000 workers working in oil industry contract companies

June 23th

Esfahan

Protest gathering of steel industry retirees

Rasht, Tehran, Kermanshah, Susa

Protest gathering of social security retirees

Andimeshk, Kashan, Shiraz, Dehlaran, Aran and Bidgol, Hafeshjan

South oil and gas project workers strike

Isfahan, Ghaemshahr, Abadan, Kerman, Tehran

The protest gathering of steel industry retirees, sweepers, Sarchesheme copper retirees, educators and education workers and The continuation of the nationwide strike of oil and gas project workers

Death and injury of nine workers due to lack of work safety

June 24th

Tabriz

Protest gathering of telecom retirees

West Islamabad

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety **Bane**

Death of a female worker due to lack of work safety Tabriz, Sanandaj, Marivan, Bandar Abbas, Rudbar, Kashan, Teftan

Protest gathering of telecommunications retirees, water and sewage contractor workers and farmers

The sixth day of the national strike of oil and gas project workers in the south

June 25th

Sanandaj, Iranshahr

Salary and insurance arrears of social emergency services purchase forces and municipal workers and corporate forces of the University of Medical Sciences

June 26th Rasht

The continued detention and indecision of labor activist **Sharife Mohammadi** in prison



Western Azerbaijan

Seven workers died and 210 workers were injured due to work accidents in two months

Mashhad

Death and injury of eight workers due to lack of work safety

Ilam, Urmia

The protest gathering of unemployed workers in the project and the joining of combined cycle power plant project workers to the strike on the seventh day of the nationwide strike of oil and gas project workers.

Western Azerbaijan

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Mashhad

Death and injury of eight workers due to lack of work safety

June 27th

Mashhad, bane

The death of two workers due to lack of work safety

June28th

Asalooyeh

Death of a worker due to lack of work safety

June 29th

Tehran

Labor activist Ismail Garami was summoned to the court

Kish

Wages and insurance arrears of workers

Harris

Injury of a worker due to lack of work safety

June 30th

Kerman

Death of a miner due to lack of work safety

Karaj

Arrest and conviction of labor activist Farhad Sheikhi

Isfahan, Ahvaz, Qaimshahr

Protest gathering of steel industry retirees.



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- Abroad of solidarity groups and individuals outside of Iran that
support Iranian Workers. Struggle for:

- 1- Democratic rights and economic. Justice.
- 2- Exposing anti- labour policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 3- Building bridges between the Iranian and international workers' movement.

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