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Fagforbundet for transport og logistikk

To the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Att.: H. E. Ambassador Seyed Hossein
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ARRESTED LABOUR ACTIVISTS IN IRAN

We have been informed that:

on Friday, 15th of June, 2012, at 12 noon, about 60 labour activists including many members of the "Coordinating Committee" were arrested by the agents of the intelligence Ministry after they raided a house in city of Karaj while a meeting of the coordinating committee was underway. Arrestees were beaten by the security agents and transferred to Rajai Shahr prison in Karaj. According to an update issued by the "Coordinating Committee" in the afternoon of June 16th, the majority of detainees were released on bail with the exception of the following labour activists. Mitra Homayooni, Reyhaneh Ansari, Alireza Asgari, Saeed Marzaban, Cyrus Fathi, Masoud Salimpour, Maziar Mehrpour, Jalil Mohammadi and Faramarz Fetrat Nejad.

According to the Coordinating Committee the labour activists arrested included: Mahmoud Salehi, Mitra Homayooni, Vafa Ghaderi, Reyhaneh Ansari, Khaled Hosseini, Saeed Marzban, Cyrus Fathi, Ghaleb Hosseini, Mohammad Abdipour, Jalal Hosseini, Alireza Asgari, Masoud Salimpour, Abbas Andriyany, Sediq Amjadi, Fattah Soleimani, Maziar Mehrpour, Mohammad Molanai, Vahed Seyyedeh, Jalil Sharifian, Sediq Khosravi, Yusuf Ab Kharabad, Afshin Nadimi, and Faramarz Fetrat Nejad.

We continue to witness many labour activists unjustly in prisons in Iran, like Reza Shahabi, Ali Nejati, Shahrokh Zamani, Mohmmad Jarahi, Ali Akhavan, Behnam Ebrahimzadeh. However, this raid on a workers' meeting is absolutely outrageous and inexcusable; it is a gross violation of the most basic rights of workers which is recognized by international conventions and universal human rights.

We strongly condemn the recent raid and arrests of over 60 workers in Karaj. We demand the immediate and unconditional freedom of all labour activists in Iran.

The Norwegian Transport Workers' Union


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