

Demonstration in London-UK

In support labour activists in Iran

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012; 17:30 to 18:30 pm

Location: Amnesty International UK ; The Human Rights Action Centre
17-25 New Inn Yard London EC2A 3EA

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In the latest crackdown on labour activists and independent workers' organisations by The Islamic Republic of Iran, about 60 labour activists were arrested on 15th June 2012.

The arrest took place while members of the 'Coordinating Committee to Help Form Workers' organisations' were holding a meeting in a house in the city of Karaj. The house was raided by agents of the Intelligence Ministry. Those arrested were severely beaten and assaulted and then transferred to Rajai Shahr prison in Karaj.

The majority of detainees were released on June 16th after being interrogated, with the exception of two women and seven men who have been detained and are not able to contact anyone outside the prison. Their colleagues and family members are seriously concerned about their safety.

During the last few years hundreds of labour activists have been arrested, imprisoned, persecuted and sacked from their workplaces. The repression of the Iranian labour movement has been intensifying in recent years as workers have been fighting to defend their jobs and livelihood against Capitalist economic policy of the Islamic regime.

Many Labour activists, including the leaders of Tehran's bus workers trade union and Haft Tapeh sugar cane workers trade union are currently in prison.

We demand:

- Immediate and unconditional release of all detainees
- Free all currently imprisoned labour activists and all political prisoners
- The right to organise independent organisations and the right to free speech, and freedom of assembly and expression.

We are calling on all labour and human rights organisations and concerned individuals to express their condemnation for attacks on labour activists and labour organisations.

Contact us for more details on how to support workers activists in Iran.

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