



The lives of Iranian trade unionists Reza Shahabi and Hassan Saidi are in danger!

In spite of the questioning the ILO and the Iranian authorities by various international organizations for several weeks, many trade-unionists and teachers are still imprisoned and prosecuted.

Reza Shahabi, a member of Tehran Bus Workers syndicate (Vahed) has been on hunger strike since Monday, June 13. His life is now in danger. Hassan Saidi, another activist from the Vahed Trade-union, has also been on a hunger strike for more than two weeks.

Their families have not been allowed to visit them. And when their wives and children protested why, prison officials said the judge had deprived Reza Shahabi and Hassan Saidi of the right to receive calls or have visitors.

The same goes for other imprisoned trade unionists and teachers like, Mr. Keyvan Mohtadi, Ms. Anisha Asadollahi, Ms. Reyhaneh Ansari Nejsd, Mr. Rasoul Bodaghi, Mr. Jafar Ebrahimi and Mr. Mohammad Habibi.

Communication with their families and receiving visits in prison is an established right. It is inadmissible that the Iranian authorities do not respect it!

As the Vahed trade-union explains: *“It is by no means illegal to have trade union activity, especially since Iran is a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO)”*.

Several Vahed representatives have already come to Europe at the invitation of French trade unions.

In the company of representatives of several European and International trade-unions, a delegation of Iranian trade unionists, including Reza Shahabi, even officially met in Geneva with officials from the International Labour Organization in June 2018.

We call on all organizations and individuals defending workers' rights and Human rights to protest once again to the Iranian authorities, demanding the immediate release of the imprisoned trade unionists and the dropping the charges against them.

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