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Mahmoud Salehi

Your Excellency,

On behalf of trade unions and millions of working men and women around the world, the International Confederation of Trade Unions (ITUC) and International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) request your office to take urgent action to ensure Mahmoud Salehi's ill health be properly diagnosed and that he be seen by qualified specialist health professionals and provided with appropriate medical treatment outside the jail.

We have been informed that Mahmoud Salehi, spokesperson for the Organisational Committee to Establish Trade Unions, was admitted to Tohid Hospital in the city of Sanandaj, unconscious, on 11 December, after repeatedly collapsing in prison between 4 - 10 December. The ITUC and ITF know well that Salehi has long-term medical concerns. We wish to bring to your attention the fact that he suffers from chronic kidney disease, as a result of which he required dialysis. He is also said to suffer from a heart disorder. Most recently, it was reported that he has grave intestinal edema or swelling that may be connected with his renal disease. Following his admission to hospital he received a brain scan. This revealed that blood vessels in his brain have been damaged. We deplore the fact that your authorities took him back to jail in such a critical condition.

Whilst the ITUC and ITF welcome the recent release of Ebrahim Madadi and Reza Dehghan from prison, we cannot let Salehi's health conditions deteriorate without raising our grave concerns. This latest development has been widely publicised to the trade unions globally and many organisations are deeply disturbed with the lack of humanitarian treatment by the Iranian authorities.

The ITUC and ITF once again stress that Mahmoud Salehi must be given adequate medical care most urgently. We also repeat our position that no worker must be imprisoned for his/her trade union activities and in this particular case, given the circumstances, that Salehi should not and cannot stay in prison for the remaining time of his sentence until next March and he must be released immediately on humanitarian grounds.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Cockroft', with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

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