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## **The Rulings Issued by Iranian Courts Against Labour Movement Activists Must be Revoked**

The courts of the government of Iran have sentenced a number of prominent labour movement activists to several years in prison, to be followed for some of them with exile. Their only "crime" is the attempt to hold a celebration event on May Day 2004.

These workers were arrested at the gathering for International Workers' Day on May 1, 2004 at the Children's Park in the city of Saqiz, and sent to the dungeons. According to the rulings issued by the courts, Mahmud Salehi, the spokesman for the Coordinating Committee for the Creation of a Workers' Organization has been sentenced to 5 years in prison and 2 years in exile. Jalal Husseini has been sentenced to 3 years in prison. Mohsen Hakimi, Muhammad Abdipur and Borhan Divargar, other prominent figures in the workers' movement, have been sentenced to 2 years in prison each.

We the undersigned, who have consistently stood in defence of Iranian sovereignty against foreign imperial aggression and pressures, strongly condemn these undemocratic and unjust rulings of Iranian courts and demand an unconditional revocation of all the rulings and the immediate release of all the detainees.

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