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IRAN: FREE all jailed labour activists! FREE all political prisoners!

**Picket the
Iranian
Embassy
16 Princes's Gate,
London SW7 1PT**

**Friday
1st May 2015
6pm – 8pm
International
Workers' Day**

Called by **Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran**
& **Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers**



Hundreds of workers and labour activists are harassed, imprisoned and tortured; their “crimes” range from possessing a book, posting their views on Facebook, and gathering to demand unpaid wages. They are attacked for demanding their right to strike, to assemble and to form independent trade unions and other workers’ organisations.

Presently thousands of political prisoners are held in Iran, without charge or trial. These prisoners range in age from 13-75 years old. Prisoners are regularly tortured until a ‘confession’ is obtained, after which most are executed secretly without the knowledge of their families. Among these political prisoners are lawyers who have tried in vain to defend prisoners, labour activists, human rights activists, women’s rights advocates, and members of banned

opposition groups.

Behnam Ebrahimzadeh is one of those prisoners. He is a labour activist and human rights defender. He was arrested in June 2010 in Tehran-Iran and was already serving 4 years of his 5 years sentenced when he was sentenced to another 9 and a half years in prison on 29th December 2014. His lawyer was not allowed to attend the trial. He has continuously been under physical and psychological torture while Behnam’s only child is undergoing treatment for Leukaemia.

In addition to the crack down on civil and political rights, workers face a deteriorating economic condition in Iran.

For the working class this means that millions of families have fallen under the poverty line. Today, protests against the regime are numerous in Iran. People protest against the viciousness of the regime,

and fight to gain their right to freedom of expression. There is also growing tide of militancy amongst workers as they organise themselves in independent trade unions.

Those grass roots protests need your support. Political prisoners in Iran need your support – they do not have a voice. We call on you to attend the picket of the Iranian embassy and use your voice to call for the immediate release of all political prisoners.

We demand:

- The terror and violence against workers in Iran must stop!
- Workers in Iran should be able to freely exercise their fundamental right to set up their own organisations, to organise and take part in rallies, assemblies and protests, and to take strike action
- All jailed workers must be immediately and unconditionally freed!

Contact the Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) at
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for campaign material including leaflets and model trade union resolution.