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Solidarity Committees

Ismail Bakhshi and his family need your solidarity and support!

Comrades, Friends and colleagues

With the warmest and sincere greetings in this international solidarity matter.

In November 2018, the Sugarcane workers of Haft Tappeh went on an all-out strike to back up their demands, including:

- The arrears wages,
- An end to the Privatization of the Company, and controlling (managing) the factory (Sugarcane complex) by themselves.

Ismail Bakhshi, a prominent representative of the workers' council and Haft Tappeh Syndicate, was arrested, together with a group of workers of the council's representatives. From the time he was arrested, Ismail Bakhshi has been tortured to the brink of death, with the most violent attacks and brutal assault by his interrogators and tortured by the Islamic Republic's Ministry of information apparatus. Subsequent of the aforementioned, he was unable to move, or sleep in his cell for 72 hours. Whilst a number of his ribs were broken, his kidneys, left ear, and his testicles are still suffering from the severe pain that he has endured, but also the psychological and mental torture that has been imposed on him, are far worse than the physical torture that he has suffered.

After a month since his release, despite using psychiatric pills, he still suffers from severe neuropsychiatric attacks, and he has not recovered yet. He is still undergoing treatment and taking medication. Beside this, his telephone and private conversations with his wife has been controlled by the security intelligence forces of the Islamic Republic during the strike.

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Ismail Bakhshi, as a conscientious worker, without committing any crime, in return and in exchange for all the crimes committed against him, has asked the Minister of intelligence – the highest security official of the Islamic regime - to attend a live and public TV debate, and answer his questions in front of the eighty million Iranian populations.

Ismail Bakhshi, by his actions, has challenged the head of the pyramid of power and all of the pillars of the system for debate. Only because of this challenge, the entire system from the executive, judiciary and the legislature, are denying torturing Bakshi, and connect him to this or that group in abroad. Despite this fact, the letter of Ismail Bakhshi, has become the general cry of all political prisoners and their families, and no one can confront it. It is for this reason, that the Regime Zealots are rattling swords, and according to Mahmoud Vaezi, the chief of the head office of the Republic has announced: “his torture (Bakshi) is not true, and the Ministry of Intelligence has the right to sue this person”.

The daring and defiant actions of Ismail Bakhshi, is a sign of courage, fearlessness and struggle to the end in this class battle, and somehow an indictment by his class against the entire authoritarian rule and the capitalist system in Iran.

Bakhshi, with the full knowledge of the subsequences of his actions, with his head held high courageously ridiculed the regime and its security apparatus, who thought they had broken him. Practically, Bakshi defeated them, and in fact, showed that they are nothing but “paper tigers”.

To this day, the letter of Ismail Bakhshi, in challenging to debate on national TV, with the highest ranking security official, has led to a great deal of reflection, solidarity and support at home and abroad. This has succeeded, in creating a massive protest campaign, that consist of countless political prisoners, or their families, whose children were imprisoned and executed by the Islamic Republic, sympathizing with Ismail Bakhshi, to fight against the organized crimes committed by the regime’s security apparatus. For the same reason, the Ministry of intelligence is horrified and has threatened Ismail Bakhshi and his family, pressuring him to withdraw his challenge to debate nationally, and his claim of being tortured whilst in custody.

Ismail Bakhshi and his family have resisted this demand of the security apparatus and its highest authority, because Bakhshi’s claim is not specific to him and his family. His defense belongs to the thousands of human beings, freedom fighters, political prisoners, imprisoned teachers, workers and students... who have been tortured and executed by this criminal Islamic regime for nearly 40 years! Therefore, Ismail Bakhshi and his family,

need International support and solidarity urgently, whilst condemning the Islamic Republic atrocities towards the Iranian society.

We, the solidarity committees with the Iranian workers movement-abroad, call on all labor institutions, trade unions, syndicates and labor federations, to disclose and protest urgently, against the systematic torture, harassment and abuses, committed by the Islamic Republic. This needs to be carried out at an international level, and to help Ismai Bakhshi and his family, who are at great risk, for just being a labor activist and a leading prominent figure in Iranian labor movement-A voice that must not be silenced by any means.

Long live International Labour movement solidarity!

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