

Support Bus Workers Strike in Iran

We the undersigned trade unionists express our support for the bus workers in Iran currently imprisoned for demanding their basic rights. We support their demands for the release of their leader Mansoor Ossanlou, the introduction of collective bargaining and the recognition of their union. We demand the immediate release of the 1,200 people – bus drivers and their supporters – presently detained by the regime.

We note that the action of the bus drivers and their supporters, workers, women and students, testifies to the capacity of the Iranian people to organise against exploitation and repression and fight for democratic rights in their country.

We reject any attempt by forces in the USA, Britain or elsewhere to misuse this repression to attempt to justify their agenda for an unjustified military attack against Iran. Such an action would, quite apart from the death and destruction it would bring, undermine the development of civil society organisations which are struggling for democracy in Iran.

Join us in support of Iranian bus workers and demand their immediate release. Join us to condemn any pro-war attempts to hijack their struggle.

Signed by

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