

Dear XXXXX [*write down the name of the captain of the ship*]

On behalf of the ITF (International Transport Workers' Federation), bringing together 681 transport unions in 148 countries, I, XXXXXXX [*your name*], request you to deliver this message to the President of Iran. As a member of the ITF family, I am deeply concerned over the continued violation of trade union rights in Iran, which includes the detention of Mansour Osanloo, the President of the Tehran Bus Workers' Union and Mahmoud Salehi, a prominent trade union leader in Kurdistan.

I believe that both men are in prison when the only "crime" they committed was to form a genuine trade union. The ITF dismisses the allegation of your judiciary that these men have acted against the national security of your country. It appears to be an excuse to oppress an independent trade union movement in your country. There have been other similar cases recently where teachers and unemployed workers have been found "guilty" of the same charge.

The International Labour Organization, of which Iran is a member, has supported our complaints on these two cases and has requested the Iranian government to guarantee freedom of association without any delay. Members of the ITF, together with the wider trade union movement, have rallied globally to send our message loud and clear. We will continue to do so until our objectives are achieved.

I request that Mansour Osanloo and Mahmoud Salehi are released immediately and unconditionally. I understand that they both have health problems which require proper medical treatment outside of prison. The longer the Iranian government delays this process, the stronger the global protest will become. A swift action by the government will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

XXXXX [*your name, ITF position*]