

IRAN

ESMAIL ABDI

Trade unionists at risk



Esmail Abdi is at imminent risk of imprisonment, solely because of his peaceful trade union activities.

Maths teacher Esmail, leader of the Tehran branch of the Iran Teachers' Trade Association, was convicted of national security offences in February 2016, after organising peaceful protests. He was given a six-year sentence, but following a hunger strike, was released on temporary leave on 25 June after making a large bail payment. He could be recalled to prison at any time.

'Is it a crime to be a member of a trade association and participate in peaceful demonstrations... Is it a crime to gather signatures petitioning the government to uphold the law?'

Esmail Abdi



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SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

For reasons of personal security, we cannot send solidarity messages to Esmail Abdi's family. Messages sent to us will be sent by secure electronic means. Please send your message to:

Esmail Abdi
c/o Individuals at Risk
Amnesty International UK
17-25 New Inn Yard
London EC2A 3EA

- » **Language:** English or Farsi
- » **Suggested message:** You are not alone. From the UK I support your struggle to defend workers' and human rights in Iran and to insist on the right to a decent education for all.

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **No**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **No**
- » Include my name and address? **Yes**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge the Head of the Judiciary to ensure that Esmail Abdi's conviction is quashed and workers' rights are respected.

- » **Write to:**
Head of the Judiciary Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani
c/o Public Relations Office
Number 4, Deadend of 1 Azizi
Above Pasteur Intersection
Vali Asr Street, Tehran, Iran
- » **Salutation:** Your Excellency
- » **In your letter:** Call on him to ensure that the conviction against Esmail Abdi is quashed. Insist that Iran meets its international obligations to ensure that trade unionists can exercise their legitimate workers' rights free from harassment and ill-treatment.

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