

## Mohsen Hakimi Freed from Evin Prison

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Mohsen Hakimi, a worker-activist and member of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization, after enduring 2 months of imprisonment where he spent 52 days in solitary confinement, was released midnight on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from Ward 209 Evin Prison. His release was conditional with a surety of more than \$100,000.

Mohsen Hakimi was arrested on December 22, 2008, related to the arrest of Bijan Amiri, an autoworker and a member of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization. Mohsen Hakimi who had been arrested for the sixth time by the Islamic Republic of Iran, in his first interrogation session on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, he refused to answer any of the questions in protest of his detention as well as not signing his surety in the public prosecutor's office. Mohsen Hakimi, had been interrogated approximately 20 times. The main issue of Hakimi's interrogation included: his connection to political parties; the copying and distribution of flyers against the Islamic Republic; and being a member of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization. Hakimi denied the two first issues during all of his interrogation but introduced himself as a founding member of the Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization as well as the individual in charge of the Committee's website.

It is necessary to mention that on his last day of imprisonment even though his interrogator had received his release letter with the surety he was still again taken to the interrogation room, verbally insulted and physically assaulted. The interrogators stated to Hakimi that they would stop his release because he did not cooperate with the Ministry of Intelligence Services and did not accept the charge of copying and distributing flyers against the Islamic Republic. Hakimi repeated his statement again to the interrogators and did not accept these charges of copying and distributing pamphlets against the Islamic Republic. He was returned to the Ward after this session. On midnight of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, he was taken from the Ward and again his release was conditional that he promises to appear in court on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Mohsen Hakimi stated that his appearance in court cannot be done with such a promise rather this notice must be sent from the court itself. Additionally he refused to sign the Promise to Appear notice and finally without making any promises he was released from jail.

We congratulate his release to him, his family and the workers' movement. We call upon all workers, worker-activists and all freedom-lovers to continue to protest detentions such as these and the related attacks, assaults and threats.

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