

Free Mohesn Hakimi and Bijan Amiri!

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According to various reports from Iran, including statements issued by The Coordinating Committee to Form Workers' Organization, Mr. Mohsen Hakimi, a member of the aforementioned committee and a member of the Iranian Writers' Association, was arrested by the plain-cloths security agents near midnight on December 22, 2008. Also, Mr. Bijan Amiri, who is an auto worker and a member of workers' mountain-climbing board, was arrested on December 22, 2008 in Iran Khodro factory by the security forces. Mr. Hakimi was arrested at Mr. Amiri's residence the same night after he had gone for a visit along with his wife to Amiri's residence following the news of Mr. Amiri's arrest. Security forces brought back Mr. Amiri back to his home that night, and then they searched the house and arrested Mr. Hakimi as well without any arrest warrants. Mr. Hakimi protested against these actions but nevertheless he was taken to an unknown location along with Mr. Amiri. After going to the court, their families have been told to come back in a week to find out about the charges as they are being investigated and interrogated at this time. Mohsen Hakimi had been arrested a number of times before as the result of his labour activities. (Latest update: According to Hakimi's lawyer, Mr. Mohammad Sharif, Hakimi has been transferred to the section 209 of the Evin Prison).

We condemn this repressive act of the Iranian government and demand Mohsen Hakimi's and Bijan Amiri's immediate and unconditional release.

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