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MEDICAL LETTER WRITING ACTION**

Release of Mahmood Salehi

Iran

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Mahmood Salehi, a trade unionist and political prisoner, was released on 18 April 2001 from Saqqez prison. Mahmood Salehi's wife Najibeh and his sister received a letter that the end of his sentence had arrived upon which they went to Saqqez prison to meet him. His wife said that she and their two sons were very happy to have him home again.

Mahmood Salehi was arrested at the end of August 2000 and was reportedly convicted for his efforts to organise workers and defend workers' rights. At the end of October 2000 he reportedly started to have problems in his one remaining kidney. Amnesty International appealed for Mahmood Salehi to be provided with adequate medical care. Mahmood Salehi eventually did receive medical treatment in prison and his wife expressed enormous gratitude on his behalf to Amnesty International regarding the medical treatment he received. He has now returned to work at the Baker's Syndicate where he worked before he was arrested.

Many thanks to all network members who wrote appeals on his behalf. No further action is required .