

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Amnesty International media event, Geneva, 10 June: Iranian Trade Unionists**

**What:** On 10 June Amnesty International will hold a press conference at the International Labour Conference in Geneva to launch a year long, global and collaborative, campaign in support of workers' rights in Iran. Alongside global trade union leaders, Amnesty International will formally present a new briefing paper *Determined to Live in Dignity: Iranian Trade Unionists Struggle for Rights*.

The short paper shows how independent trade unionists face the same harsh treatment as others who speak out for international human rights standards in Iran's increasingly entrenched-climate of repression. The paper draws attention to courageous Iranian workers who have defied the ban on independent trade unions by campaigning for workers' human rights, including the Tehran bus drivers' union, the teachers' associations and sugar workers.

Amnesty International and its global union partners will campaign for the immediate and unconditional release of trade unionist prisoners of conscience; for legislation that allows workers the right to form and join independent trade unions and for formal recognition of existing independent workers' bodies.

**When:** The press conference will be held at 1745hrs Geneva time on 10 June and last approximately one hour. The briefing paper is embargoed until 0001hrs BST on 10 June.

**Where:** The press conference will be held in Room IV of the International Labour Organisation

**Who:** Speaking at the event and available for interview afterwards will be:

- Shane Enright, Amnesty International's Global Trade Union Adviser
- David Cockroft International Transport Workers' Federation
- Peter Rossman, International Union of Foodworkers
- Educational International, the international education union federation (representative TBC)
- International Trade Union Confederation (representative TBC)

**Persian, and by arrangement, French and Turkish language:**

- Drewery Dyke, Amnesty International's Iran researcher, will be available for interview from London.

**Contact:**

- For information and directions to the Geneva press conference, please contact Amnesty International's office in Geneva on +41 (0) 22 906-9480
- For specific information about the briefing and the campaign; and to obtain an embargoed copy of the briefing paper in advance or to arrange an interview, please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 (0) 20 7413 5566 or email [press@amnesty.org](mailto:press@amnesty.org)

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