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Iran: Osanloo finally granted medical treatment

Brussels, 23 October 2007 (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC is relieved to learn that Mansour Osanloo, the imprisoned President of the Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat-e Vahed) has finally received much-needed emergency eye surgery.

Osanloo, whose imprisonment had earlier prevented him from undergoing scheduled eye surgery, was at risk of becoming totally blind. On Saturday, 20 October 2007 he was finally taken from the Evin prison for the specialist treatment. The ITUC has received reports that the procedure, which took about eight hours, was successful, and wishes Osanloo a speedy recovery.

The ITUC acknowledges Osanloo's treatment as a step towards the fair and humane treatment of prisoners and thanks all those who have expressed their solidarity with Iranian workers.

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