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Iran: Ebrahim Madadi re-arrested today

Brussels, 7 december 2011 (ITUC OnLine) : The ITUC was dismayed and incensed to hear today that Ebrahim Madadi, a courageous trade unionist and Comrade from Vahed Syndicate in Tehran, was re-arrested today after being freed only last Thursday. A move welcomed by the international trade union movement (see/link Press release of last week).

ITUC General Secretary, Sharan Burrow, said : "this can only be interpreted as yet another crass and cynical move by the authorities to distract attention from the serious violations of trade union rights in Iran immediately prior to the ILO Regional Asia Pacific Conference which just concluded in Kyoto".

It is absolutely shameful on the part of the regime to 'play' in this fashion with the lives of people and their families, for no other reason than the exercise of their fundamental human and trade union right to represent the legitimate aspirations of other workers.

ITF general secretary David Cockroft added: "We don't yet know if this arrest is a bureaucratic error or an attempt to punish Ebrahim – but either way it's an unacceptable infringement on his rights and liberty. Like the continuing imprisonment of the increasingly ill Reza Shahabi it is an injustice that is crying out to be righted."

The ITUC will continue to denounce the callous shenanigans of such dishonourable and discredited thugs.

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