

Solidarity Rally
In Support of an Iranian labour activist facing deportation

The refugee application for Mr. Majid Tawakoli, who is an Iranian labour and political activist in exile, has been rejected by the asylum and immigration authorities in Switzerland and he has been ordered to leave Switzerland immediately with no chance to appeal. Mr. Majid Tawakoli has been a well-known activist of the Iranian labour movement abroad and has been actively involved with the IASWI's branch in Switzerland as well as with A Group of Progressive Workers in Exile – Switzerland.

The IASWI's activities include educational and urgent action campaigns as well as protest actions against the violation of workers and human rights in Iran by the repressive regime of Iran. As a campaigning organization, the IASWI currently has branches in Canada, France, Switzerland, UK and Sweden as well as colleagues in other parts of the world.

Mr. Tawakoli has been known to the regime of Iran as an opposition activist and a member of the IASWI. Upon his deportation to Iran, Mr. Tawakoli will face arrest, torture, long-term imprisonment or even execution due to his open activities against the Iranian government and his cooperation with opposition groups abroad. Furthermore, he would most probably be charged with other potential false accusations as this has been a common practice of the Iranian government's judiciary.

Based on the above facts, we are calling on Swiss authorities to reconsider their decision to deny Mr. Tawakoli refugee status and therefore accept his application for political asylum in Switzerland.

Please support Majid Tawakoli in any ways you: in Switzerland, contact kargar1357@hotmail.com; or participate in a rally on:

Date: Saturday 20.9.2008 from 14 to 16 o'clock

Place: Luzern, old part of town (coop town center)

In other countries, please contact alliance@workers-iran.org / <http://www.workers-iran.org>

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