



## Behzad Kazemi Long-time IASWI Activist Dies At 57

The news is very painful and heartbreaking: our beloved comrade and colleague Behzad Kazemi (Alireza) has passed away. On Sunday, April 10, 2011, Behzad was hospitalized in London after what seemed to be a brain stroke. Though Doctors' initial diagnosis was a Brain Stroke, later on they said it was a case of Meningitis, and the infection has spread to his entire brain, causing it to stop functioning completely. On Friday afternoon 22 April 2011, while being visited in the hospital by his partner and friends and comrades, Behzad Kazemi passed away. He was 57.

Behzad Kazemi was an informed labour and socialist activist, indefatigable in his quests, organizing various projects. He was simultaneously involved in many campaigns, always worked to the best of his abilities and at times went beyond what his ailing body could permit. Behzad was an integral part and participant in IASWI for many years, and played an outstanding role in campaigns and activities in support of workers in Iran. He and some other comrades also created a Socialist Journal of Research (in Persian) called "Saamaan No," which has been regularly published for the past three years. He was also a founder and a coordinator of the invaluable "Socialists' Unity" Pal-talk.

His loss has profoundly saddened all of us. We know there are hundreds of others in different countries that share our grief and pain. We pay condolences to Behzad's partner, Eva, to all his fellow labour and socialist activists, and all his friends and relatives.

His memory will always be with us, his path shall have many travellers.

Memorial information will be provided later on. For further information please contact:  
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***Behzad Kazemi Presente!***

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