

## **Reza Shahabi's temporarily release extended Behnam Ebrahimzadeh must be released immediately**

January 13, 2013- Reza Shahabi's temporary release was extended today for additional five days. Shahabi was granted temporary release on January 7, 2013 due to his medical condition, and after a three-week hunger strike in Evin prison that mobilized national and international solidarity and support. He had been due to return to custody today, January 13, 2013; however, the Iranian government authorities agreed to extend his temporary release for additional five days to allow him continue with his medical treatment. Reza Shahabi's health had been seriously deteriorating in prison.

Another imprisoned labour activist, Behnam Ebrahimzadeh, who has been incarcerated since June 2010, is requesting an emergency release as his only child, Nima, 13 years of age, has very recently been diagnosed with cancer and is hospitalized in Tehran. Behnam Ebrahimzadeh is a well-known labour activist in Iran. He is a member of the Committee to Pursue the Establishment of Workers' Organizations, and a Children's Rights advocate. Behnam must be released immediately; he has to be given the opportunity to stay out of prison in order to support his ailing son.

IASWI continues to demand the unconditional freedom of Reza Shahabi, Behnam Ebrahimzadeh and the annulment of all sentences against Shahabi, Ebrahimzadeh, Zamani, Jarahi, Nasrollahi and all other labour activists in Iran.

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