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Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008

Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,  
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
The Presidency,  
Palestine Avenue,  
Azerbaijan Intersection,  
Tehran,  
Islamic Republic of Iran

Dear President

**Mahmoud Alehi**

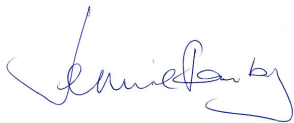
I am writing this letter to express my outrage over new charges against Mahmoud Salehi, who has been in Sanadaj's central prison since April 9, 2007. Mr. Salehi, a founding member and the former President of the Bakery Workers' Association of the city of Sazez and a well-known labour activist in Iran, has been sentenced unjustly to one year imprisonment and a three year suspended prison sentence for his labour activities.

On Monday, March 17, 2008, the judiciary authorities in Sanadaj charged Mahmoud with connecting with outside prison and sending solidarity messages to progressive students and other prisoners. They put Mahmoud under temporary arrest while he was supposed to be released from prison on March 23, 2008. In response to this unjust order, Mahmoud Salehi has declared dry hunger strike effective immediately. It's very important to emphasize that Mr. Salehi is currently suffering from a life-threatening kidney disease. He only has one kidney, and that kidney is functioning at about only 10 percent of capacity.

I am writing this to condemn this outrageous action on the part of your government and calling on you to release Mahmoud Salehi immediately and unconditionally as he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for the peaceful exercise of organizing the 2004 May Day demonstration and his right to freedom of expression and association in connection with his labour rights activities.

I also demand that Mansour Osanloo as well as all other labour and student activists, is released immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jennie Formby', with a stylized, cursive script.

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