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President Khatami
Islamic Republic of Iran
By email: Khatami@President.IR

Dear President Khatami:

**Re: *Intimidation of Workers' Representatives Following Strike
Kurdistan Textile Company in Sanandaj***

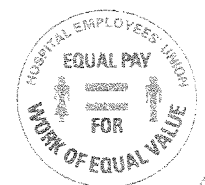
This is my third letter to you regarding the continued violations against workers at the **Kurdistan Textile factory in the city of Sanandaj**. My last letter, dated January 5, 2005 called for your intervention to bring about a peaceful and fair resolution to the labour dispute. That strike later ended after sixteen (16) days with an agreement between the workers, the factory management and the government.

Regrettably, it has now come to our attention that your government's Information Ministry is systematically harassing the workers' representatives in an effort to intimidate them and the other workers against enforcing the agreement they achieved.

Mr. Farshid Beheshti Zad, Mr. Hadi Zareie and Mr. Sheis Amani have all been summoned to the Information Ministry and threatened. The accusations against them include working with opposition political parties. Given Iran's lack of democracy, such charges can have serious consequences.

On behalf of the 41,000 members of the Hospital Employees' Union, I am compelled once again to urge you to take appropriate action in support of these workers.

We call upon you to guarantee an immediate stop to this intimidation and harassment by the Information Ministry, and further to direct the factory management to fully honour their agreements. In addition, we ask for reinstatement of the six (6) workers who were unfairly declared redundant.



Finally, we reiterate our insistence that Iran comply with international laws that provide your citizens with the rights to organize into the labour union of their choice, to strike and freedom of expression.

Yours truly,



Fred Muzin
President

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