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Your Excellencies,

URGENT REQUEST

I write on behalf of the Construction Forestry Mining & Energy Union in Australia. This trade union represents over 28,000 construction workers in the construction sector in New South Wales, Australia. The Branch takes an active interest in all matters to do with human and trade union rights across the world.

We wish to express our deep and serious concerns regarding your country's drive to destroy the independent union at the giant Haft Tapeh plantation/refining sugar complex in southern Iran. We understand a court on October 12 sentenced six union leaders to prison on charges of "endangering national security." Their only crime was to lead a strike. Haft Tapeh workers have repeatedly had to resort to strikes and other actions to claim huge wage arrears and protest deteriorating working conditions.

As workers' representatives and internationalists we demand the immediate release of these six persons without any further fear, prejudice or violation against them. We also demand the immediate restoration of human and trade union rights to all workers in Iran.

Yours faithfully

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