

Solidarity with Iranian political prisoners, students and workers!

Oppose Iranian state lies and censorship!

- **Demonstrate outside the offices of Press TV Sunday 2 August 2-5pm Westgate House, Westgate, Ealing W5**
- **Speakers from Iran and the British labour movement + “open mic”**

- **Two minutes walk from Hanger Lane tube station, Central Line.**
- **Press TV is an Iranian state-funded English language TV station.**

Send a message to the Iranian regime:

- **We do not forget the prisoners — release all political prisoners now!**
- **For the right to organise against oppression, to demonstrate!**
- **For freedom of the press!**
- **For the right to join and organise in trade unions for workers’ rights!**

**Called by British and Iranian socialists including Workers’ Liberty and Worker-communist Party of Iran-Hekmatist
To support this action or to find out more get in touch: 07951450370**



Why are we protesting?

In the crackdown against last month’s Iranian protests the brutal Islamist regime arrested thousands of demonstrators and raided student dormitories. Some of those arrested have now been released, but still face prosecution. And the arrests continue. In Iran pre-charge detention can continue indefinitely.

Relatives have begun demonstrating outside Tehran’s notorious Evin prison, fearing the torture, ill-treatment and forced confessions of their loved ones.

Many people — perhaps much more than the official figures — were killed during and after the protests. Students were killed in their dormitories. Some students and other young people have disappeared. Their families do not know where they are.

In Iran protests and workers’ organisations are suppressed. In the recent past people organising for Iran’s minority populations, women’s rights, student activists and trade union leaders have been arrested and imprisoned. Mansour Osanloo, the leader of one of the most important new unions in Iran, the Tehran Bus Workers Syndicate, remains in jail.

Journalists have been forced to say on Iranian state-run television that they were supported by foreign powers, that they are guilty of “treason”.

And the role of Press TV? When one Canadian journalist was dragged onto Iranian state-TV to “confess”, Press TV reported it as “Detained *Newsweek* reporter comes clean” as if his “confession” could be taken at face value.

Last month, when millions of Iranians demonstrated for democracy, and when the crackdown began, Press TV refrained from criticising the government and was credulous about its actions. Neda Soltani’s death was said to be “hyped and dramatised by western media outlets.”

We are against all censorship but while the Iranian peoples’ human rights are suppressed, journalists, commentators and MPs should have nothing to do with such a media outlet.