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Open letter of students of Babolsar University - Iran

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Defend our human rights!

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We write this letter to all human rights organisations, trade unions, parliaments, students' organisations, women's organisations and the civilised humanity.

Following our protest movement, in the last few days a new wave of arrests of our student colleagues has started. More than 20 students have been arrested and jailed by the security forces. Even workers' activists have been jailed too. The latest is the case of Mr. Mahmood Salehi in Sagez who is well known for his defence of workers' rights. A few women activists are also in jail. These arrests continue and happen every day. As though this was not enough, we are faced with poverty, lack of rights and inflation resulting from economic sanctions. Life is harder than any other time and people are being suffocated. The nightmare of possible war has left people with fear and lack of security and has given opportunity to the government to impose yet more restrictions on people. The level of poverty and economic insecurity is horrendous. Our struggle continues.