



SOLIDARITY AND FREEDOM FOR LOUNIS SAÏDI



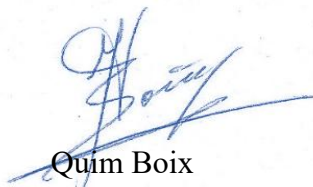
On June 25, 2025, Lounis Saïdi, in his capacity as General Secretary of the Railway Workers' Union, affiliated with the General Union of Algerian Workers (UGTA), officially informed the Ministry of Transport of the federation's intention to launch a national strike in protest of repeated legal violations in the sector, despite the federation's willingness to engage in dialogue with the authorities.

These violations include: failure to implement promised wage increases starting in 2023, worsening working conditions, obstruction of union elections, administrative interference in union affairs, and the exclusion of qualified personnel. This is a clear breach of the collective bargaining agreement and a violation of the rights to organize and strike.

On Thursday, July 3, 2025, the Sidi M'Hamed Court in Algiers ordered the pretrial detention of Lounis Saïdi, Secretary General of the National Federation of Railway Transport Workers. He was remanded in custody on July 5 as a means of discouraging the national strike scheduled for July 7.

In the face of these shameful actions by the Algerian authorities against workers, trade union organizations, and their leaders, we, the International Union of Pensioners and Retirees of the World Federation of Trade Unions, raise our protest and denounce them before the world public, and demand the intervention of national and international organizations, such as the International Labor Organization, since silence only demonstrates complicity in the violation of laws and conventions, such as Conventions 87 and 98 of the International Labor Organization (ILO), against workers and their organizations.

WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF UNION LEADER LOUNIS SAÏDI



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