
**TUC expresses sympathy and solidarity
with Iraqi trade unionists**

Moaaid Hamid, murdered Iraqi trade unionist

The TUC has expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the family and colleagues of the fallen Iraqi trade unionist Moaaid Hamid, Vice President of the General Federation of Iraqi Workers in the province of Nineveh, and his wife, both murdered on 9 April 2007, following clashes between forces of the Iraqi army and terrorist elements in the province.

The deceased was one of the first trade union leaders who contributed to the creation of the IFTU after the fall of the former dictator in 2003 and has played an active role in building a genuine democratic trade union movement despite all the difficult circumstances.

As well as being persecuted by Saddam's police state, two years ago, he was abducted by terrorist elements and was subjected to severe violence at the hands of terrorists before he was freed by Iraqi security forces.