

# **Solidarity with the people of Mahalla**

## **Stop the show trial of Egyptian protestors**

We the undersigned express our full solidarity with the 49 Egyptian citizens, whom the Mubarak regime has decided to prosecute in an Emergency High State Security Criminal Court, accused of involvement in the two day uprising in the Nile Delta town of Mahalla in April. On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April, Mubarak's troops occupied, Ghazl el-Mahalla, the biggest textile mill in the Middle East, home to 27,000 workers, aborting a strike announced by the independent Textile Workers' League in protest at spiralling food prices and to demand a raise in the minimum wage which has remained stagnant since 1984.

The troops used live ammunition, tear gas, water cannons and sticks against the peaceful protestors in the town who took to the streets after the crushing of the strike. At least three were killed, and hundreds were injured and detained. The 49 detainees face a list of trumped up charges, to which some have confessed under torture. They will be tried in an exceptional court, systematically denounced by human rights watchdogs for lacking the international standards for a "safe and just trial."

We call on the Egyptian dictatorship to release them immediately.

Name	Address / Email (leave your email if you want us to keep in touch with you)	Organisation / Union

Petition organised by the Cairo Conference Committee UK. Return completed sheets to 'Cairo Conference' c/o Stop the War, 27 Britannia Street, London, UK, WC1X 9JP. Names will be added to a statement to be delivered to the Egyptian embassy in London.

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