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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Solidarity with the USB Trade Union of Italy**

FISE, the World Federation of Teachers Union, affiliated to the WFTU, denounces the criminalisation of the workers’ struggles and the attack against the USB trade union of Italy.

9 USB members were sentenced to imprisonment (redeemable by a € 25,000 bail) for the mobilizations in which they took part after the assassination of the USB worker, Abd El Salam during a strike last September.

The condemnation of the 9 USB members for their trade union action is a clear attack against the trade union rights and freedoms of workers. Workers are killed during their struggle for survival, for wages and rights, and at the same time they are sentenced to high penalties if they protest and fight against injustice and exploitation.

The governments of Italy, the Justice, the EU once again prove to be the servants of the monopolies.

FISE stands by the side of USB and the 9 colleagues who were convicted.

We demand the revocation of the convictions and the punishment of those responsible for the assassination of the striker Abd El Salam

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