

URGENT ACTION

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PROTESTER SENTENCED TO DEATH IN UNFAIR TRIAL

IRAN

Protester Abbas Deris is at risk of execution in relation to the November 2019 nationwide protests in Iran. On 4 July 2023, his lawyer publicly stated that the Supreme Court had upheld Abbas Deris' conviction and death sentence for «enmity against God» (moharebeh). In late October 2022, a Revolutionary Court in Mahshahr sentenced Abbas Deris to death following a grossly unfair trial marred by «confessions» aired on state television weeks after arrest. Abbas Deris' request for judicial review remains pending before the Supreme Court.

TAKE ACTION

- Write an appeal in your own words or use the **model letter** on **page 2**.
- Please take action before **7 November** 2023.
- Preferred language: **Persian, English**. You can also write in your own language.

APPEALS TO

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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

Protester **Abbas Deris**, 50, is at risk of execution in relation to the November 2019 nationwide protests and is held in Sepidar prison in Ahvaz, Khuzestan province. On 4 July 2023, his lawyer publicly said that Branch 39 of the Supreme Court had upheld his conviction and death sentence for «enmity against God» (moharebeh). According to public statements by his lawyers, the authorities accused Abbas Deris of involvement in the killing of a police official during protests in Mahshahr, Khuzestan province, on 18 November 2019, which Abbas Deris and his family have repeatedly denied. On 15 July 2023, a request for judicial review to the Supreme Court was submitted, which remains pending.

Since intelligence and security agents arrested Abbas Deris in Khuzestan province on 8 December 2019, authorities have grossly violated his due process rights. His trial before Branch One of the Revolutionary Court of Mahshahr, which consisted of two sessions on 10 May 2022 and 13 September 2022, was grossly unfair. His forced «confessions» of firing a gun towards security forces were aired on Iranian state television in late December 2019 weeks after his arrest and prior to his trial. By airing these forced «confessions», the authorities violated Abbas Deris' right to the presumption of innocence, to not self-incriminate and to remain silent. Amnesty International has repeatedly documented the Iranian authorities' pattern of extracting forced «confessions» following torture and other ill-treatment and the reliance by Revolutionary Courts' judges on such «confessions» to issue convictions and death sentences. On 22 October 2022, Abbas Deris' lawyers learned that the Revolutionary Court had issued its verdict. Abbas Deris also has a pending case for «murder» before Branch Three of Criminal Court 2 in Khuzestan province on the same allegations as the Revolutionary Court case.

Abbas Deris is a widower and parent of three children. In early July 2023, his mother and three children publicly called for global help in preventing Abbas Deris' execution.

I urge you to immediately quash the conviction and death sentence against Abbas Deris. If charged with a recognizable criminal offence, proceedings must meet international fair trial standards without recourse to the death penalty and exclude coerced «confessions». I urge you to immediately grant Abbas Deris access to his family, an independently chosen lawyer, and adequate medical care. I urge you to protect him from torture and other ill-treatment and investigate any torture allegations, bringing anyone found responsible to justice in fair trials. Finally, I urge you to grant independent observers access to capital trials connected to protests and immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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IRAN: UNJUST PRISON TERMS FOR DETAINED DUAL NATIONALS



Nahid Taghavi, a German-Iranian national, has been arbitrarily detained in Tehran's Evin prison since 16 October 2020.

She is a prisoner of conscience and must be immediately and unconditionally released.

Please sign and share this petition in your networks so that I can hold my mother again soon!

→ <https://www.change.org/p/heikomaas-freedom-for-my-mother-nahid-taghavi-freenahid>

TAKE ACTION - SOCIAL MEDIA

- We suggest targeting on Twitter:
- Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei: **@khamenei_ir**
- and the minister of foreign affairs Mohammad Javad Zarif: **@JZarif**
- The head of judiciary Ebrahim Raisi on Instagram: **raisi_org**

Suggested messaging:

German-Iranian dual national Nahid Taghavi has been arbitrarily detained in Tehran's Evin prison since 16 October 2020. She is a prisoner of conscience held for peacefully exercising her human rights. Iran's @khamenei_ir must release her NOW!

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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I am writing to ask you to immediately and unconditionally **release Nahid Taghavi** as she is a **prisoners of conscience** detained solely in connection with peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and association.

Pending her release, ensure she is provided adequate health care, including transfer to outside facilities for treatment unavailable in prison, and given regular access to a lawyer of her choosing and family, and ensure that she is granted access to relevant consular assistance.

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IRAN: LIFE SENTENCE FOR IRANIAN KURDISH WOMAN

Zeynab Jalalian is an Iranian Kurdish woman serving a life sentence in Khoy Prison, West Azerbaijan province, north-west Iran. She was arrested in March 2008 for her activities in support of the Kurdish struggle for self-determination and her association with the political wing of the Kurdish opposition group, Party for Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK).



PLEASE TAKE ACTION

Send an appeal in your own words or use the **model letter**. Preferred language: Persian, English.

Please also raise awareness of Zeynab Jalalian's case through **social media**:

TWITTER / X

President: @HassanRouhani / @Rouhani_ir

Supreme Leader: Twitter: @khamenei_ir (English-language account), @Khamenei_fa (Persian-language account), @Khamenei_ar (Arabic-language account), and @Khamenei_es (Spanish-language account)

Minister of Foreign Affairs: @JZarif

Suggested tweets

Jailed Iranian Kurdish woman Zeynab Jalalian going blind without surgery. @HassanRouhani must give her adequate medical care NOW #FreeZeynab

Jailed Iranian Kurdish woman #ZeynabJalalian will go blind without surgery. @khamenei_ir must give her adequate medical care NOW #FreeZeynab

Jailed Iranian Kurdish woman Zeynab Jalalian will go blind without surgery. @JZarif give her access to adequate medical care NOW #FreeZeynab

#Iran: respect UN decision and release Zeynab Jalalian, sentenced to life in prison without a shred of evidence. #FreeZeynab @khamenei_ir

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Supreme Leader: <https://www.facebook.com/www.Khamenei.ir/home>

President: <https://www.facebook.com/HRouhaniOfficial/home>

Supreme Leader: https://www.instagram.com/khamenei_ir/

President: <https://www.instagram.com/hrouhani/>

Minister of Foreign Affairs: https://www.instagram.com/zarif_ir/

Suggested Tweet:

#ZeynabJalalian, serving a life sentence in Iran after a grossly unfair trial, has been taken to an unknown location and is at risk of torture. We join the UN in urging Iran's @khamenei_ir to release her immediately!

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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I am writing to **express my concern for Zeynab Jalalian**, who is serving a life sentence in Khoy Prison.

I call on the Iranian authorities to

- promptly implement the decision of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, **by releasing her immediately** and according her an enforceable right to compensation.
- immediately **provide Zeynab Jalalian with the specialized medical care** she needs to receive from outside prison.
- order a prompt, independent and impartial **investigation into her allegations of torture** and other ill-treatment, bringing to justice anyone found responsible in a fair trial.

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IRAN: GRAVE EXECUTION RISK FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITY

Mohammad Ghobadlou is at grave risk of execution in connection with Iran's nationwide protests amid a spike in executions since late April. Mohammad Ghobadlou received two death sentences after grossly unfair sham trials marred by torture-tainted «confessions» and failure to order rigorous mental health assessments despite his mental disability. In late May 2023, his lawyer revealed that the Supreme Court had rejected a request for judicial review of one his death sentences, raising fears that his execution could be carried out imminently.



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You can also take action on **Social media**:

Targets: Iran's Supreme Leader on Twitter: [@khamenei_ir](https://twitter.com/khamenei_ir)

The head is on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ejeii_org/

Suggested tweets:

- Mohammad Ghobadlou is at grave risk of execution in relation to Iran's nationwide protests, after the Supreme Court rejected a judicial review request for one of Mohammad Ghobadlou's death sentences, raising fears that his execution may be imminent.
- Mohammad Ghobadlou is at grave risk of execution in Iran following grossly unfair trials, marred by torture-tainted "confessions" and failure to order rigorous mental health assessments even though his mental capacity to exercise judgement is an issue.
- Iran's authorities must quash the death sentences of Mohammad Ghobadlou! He was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment through repeated beatings & denied his bipolar medication to "confess" and held in solitary confinement during his unfair trial.
- Iran's authorities had a duty to provide Mohammad Ghobadlou with rigorous mental health assessments & prevent the imposition of the death penalty on him given his mental disability. Instead, they tortured him & imposed 2 death sentences on him. Stop this cruelty NOW! @khamenei_ir

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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I am writing to express our grave concern for **Mohammad Ghobadlou**, a 22-year-old with a long-term mental disability, who is at grave risk of execution in Raja'i Shahr prison in Karaj, Alborz province. International law and standards prohibit the use of the death penalty against people with mental disabilities.

I urge you to

- **immediately quash the convictions and death sentences of Mohammad Ghobadlou**
- **grant him a fair retrial without recourse to the death penalty, consistent with international law and standards prohibiting the use of the death penalty on people with mental disabilities, excluding coerced «confessions», and providing him with all special needs relating to his disability.**
- **ensure that he has prompt and appropriate mental health treatment and regular access to his family and lawyer.**
- **An independent and impartial investigation into his allegations of torture and other ill-treatment must be conducted and all those suspected of criminal responsibility must be held accountable.**
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IRAN: MAN AT RISK OF PROTEST-RELATED EXECUTION

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Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkouri is at grave risk of execution in relation to nationwide protests. In early April 2023, Iran's judiciary announced that a Revolutionary Court in Ahvaz sentenced Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkouri to death for «enmity against God» (moharebeh), «corruption on earth» (efsad-e fel arz) and «armed rebellion against the state» (baghi). His grossly unfair sham trial was marred by torture-tainted «confessions» obtained while he was subjected to enforced disappearance.



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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I am writing to **express my extreme concern for Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkouri**, who is at grave risk of execution in relation to nationwide protests.

According to information received by Amnesty International, Mojahed Kourkouri was not at the protests taking place in Izeh on 16 November 2022. Relatives of Kian Pirfalak, the nine-year-old child fatally shot by security officials that day, have also repeatedly stated publicly that Mojahed Kourkouri was not involved in the killing of their loved-one; and have repeatedly and publicly attributed responsibility to Iran's security forces.

I urge you to

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