



## Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI)

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**The lives of detainees in Iran are in grave danger!**

**Report 1: An update report on the recent detainees in Iran**

Since the start of the recent protests in Iran, the Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) has issued several statements regarding the numbers and the situations of the detainees who were arrested during the recent protests in Iran. One week after the start of the recent protests, which started on 16 September 2022 following the death of 22 years old woman Mahsa Amini, CFPPI started an international campaign to draw people's attention to the dangerous situation the detainees are facing in Iran. CFPPI has started documenting the details of the detainees and has been calling for their immediate and unconditional release. CFPPI has also been continuously warning the international community that the lives of the detainees are in danger.

We urge the governments and international organisations, including the European Parliament, the European External Action Service (EEAS), and the UN to take immediate and effective actions to pressure the regime in Iran to immediately stop torturing the detainees and demand their immediate release.

Based on CFPPI sources inside Iran, since the start of the recent demonstrations on 16 September 2022, the security forces of the regime in Iran have kidnapped and detained at least 60.000 people. CFPPI has received reports from Iran that the majority of detainees are kept in unknown places and there is no news about their health and whereabouts. Some detainees have been released on bail but were told they will be summoned for sentencing soon. Thousands of men, women and children in Iran have been subjected to enforced disappearance. Please see the following reports below:



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### **Families of the detainees**

The families of the detainees are extremely worried about their children as they do not know their whereabouts or what has happened to them. The majority of them are not even allowed to visit or contact them. In many cases, they are left in the dark and despite their daily attempts to find out about their detained children, they have either been threatened, insulted, or beaten by the guards, or they had a very brief phone call, that lasted only a few seconds, where their children expressed they are alive but being severely tortured. Families are intensely under pressure by the IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) not to publicize the names and situations of their children and threatened them if they do, their children will never be released and they will never see them again. This is the main reason the details of the majority of the detainees are still not known. In some cases, the authorities ask for huge bail money, and families provided the money despite facing financial difficulties, but then the authorities refused to accept the bail money and did not release the detainee. In many cases, prison guards demanded bribes from the families of the detainees in order to provide a bit of news about their loved ones, or to allow them to have a brief phone call for only a few seconds. Some of the families, whose children were killed by the security forces, were even deprived of having a dignified burial and grieving for their children. Some don't even know how their children were killed, and where they are buried. Some of the families, in exchange to have the body of their children or being allowed to bury them, were arrested and forced into false confessions to say their children committed suicide. Among these families are the families of the 16 years old Nika Shakarami and 17 years old Arnika Ghayem-maghami.

### **Detainees**

According to the CFPPI sources inside Iran, at least 60,000 people, including many children under 18, have been arrested in the recent protests. They were arrested either during the protests, in their schools, universities, workplaces, their homes, or on their way back to their homes. Based on the CFPPI findings, at the time of the arrest, and even weeks after the arrest,



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the detainees were not provided with any explanations or even an arrest warrant. The detainees were not given any opportunities to call their family members or to request a legal representative. Moreover, according to the cases we have received, most of the detainees have been severely beaten at the time of the arrest, been forcefully kidnapped, violently pushed into unmarked vehicles by plainclothes IRGC or Basij guards and have been taken to unknown locations. Some detainees have been released on bail but were threatened they will be summoned for sentencing soon. At least nine detainees are sentenced to death including the 27 years rapper, Saman Yasin for only supporting the demands of the protesters.

CFPPI has started collecting information and documenting the details of the detainees from the start of the protests in Iran. So far, we have documented the details of more than 1300 detainees. Please see the following graphs (Appendix 1) which are based on the 1300 detainees, who were arrested between 16 September 2022 to 30 October 2022. The graphs demonstrate their gender, age, the city they were arrested in, and the prison they are being held.

CFPPI is unable to publicize any detail that might be identifiable to protect the safety of the detainees and their families.

### **Torture**

CFPPI received various reports through our sources, from some of the released detainees, from the families and friends of some detainees, and also from published footage on social media that the detainees have been subjected to severe and violent physical, psychological, and sexual torture, including rape. Some of the prisoners have been severely tortured in order to force them to make false confessions. The detainees are being deprived of medical attention in prison. Those who are injured in the protests have been left untreated and at the same time tortured in prison.



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According to the reports CFPPI has received, in the Saghez prison (the city that Mahsa Amini was from) 30 to 40 detainees are held in a small cell and kept in the worst human condition. The prison guards are confiscating the detainees' money, their clothes, and also the essential items the families of the detainees brought to prison for them. According to the report, detainees, who are under 20 years of age, have been kept in the Saghez Central prison and those over 20 years of age are kept in Sanandaj, Ghorveh, Hamedan, and Kamiyaran prisons.

In several prisons across Iran, prison authorities initially demanded bail money of up to 100 million Iranian Toman, but then they changed their tactics and announced they are no longer accepting bail money to release the prisoners. The detainees are kept in prison and are denied their rights to access a lawyer and also medical treatment. Arash Sadeghi human rights activist and former political prisoner was kidnapped and now in prison since 12th October 2022. He is still without his vital medication despite suffering from chondrosarcoma which is a rare form of bone cancer. In some prisons, detainees are sent to the wards which hold common prisoners who are known for their dangerous offenses such as murder, sexual assault and drugs. The detainees are fearful for their lives in those prisons because they could be attacked or forced to take drugs by common prisoners, as has happened in the past. The purpose of intentionally using the above tactic of keeping the detainees among common prisoners, who can attack the detainees at any point, is to purposefully subject the detainees to psychological, physical and sexual torture.

In another report we have received from different prisons across Iran, the detainees reported that the prison guards mix medication into their drink and as a result, the detainees feel delusional and sometimes become unconscious. The detainees suspect that they are being given antipsychotic medication. According to another report we have received, there was a pregnant woman among the detainees, who was kept in prison without any medical attention, despite her pregnancy and her special health conditions.



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In one prison, detainees reported that they were constantly beaten by prison guards. Some prisoners were even hanged from the ceiling while being beaten. The detainees were

threatened by the IRGC guards that they will be tortured and also raped on camera, and the video recording of their rape would be put on social media if they don't provide the password to access their mobile phone data.

In one prison in Kurdistan, families reported that several of the female detainees have asked their families to bring birth control pills for them because they have been raped repeatedly while in prison.

Yalda Aghafazli was only 19 years old when she was arrested during a protest on October 26 in Tehran. She was released 12 days later without being informed of the charges against her. According to her video and also her friend, she was beaten every day in prison. The following link below is the voice of Yalda in Farsi which was initially published on social media by her friend. In this clip, she is saying that she was beaten in jail for 12 days, but she didn't cry and only screamed. She also says she didn't regret being in the protests and said that to the guards too. Five days after she was released, she was dead. Her death was announced as a suicide.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Ck6Z0vdN-xg/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

CFPPI has repeatedly warned the international community that the lives of political prisoners, including the recent detainees, are in grave danger. The IRGC and Basij guards attack, shoot and kill protesters on the streets across Iran every day. Inside prisons, the IRGC judge issues death sentences to the detainees for participating in the protests. The IRGC guards use torture and rape to intimidate the detainees and other protestors. They also have intentionally created a fire in some prisons, such as the recent fire in Evin Prison, to kill the prisoners.



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Currently, thousands of detainees are in the hands of the most notorious, criminal, violent and brutal regime that stops at nothing, and even shoots and kills children. The detainees in Iran are in a most dangerous situation and they could lose their life at any minute.

- CFPPI urges the European governments, the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the European Parliament, the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the UN to use their power and take immediate and effective actions to pressure the regime in Iran to stop arresting protesters and to release all the detainees of recent protests and all political prisoners. The regime must also be held accountable for the lives of detainees.
- CFPPI urges the UN Human Rights Council to take concrete steps to establish an independent investigative mechanism to collect the evidence and address the crimes committed by the Islamic regime in Iran.
- CFPPI urges the European governments to expel the Islamic regime's diplomats from their countries.

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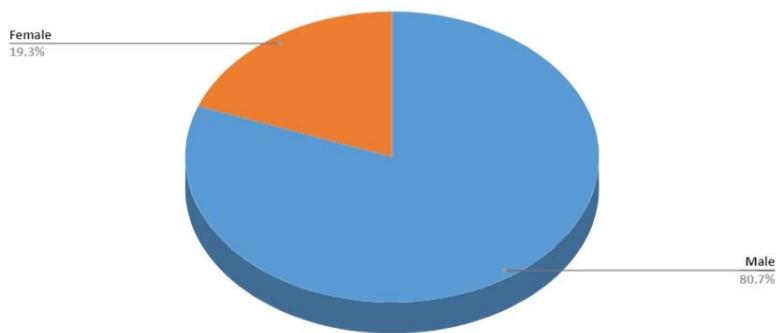
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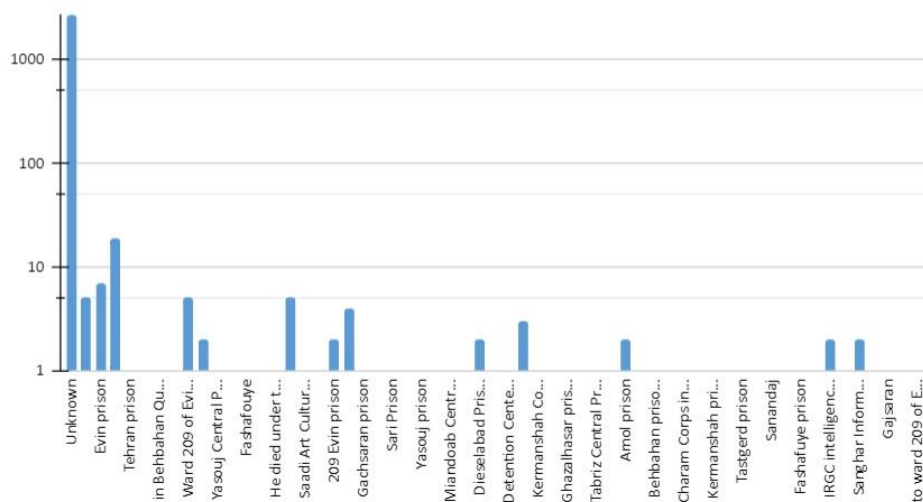
## Appendix 1:

The following are based on the details of 1300 detainees, who were arrested between 16 September 2022 to 30 October 2022.

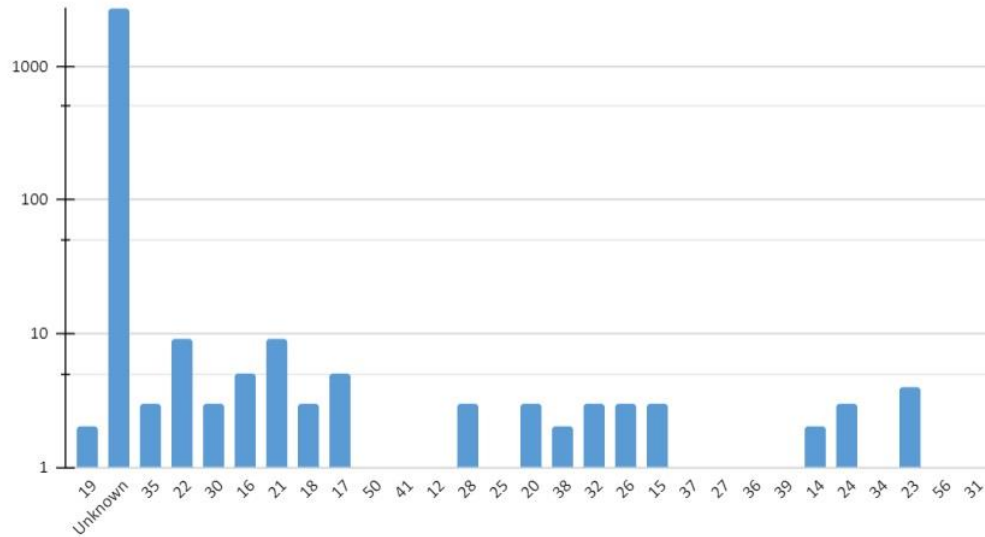
### Gender



### place prison



## Age



## Place of Arrest

