



Celebrating Women's Rights Defenders Imprisoned by the Islamic regime in Iran! Let us stand with the women of Iran and Support the "WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM" movement!

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## Latest news on jailed labour activist Sharifeh Mohammadi

Campaign in Defence of Sharifeh Mohammadi announced:

Sharifeh's lawyers were informed of the sentence on February 14, which coincided with her son's 13th birthday. This is the second time that the regime attempts to finalize Sharifeh's death sentence. In the first ruling of Sharifeh Mohammadi's death sentence, widespread protests led the Supreme Court to overturn it. This time, too, the reissued sentence will face even stronger resistance. Such sentences must be permanently abolished.

Sharifeh Mohammadi's death sentence, as a prominent labor and women's rights activist, symbolizes the government's open hostility toward the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement and union organizing. This sentence is a clear attempt to silence the voices of trade union and civil activists.

The repression and issuance of death sentences serve as the government's revenge against social and political activists, as well as protesting citizens. The

death sentence of Sharifeh Mohammadi is just one example of this ongoing wave of oppression.

Alongside her, activists such as Pakhshan Azizi, Verisheh Moradi, and dozens of others also face the threat of execution. However, this policy of repression will not silence the people. Street protests, workers strike, and actions led by women, retirees, nurses, and students continue to resonate daily across the country.

The only way to counter this repression is to strengthen our solidarity. Only through the widespread unity of social movements can we dismantle the machinery of execution, repression and intimidation and build a future based on freedom and justice. We call on all organizations, institutions, and freedom-loving people worldwide to unite and stand against these government crimes.

As the Campaign for the Defense of Sharifeh Mohammadi, we cannot hide our outrage at the reconfirmation of this utterly unjust and biased sentence. We affirm that not only we have not lost hope or remained silent, but we will continue this fight with even greater determination.



### Over 200 Lawyers Urge Judiciary to Halt Death Sentences

More than 200 lawyers have issued a formal statement addressed to the head of the judiciary, condemning the issuance of death sentences for Pakhshan Azizi, Verisheh Moradi, and Sharifeh Mohammadi. In their statement, the legal professionals describe the sentences as a clear violation of human rights and call for their immediate suspension.

The lawyers emphasize significant concerns regarding the legal proceedings in these cases, citing fundamental deficiencies in due process, limited access to legal counsel, shortcomings in the examination of evidence, and a lack of judicial impartiality. They urge the judiciary to uphold the principles of justice and fairness in handling these matters.

Additionally, the right to life is the most fundamental human right and must not be violated under any circumstances. The Legal experts and human rights advocates emphasize that the death penalty fails to ensure justice and instead constitutes a clear violation of human rights.

# Nahid Shirpisheh Faces Continued Pressure Following Son's Death

Following the death of her son, Pouya Bakhtiari, who was shot by IRGC forces during the November 2019 protests, Nahid Shirpisheh has been subjected to intense pressure from security agencies. She has been repeatedly summoned and arrested, and the First Branch of the Karaj Revolutionary Court sentenced her to five years in prison.

Recently, despite an attempted suicide in prison, she was not transferred to a medical facility but was instead placed in solitary confinement.

Although her period of exile to Zanjan ended on November 7, she has yet to be transferred to Karaj Prison.

#### Arrest of Sima Rajabi, Nokish Masih

Iranians who have converted to Christianity from Islam live under the constant threat of being discovered and imprisoned in Iran. Authorities have been intensifying raids against these groups.

On Friday, February 18, 2023, Sima Rajabi, a Nokish Masih (convert to Christianity), was arrested by intelligence forces of the Revolutionary Guard in the city of Gatab, located in Mazandaran Province. According to the Mehab News website, more than 20 intelligence officers raided a gathering of approximately 80 Christians from the cities of Gorgan and Babol.

During the raid, religious books, musical instruments, and communication devices were confiscated, and individuals were forced to provide personal details and phone passwords. The officers conducted physical searches and violently attacked those wearing crosses, while also preventing medical assistance for the injured.

### Lend your voice

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