



New Report Released: "Violating the Right to Life – Suspicious Deaths in Custody in the Islamic Republic of Iran"

The Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) titled "Violating the Right to Life: A Report on Suspicious Deaths in Custody in the Islamic Republic of Iran." This is the first report of its kind, addressing a deeply troubling trend.

While the Islamic Republic has a long history of executing political prisoners, the intentional killing of detainees has risen sharply since the start of the Woman, Life, Freedom protests in 2022. Many detainees have died under suspicious circumstances while in custody, with authorities attributing their deaths to heart attacks, suicide, or drug overdose—without permitting independent investigations.

This report documents 'suspicious' deaths in prisons in Iran and detention centers during 2022 and 2023. It provides detailed cases and analysis aimed at holding the regime accountable and urging the international community to take effective action.

The report is currently available only in English. Please see the link below:

<https://wp.me/p9yWrK-dso>

We encourage you to read and share it widely.

"No to Execution Tuesdays" Campaign Enters 68th Week

Now in its 68th week, the "No to Execution Tuesdays" campaign continues to grow in strength and urgency. This week, prisoners in 41 prisons across Iran launched a hunger strike, protesting the regime's intensifying wave of executions. This powerful, historic movement calls for our solidarity and support.

Just last week, the regime executed 29 prisoners—including 15 on April 29 and 9 more on May 3, 2025—bringing the official number of executions in Iran this year to a staggering 154. However, this figure reflects only a small portion of the true total, as many executions go unreported by the regime. The actual number is believed to be significantly higher, underscoring the urgent need for transparency and international accountability.

The campaign warns that, amid deepening domestic unrest and international isolation, Iran's regime is increasingly using executions as a tool of repression to silence dissent and prevent uprisings. This brutal machinery of death must be dismantled.

International human rights organizations must demand that governments condition their relations with Iran on a firm commitment to abolish the death penalty. The regime's execution apparatus is not just a judicial tool—it is a weapon of fear.

Support for the campaign has expanded, with families of political prisoners and human rights activists now gathering regularly outside Evin Prison in Tehran and in cities across Kurdistan to protest and show solidarity.



How You Can Help

- **Raise Awareness:** Use the hashtags #NoToExecutionTuesdays #StopExecutionsInIran on your social media platforms.
- **Take Action:** Write to your government representatives and urge them to pressure the Iranian regime to halt all executions.
- **Stay Informed:** Follow the weekly list of political prisoners at risk of execution or currently sentenced to death: <https://wp.me/p9yWrK-dso>

Secret Burial of Executed Political Prisoner Mohsen Langarneshin



Mohsen Langarneshin, a 36-year-old dissident political prisoner, was executed on April 30, 2025, in Iran's Ghezelhesar Prison. His body was not returned to his family, and he was buried in a secret location without their knowledge—reportedly under orders from the regime's intelligence service.

This practice, sadly not without precedent, is a deliberate strategy by the regime to apply psychological pressure on the families of political prisoners. By withholding the body and preventing public mourning, authorities aim to suppress protest, silence dissent, and isolate victims' families in their grief.

Langarneshin's family, like many others, has been denied the basic human right to say goodbye and bury their loved one with dignity. In many such cases, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) threatens families to ensure their silence and prevent any public acknowledgment of the injustice. This is not an isolated case, but part of a broader policy of fear, repression, and erasure. The right to mourn, to seek truth, and to remember must be defended.

Iran: Labor Rights Under Siege on International Workers' Day

May 1, 2025 – As the world celebrates International Workers' Day, Iran faces growing scrutiny over its harsh treatment of labor activists. Peaceful advocates are met with repression, not dialogue. Sharifeh Mohammadi, a female labor activist, has been sentenced to death — a stark example of the risks faced by those demanding labor rights.

According to recent research:

- **At least 19 labor activists** remain behind bars, including Sharifeh Mohammadi, who is at imminent risk of execution.
- **Over 2,081 workers** have died between May 1, 2024, and April 27, 2025, due to extremely unsafe working conditions across the country.

Honoring Imprisoned Teachers: The Unyielding Voice of Justice

Across Iran, teachers like Javad Laal-Mohammadi, Hashem Khastar, Mohammad-Hossein Sepehri, and hundreds more remain behind bars. Their only "crime" has been standing up for justice and demanding their fundamental rights.

In times like these, it is vital that the international community raises its voice against the systematic repression of educators and civil society activists in Iran. The Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) calls on teachers' unions and educational

institutions worldwide to stand in solidarity and urge the Iranian government to release all imprisoned teachers immediately.

Their courage must not be forgotten. Their voices must not be silenced.

**German-American Dissident Returned
Mutilated**



In On October 28, 2024, Jamshid Sharmahd, a 69-year-old German-American journalist and dissident, died while on death row in Iran. Iranian authorities claimed he died before execution, but evidence points to a disturbing reality.

Sharmahd was abducted in 2020 during a business trip to the UAE and forcibly transferred to Iran. He was tortured and sentenced to death in 2023 following an unfair trial.

When his body was returned, his tongue and heart were missing—a shocking act his daughter, Gazelle Sharmahd, called a brutal attempt to silence dissent. “He was returned in pieces,” she said, condemning the inaction of Germany and the U.S.

Despite the clear violation of international law, Western governments have not responded with concrete action. The case reflects Iran’s ongoing culture of impunity against political dissidents.

CFPPI calls on global leaders and human rights organizations to demand justice for Jamshid Sharmahd and to ensure such crimes do not go unanswered.

Save the Date: June 28, 2025

Join us for a special Conference marking the Global Day in Support of Political Prisoners in Iran. Stay tuned for the full program. Details will be available soon on our website.

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