

## Tragic Death of jailed rights activist Somayeh Rashidi After Denial of Medical Care



Somayeh Rashidi was arrested on April 23, 2025 in Tehran's Javadieh neighborhood for writing slogans. During her arrest, she was severely beaten by security forces and later transferred between detention centers, including Evin and Qarchak Prison.

Rashidi, a political prisoner born in 1983, has tragically passed away after being denied proper medical treatment during her imprisonment.

Over the past months, she repeatedly suffered from seizures and severe headaches. Despite her continuous visits to the prison clinic, doctors accused her of "faking illness" and only prescribed sedatives, neglecting her urgent medical needs. Her health deteriorated, and she was finally transferred to Mofatteh Hospital in Varamin earlier this week.

Doctors reported that her level of consciousness had dropped to 5 out of 15, warning that further decline could be fatal. Shortly afterward, Somayeh fell into a coma. After several days in critical condition, she lost her life in hospital.

Her death has sparked outrage among human rights defenders, who point to the systematic denial of healthcare for political prisoners in Iran. The

Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran condemned her death as a form of "silent execution", stressing that deliberate medical neglect constitutes a violation of basic prisoner rights and amounts to state responsibility in her killing.

Nineteen women political prisoners in Qarchak Prison began a two-day hunger strike on September 29. The strike mourns the death of fellow inmate Somayeh Rashidi and protests the authorities' lack of accountability and refusal to transfer them to Evin Prison.

For years, the regime in Iran has intentionally and systematically denied political prisoners urgent medical care, using this practice as a tool of repression and torture. For further details, please refer to CFPPI's full report.

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## Execution of Babak Shahbazi & Critical Condition of Hossein Ronaghi



### Hunger Strike of Hossein Ronaghi

Meanwhile, Hossein Ronaghi, another political prisoner in Qezel Hesar, is in critical condition after launching a hunger strike on September 2 to protest his unlawful detention. Despite a medical certificate confirming that he cannot endure imprisonment, he remains jailed. His blood pressure has dropped dangerously, and fellow inmates warn that his life is in immediate danger.

Political prisoners Ahmadreza Haeri and Afshin Baymani have sounded the alarm, stressing that Ronaghi's strike has reached a life-threatening stage.

They hold the authorities fully responsible for any harm to his life and call on the public to be his voice.

### Political Prisoner Executed in Qezel Hesar

At dawn, Babak Shahbazi, a political prisoner, was executed in Qezel Hesar Prison despite serious legal objections. His lawyer had submitted an appeal after the Supreme Court had overturned his death sentence, but the authorities proceeded regardless. Shahbazi, father of two young children, was executed based on coerced confessions. Human rights groups condemned the execution as another example of state terror, urging international organizations to respond.

Follow the weekly list of political prisoners at risk of execution or currently sentenced to death:

<https://tinyurl.com/38fxs9xe>

### Women Prisoners Protest in Qarchak on Anniversary of Mahsa Amini's Death



On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, coinciding with the third anniversary of Mahsa Zhina Amini's death and the 86th week of the "Tuesdays: No to Execution" campaign, female political prisoners in Qarchak Prison, Varamin held a protest.

Their protest included setting fire to a noose as a symbolic act opposing executions by the regime in Iran. The event concluded with them burning their headscarves—an act evoking the early days of the

"Woman, Life, Freedom (Zan, Zendegi, Azadi)" movement.

See latest report by CFPP on Qarchak prison

<https://tinyurl.com/p3hw2hzd>

### Death of Sudabeh Asadi Amid Medical Neglect

On September 16, 2025, Sudabeh Asadi, a female prisoner held in Qarchak Prison, died due to lack of medical care. Prison and judicial officials have not yet commented on her death. This marks the third reported case in recent weeks of female prisoners dying under similar conditions.

Earlier, the deaths of Somayeh Rashidi and Jamileh Azizi were also linked to medical neglect in Qarchak Prison. CFPPI condemned these deaths, calling for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners and urgent action to address the dire conditions faced by detainees.

### Death Sentences of Three Women Prisoners in Iran



Sharifeh Mohammadi – Iranian labor activist, sentenced to death twice on charges of "baghi" (armed rebellion) despite her first sentence being overturned. A second death sentence was issued in August 2025.

Verisheh Moradi – Kurdish political prisoner and women's rights advocate, sentenced to death for alleged PJAK membership. She suffers from serious spinal and neurological conditions but is denied surgery, family contact, and proper legal defense.

Pakhshan Azizi – Kurdish social worker from Mahabad, arrested in 2023. In January 2025, the Supreme Court upheld her death sentence and rejected a retrial. She is held in harsh conditions in Evin Prison, cut off from family and lawyers.

### Help us Save Them!

All three women face imminent risk of execution amid widespread denial of fair trial rights, medical care, and due process. Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPI) call for international pressure to halt their sentences.

### Executions in Iran Reach Alarming Levels “No Execution Tuesdays” Movement

In the first nine months of 2025 alone, at least **1,000** prisoners have been executed by the regime in Iran. Every Tuesday, political prisoners across **51 prisons** courageously stage hunger strikes, demanding an end to executions. This movement, which began in January 2024, continues to grow in strength and determination.

Join us in echoing the voices of political prisoners. Together, we can amplify their call for justice.

### Lend your voice

Want to help but don't have the time? Can you help us spread the word? We can come to your organization/work/event to give a talk about the current situation in Iran and what CFPI is doing to help political prisoners in Iran.

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