



## Surge in Executions in Iran

The Iranian judiciary has significantly intensified its crackdown on dissent, marked by a wave of severe sentences and a direct mandate for swifter executions. Following the January 2026 protests, Branch 26 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court sentenced four individuals—Bita Hemmati, Mohammad Reza Majidi-Asl, Kourosh Zamani-Nejad, and Behrouz Zamani-Nejad—to death and full asset confiscation on charges of acting for a "hostile government."

Simultaneously, reports from Ahvaz indicate that Farzad Moradi, a young protester from Izeh, faces imminent execution in Sheiban Prison following a trial marred by allegations of forced confessions and physical torture. This escalation aligns with a new directive from Chief Justice Mohseni-Eje'i, who has explicitly ordered the judiciary to accelerate the issuance of death sentences and property seizures for those labeled "agents of the enemy". Human rights advocates warn that these developments represent a grave violation of international humanitarian law and the right to a fair trial.

## Death Sentence Issued for 18-Year-Old Niloofar Esfahani



The human rights crisis in Iran has deepened with the news that Niloofar Esfahani, an 18-year-old from Qazvin, has been sentenced to death.

Details regarding her case remain sparse, but reports indicate she was arrested on January 10, 2026, by agents of the Islamic Republic's Intelligence Organization. The specific charges and the judicial process leading to this capital sentence have not been made public, raising severe concerns about the lack of transparency and due process.

This sentencing of a teenager follows a broader pattern of judicial escalation. As highlighted in our previous reports, the Iranian judiciary is increasingly utilizing "life-deprivation" sentences and asset confiscations against those associated with the recent wave of unrest.

Reminder: Under international law and the Geneva Conventions, the rights and physical safety of detainees are paramount. The Campaign to Free Political Prisoners emphasizes that any form of torture or the denial of fair legal representation is a flagrant violation of international human rights standards.

## The Life-Threatening Crisis of Narges Mohammadi

The Narges Foundation has issued a dire warning regarding the "critical condition" of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi, who is currently facing a life-threatening health crisis while serving her 124th day of detention at Zanzan Central Prison. Following recent family visits in April 2026, reports describe a severe physical deterioration marked by significant weight loss and extreme weakness.



Mohammadi's health reached a breaking point on March 24, when she suffered a heart attack and remained unconscious for over an hour within the prison ward. Despite warnings from specialists that medications prescribed by prison staff were counterproductive and that she urgently requires an angiography and specialized cardiac care in Tehran, authorities have systematically denied her medical transfer. Her condition is further complicated by chronic neurological symptoms, including double vision and severe headaches, which stem from injuries sustained during her violent arrest in late 2025.

Beyond her failing health, Mohammadi is being held in a high-risk environment that flagrantly violates the international principle of the separation of crimes. As the only political prisoner in a ward populated by individuals convicted of violent offenses, she has faced repeated death threats, creating a state of constant physical and psychological danger.

This precarious situation is exacerbated by a deliberate judicial and administrative deadlock; the Zanjan Prosecutor has claimed a lack of authority to intervene, while the Intelligence Ministry has met family pleas with silence and even threats of arrest against her brother. Human rights advocates view her continued detention in Zanjan as a form of punitive exile and a tool of state pressure, warning that without immediate hospital transfer and release on medical bail, the activist faces the very real risk of a recurring and potentially fatal cardiac event.

## "No to Execution Tuesdays" Reaches 118th Week

The collective hunger strike campaign known as "No to Execution Tuesdays" has entered its 118th week, with detainees in 56 prisons across Iran participating in the weekly protest. This milestone comes despite an intensifying atmosphere of repression, including severe communication blackouts, internet disruptions, and heightened security measures designed to isolate prisoners and suppress news of their resistance.

The campaign remains a steadfast challenge to the judiciary's surge in capital sentencing, even as inmates face increasing physical and psychological pressure. In line with international humanitarian standards and the Fourth Geneva Convention, CFPPI continues to emphasize that the state's use of illegal transfers, torture, and the denial of basic rights constitutes a grave violation of international law. The persistence of this strike highlights the critical level of desperation and resolve among the prison population in the face of ongoing judicial violence.

List of 367 political prisoners sentenced to execution or in danger of death sentence:

<https://wp.me/p9yWrK-3jp>

## International Call for the Release of Nasrin Sotoudeh and Reza Khandan



The "International Day of the Endangered Lawyer" coalition has issued an urgent appeal for the immediate and unconditional release of renowned human rights attorney Nasrin Sotoudeh and her husband, Reza Khandan, following their arrest by security forces in Tehran. Characterizing these detentions as a direct assault on the independence of the legal profession, the coalition has called upon the United Nations and the European Parliament to intervene diplomatically.

The statement demands full transparency regarding Sotoudeh's whereabouts, unrestricted access to medical care and legal counsel, and an end to the systemic judicial harassment and retaliatory measures currently targeting independent lawyers and their families in Iran.

## Coalition of 86 Organizations Calls for Urgent Intervention in Iran



A massive coalition comprising 86 global campaign networks, political parties, and civil society organizations has issued an urgent call for international solidarity to halt the escalating execution crisis and secure the release of political prisoners in Iran. Running from April 11 to April 26, 2026, this global mobilization urges the Iranian diaspora, human rights defenders, and progressive international entities to unite in a coordinated effort to pressure the international community. The coalition’s primary demands center on the immediate cessation of all executions, the unconditional release of all political detainees, and the restoration of unrestricted internet access for the Iranian people, which has been severely curtailed during the recent judicial crackdown.

The secretariat for the "April 2026 Call to Action" encourages diverse forms of protest, including sit-ins, street performances, and rallies, alongside direct diplomatic engagement with parliaments, labor unions, and global media outlets. By framing this moment as a critical turning point for solidarity, the signatories emphasize that only a unified global response can effectively amplify the voices of the Iranian people and challenge the state's use of "deprivation of life" and digital isolation as tools of political suppression. This campaign serves as a final, urgent plea for world leaders to take effective measures against the systemic judicial violence and human rights violations currently unfolding across the country.

### Why Should the IRGC’s Activities Concern Everyone?

Please take a few moments to learn more, watch the video, and read the petition. Your awareness and support can help bring greater attention to this important issue.

Video: <https://youtube.com/shorts/sdNugvjtT3w>

Petition: <https://c.org/VRHrKRL5MZ>

### Be Their Voice

Every voice matters — and yours can make a difference. Join us in amplifying the cries for freedom echoing from prisons in Iran. Invite us to speak at your community, workplace, or event and help shed light on the silenced.

Together, we can turn awareness into action — and silence into justice.

If you would like to support, please check our website and **Take Action**

