

Iran’s Record of Executing Women

In Iran, the state’s judicial machinery particularly the Revolutionary Courts is systematically weaponized against female political dissidents and human rights defenders, placing them in profound and immediate danger. According to Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI) 71 female political prisoners are currently sentenced to death or are in imminent danger of execution. This alarming statistic highlights a targeted campaign of repression aimed specifically at women who dare to challenge the state or advocate for basic civil liberties. Activists like Mahboubeh Shabani and Najmeh Gholami facing extreme judicial retaliation, opaque trials, and the constant threat of the gallows simply for their political dissent.

Another stark example of this systemic repression is the ongoing ordeal of Vrishe Moradi. A Kurdish political activist and women's rights defender, Moradi has just been sentenced to death for the second time. On October 14, 2026, Branch 15 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court reinstated her execution order simply by altering the title of the charges against her. This judicial maneuver entirely bypassed the deeper case investigations that the Supreme Court had explicitly mandated when it overturned her original death

sentence in late 2025. Moradi's legal team has announced they will formally appeal this new ruling, but her situation remains a high-profile testament to the perilous reality facing women on death row today. Cansu Özdemir and Zara Miro, two Members of Parliament for the Left Party in the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag), have strongly condemned the re-issuance of the death sentence for Vrishe Moradi, demanding its immediate revocation and her unconditional release.

List of political prisoners in Iran sentenced to execution or in danger of being given death sentence:

List of political prisoners

Take Action Today:

Help us demand that UN member states establish an international mechanism for criminal justice in Iran by signing this petition:

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Iranian Lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh Wins Justice Award

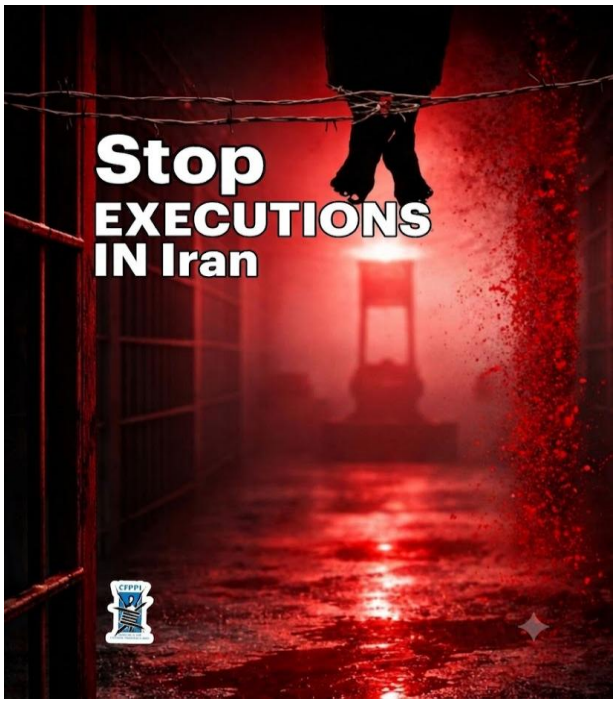


Prominent Iranian human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh has been awarded the 2026 Thulani Maseko Justice Prize by the Human Rights Foundation and the Thulani Maseko Foundation. Presented in partnership with the municipality of The Hague, the award honors courageous legal professionals in authoritarian countries who risk their freedom to defend victims of repression. Organizers celebrated Sotoudeh's decades of tireless advocacy for civil activists and women's rights in Iran, recognizing her as a symbol of resistance who has endured repeated arrests and heavy sentences.

Named after an Eswatini rights lawyer assassinated in 2023, the prize brings renewed international attention to the severe dangers faced by independent lawyers advocating for justice within Iran's oppressive judicial system.

Global Solidarity and the "No To Execution Tuesdays" Campaign:

UN Special Rapporteurs Join 144th Week of Prison Hunger Strikes



In a significant milestone for international human rights advocacy, two UN Special Rapporteurs have joined the "No to Execution Tuesdays" hunger strike in solidarity with Iranian political prisoners. Gina Romero, the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association, initiated this involvement by participating in the strike on October 13, 2026. Following her lead, Leopoldo Maldonado Gutiérrez, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression, also undertook a 24-hour hunger strike. In a public statement, Maldonado emphasized that political expression and peaceful protest are fundamental rights that must never be met with severe punishments or enforced disappearances. These consecutive actions reinforce global demands to halt death sentences for protesters and political activists.

Their participation brings vital global attention to the prisoners striking across 66 different prisons in Iran, who are now in their 144th consecutive week of protest for human dignity and an Iran free of torture. The statistics from the past year underscore a horrifying reality: between October 2025 and October 2026, at least 2,230 people were executed in Iran. This staggering figure includes 54 women, 47 political prisoners and 4 children. These numbers represent lost lives, grieving families, and a society forced to live under the constant shadow of state-sanctioned death and repression.

As the campaign members state: "In these dark days of repression, do not leave the people of Iran alone."

The Video Message From Gina Romero
The Video Message From Leopoldo Maldonado

You can also send a message of solidarity with "No To Execution Tuesdays".

MEP Helmut Brandstätter Supports "No to Execution" Campaign in Iran



Helmut Brandstätter, a Member of the European Parliament from the liberal NEOS party, has publicly expressed his support for the global campaign to end executions in Iran. In a message posted on his X account, Brandstätter highlighted the plight of Iranian political prisoners and drew specific attention to the case of Mahvash Sabet. Referring to the Baha'i prisoner of conscience, he stated, "Today we joined the global campaign to end executions in Iran. I am especially thinking of Mahvash Sabet, who is in prison solely because she is a Baha'i. We stand alongside all Iranian political prisoners who are fighting against executions."

Shocking Warning from Isfahan's Dastgerd Prison: Thousands Facing Execution

The Campaign to Free Political Prisoners has issued an urgent warning regarding the disastrous conditions at Dastgerd Prison in Isfahan, citing severe medical shortages and deteriorating hygiene. According to recent reports, security forces are systematically threatening and torturing released prisoners and their families, coercing them to act as informants for the Ministry of Intelligence to identify activists and future protesters. CFPPI also highlights a terrifying surge in fabricated charges against young inmates, with hundreds being told verbally or during interrogations that they face the death penalty. While independently unverified, estimates suggest between 1,800 and 2,300 individuals in Isfahan are currently at risk of execution. CFPPI strongly condemns these draconian tactics, demanding an immediate halt to the torture, the release of all political prisoners, and a complete cessation of executions.

17-Year-Old Omid Ghanooni Dies in Custody Less Than 24 Hours After Arrest

Seventeen-year-old Omid Ghanooni died from internal bleeding less than 24 hours after his October 6 arrest in Khansar. Following an altercation with Basij forces, authorities reportedly beat the teenager with a rifle butt and deliberately denied him medical care, ignoring his severe physical distress and his father's repeated pleas for a hospital transfer. Following his burial on October 8, his family and supporters protested outside the local police station to demand accountability for his death in custody, which constitutes a severe human rights violation.

Iranian Mountaineer and Everest Summiter Ali-Sina Mostafavi Executed



The Islamic Republic executed Ali-Sina Mostafavi, a prominent mountaineer, Everest summiter, and musician, in the city of Kerman. He was hastily tried and sentenced to death on charges of alleged "armed action" during recent internal conflicts. The judicial process leading to his execution was completely shrouded in secrecy. Human rights monitors report a total lack of transparency regarding his trial, the conditions of his imprisonment, and whether he was permitted access to an independent lawyer of his choosing. Further illustrating the regime's punitive reach, reports indicate that Mostafavi's wife was also subjected to approximately seven months in detention.

The glaring ambiguities in this case fuel severe concerns over the likelihood of torture, forced confessions, and the systemic denial of fair trial rights issues that demand immediate, independent international investigation. Observers and human rights advocates warn that the state's continued reliance on swift and opaque executions is a calculated strategy to project terror across society, weaponizing capital punishment to violently silence dissent and crush public opposition.

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**

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