

TARGETED CRACKDOWN ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS



16 September-30 November 2022

Dedicated to Jina (Mahsa) Amini, whose cruel murder became the catalyst for the largest human rights movement and inspired generations in Iran and beyond.

Cover photo: a Baluch woman writes: "Woman, Life, Liberty"
photo by a citizen journalist

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This report documents the targeted and systematic crackdown of human rights defenders and their rights violations in Iran. In contrast to previous years' reports which covered a one-year period, this year, Iran Human Rights' Human Rights Defenders report is limited to 16 September- 30 November 2022. This decision was made due to the bloody suppression of protests by the Islamic Republic.

Nationwide protests broke out across Iran following the state-murder of Jina (Mahsa) Amini, a 23-year-old Kurdish girl in police custody. The people expressed their will through the slogan, "Woman, Life, Liberty," which encompasses the most basic human rights; rights they have been deprived of for decades in Iran.

All Iranians who took to the streets to demand their basic human rights are human rights defenders according to the United Nations definition. However, it was impossible to include hundreds of thousands of protesters, especially the thousands arrested and killed. This report therefore, focuses on human rights defenders such as lawyers, journalists, families seeking justice, civil activists, teachers, workers' rights activists, women's rights activists, artists and environmental activists. However, as this is not a complete list of all human rights defenders arrested in those categories, it cannot be considered a statistical report. Rather, Iran Human Rights has tried to open a small window to acquaint the international community with Iranian human rights defenders and the targeted crackdown against them by the Islamic Republic. Their current status has been updated according to the available information and to the best of our knowledge at the time of writing. It is important to note that the majority of those released have been so on bail pending legal action.

Introduction

Human rights defenders have always been under repression by the Islamic Republic. However, their targeted and systematic repression has dramatically increased in recent years. In its 2019/2020 Human Rights Defenders report, Iran Human Rights documented 54 human rights defenders which doubled in 2021 with more than 100 human rights defenders. This upward trend continued in 2022, reaching a peak with the current report documenting 218 human rights defenders who have been arrested and harassed in less than three months. While the Islamic Republic is considered one of the biggest repressive states in the world, this report shows that the targeted crackdown on human rights defenders, was unprecedented following the outbreak of nationwide protests, even for the Islamic Republic.

Iran Human Rights Director, Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam said: *“Three months have passed since the beginning of the nationwide protests in Iran. Changing the political system is the core protest demand but the demands of those who take to the streets at the risk to their lives, is even greater than the change of system. The people of Iran have stood up to claim all the rights millions have been deprived of for decades. All protesters who took to the streets are themselves human rights defenders according to the UN definition. Human rights defenders play an important role in the ‘Woman, Life, Liberty’ revolution.”*

This report shows that the Islamic Republic’s response to any human rights activism is violent crackdowns, and that the situation of human rights defenders has significantly deteriorated compared to last year. Many activists were unlawfully arrested “preemptively” at their homes and locations other than protests. Activists like Golrokh Irayi-Ebrahimi, Milad Fadayi, Saba Sherdoost and Majid Tavakoli. A significant number of defenders also suffer from illnesses. Arash Sadeghi was arrested despite suffering from a rare form of cancer. Rapper Toomaj Salehi is facing charges that carry the death penalty for his protest songs. There are also teachers who were arrested or faced reprisals for refusing to hand over names of protesting/striking students and pupils, with one losing her life due to a heart attack from the pressure.

Lawyers willing to represent protesters and other human rights defenders have been particularly targeted at an unprecedented rate with at least 46 subjected arrests or legal action.

Iran Human Rights calls on civil society worldwide to support their colleagues who are fighting for their fundamental rights under such difficult circumstances in Iran. Artists, Bar Associations, workers’ unions, journalists, women’s activists and others can help save their lives by being their voices. We call on well-known figures to take coordinated action by each following up on the situation of one of the people listed in this report, and to be their voice in interviews and public appearances.

Many of the human rights defenders are behind bars in dangerous conditions; international pressure and raising the political cost of the repression, is the only way to reduce the pressure on them.

Lawyers representing political prisoners have been under judicial harassment for years. Many are serving lengthy sentences for simply carrying out their professional duties and many more stripped of their law licence as punishment. Following the start of the mass arrests in September, lawyers across Iran declared their pro-bono services for protesters. And one by one, they were arrested. Some were also arrested at protests staged by lawyers against systematic breaches by the Judiciary and in support of protesters. As the people on the frontline of the battle for justice, their arrests have a detrimental impact on the thousands of protesters currently behind bars, some of whom face the death penalty without any experience of the “laws” and complexities of a system of injustice. The 46 lawyers are listed according to their respective provincial bar associations.

ALBORZ BAR ASSOCIATION



AHMAD ALI BARANI

Activism: Alborz Bar Association lawyer
City: Karaj
Date of arrest:
Status: Jailed



SAEED ATAI-KACHOUI

Activism: Alborz Bar Association lawyer
City: Karaj
Date of arrest: October 8
Status: Jailed



MINA BOZORGI

Activism: Alborz Bar Association lawyer
City: Karaj
Date of arrest: October 8
Status: Jailed

EAST AZERBAIJAN BAR ASSOCIATION



GHASEM BODI-BANAB

Activism: East Azerbaijan Bar Association lawyer
City: Tabriz
Date of arrest: October 15
Status: Jailed



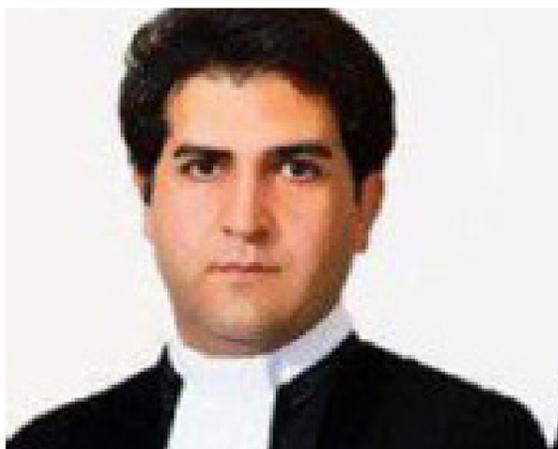
NEGIN KIANI

Activism: East Azerbaijan Bar Association lawyer
City: Tabriz
Date of arrest: October 23
Status: Released



AMIR MEHDIPOUR

Activism: East Azerbaijan Bar Association lawyer
City: Tabriz
Date of arrest: October 18
Status: Released



SINA YOUSEFI

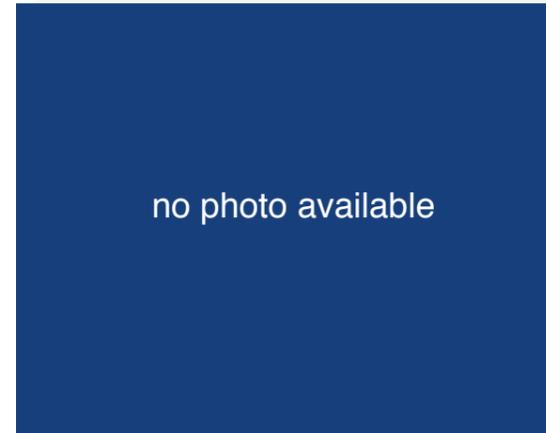
Activism: Vice-chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the Azerbaijan Bar Association
City: Tabriz
Date of arrest: October 18
Status: Released

FARS BAR ASSOCIATION



ASTAREH ANSARI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 2
Status: Released



EBRAHIM GHAEDI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest:
Status: Jailed



MOHAMMAD HADI JAFARPOUR

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest:
Status: Released



MEHDI SAFARI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 3
Status: Released



BAHAREH SAHRAIAN

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Released



NAZANIN SALARI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Jailed

AMIN SAMANI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest:
Status: Released

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MAHMOUD TARAVAT ROI

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Released



ALIREZA ZARE

Activism: Fars Bar Association lawyer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 2
Status: Released

ISFAHAN BAR ASSOCIATION



ROSA ETEMAD-ANSARI

Activism: Isfahan Bar Association lawyer
City: Isfahan
Date of arrest: October 5
Status: Jailed

ZAHRA KHOURDECHI

Activism: Isfahan Bar Association lawyer
City: Isfahan
Date of arrest: October 5
Status: Jailed

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KERMAN BAR ASSOCIATION



MARYAM ARVIN

Activism: Kerman Bar Association lawyer
City: Sirjan
Date of arrest: 27 November
Status: Released

KERMANSHAH BAR ASSOCIATION



GHAHREMAN KARIMI

Activism: Kermanshah Bar Association lawyer

City: Paveh

Date of arrest: October 30

Status: Released

KHORASAN RAZAVI BAR ASSOCIATION



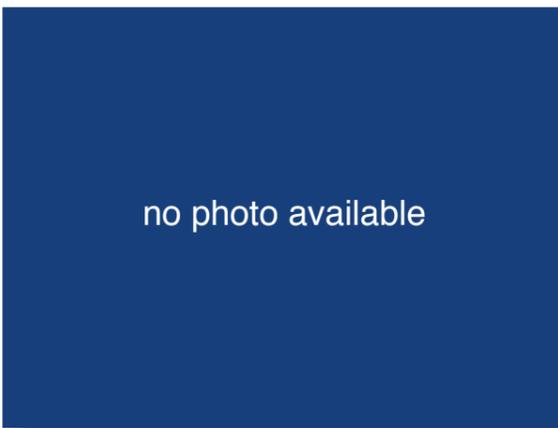
MASSOUD KEIKHANI

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



ALI KHANZAI

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



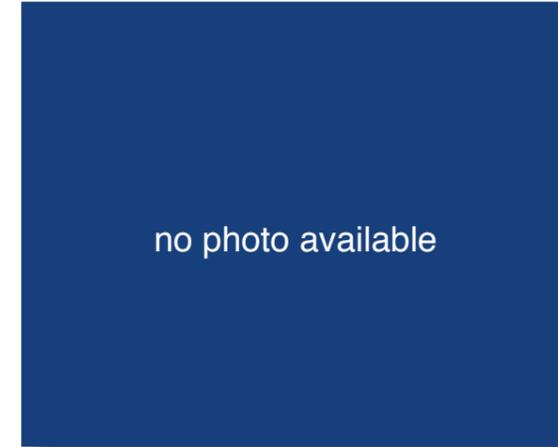
SHOHREH HADADIAN

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



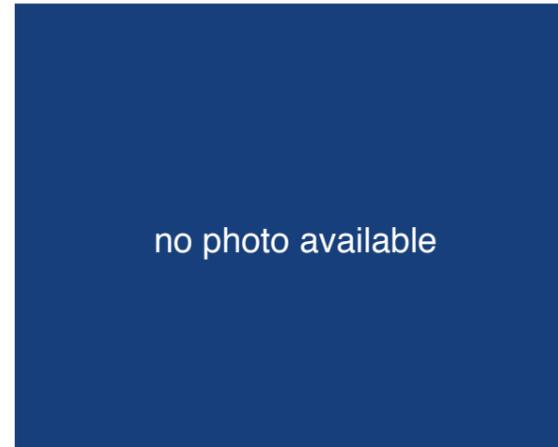
MEHRAN HEIDARI

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



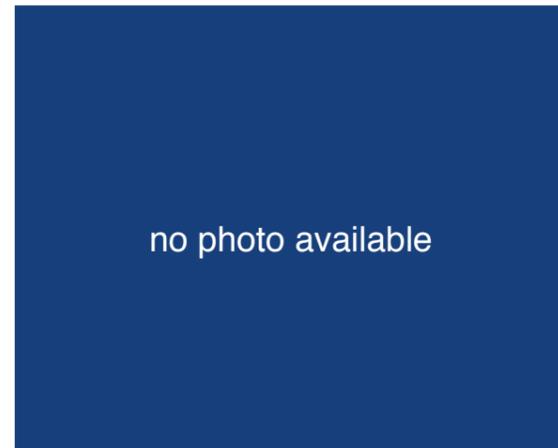
MITRA IZADIFAR

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



SEYED HOSSEIN PAI-LAKHI

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City:

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



MARZIEH MOHEBI

Activism: Khorasan Razavi Bar Association lawyer

City: Mashhad

Date of arrest:

Status: Facing charges

KURDISTAN BAR ASSOCIATION



GOLALEH VATANDOUST

Activism: Kurdistan Bar Association lawyer

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: October 4

Status: Released

MAZANDARAN BAR ASSOCIATION



ZAHRA NAZARI KAMISHANI

Activism: Mazandaran Bar Association lawyer

City: Sari

Date of arrest: November 4

Status: Jailed

MARKAZ (CENTRAL) BAR ASSOCIATION



AMIN ADEL AHMADIAN

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 25

Status: Jailed

HASSAN ASADI ZEIDABADI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: November 16

Status: Jailed



MOHAMMADREZA FAGHIHI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 12

Status: Released



MAHSA GHOLAMALIZADEH

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: Septemeber 24

Status: Released



OVEIS HAMED TAVASOLI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: November 16

Status: Released



SAEED JALILIAN

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 24

Status: Released



ARASH KEYKHOSRAVI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Karaj

Date of arrest: November 19

Status: Jailed

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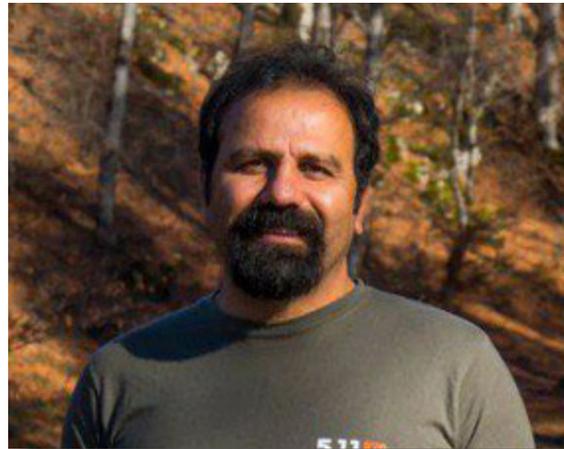
RUHOLLAH MOHAMMAD REZAEI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest:

Status: Released



MOSTAFA NILI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: November 7

Status: Jailed



BABAK PAKNIA

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 26

Status: Released



MILAD PANAHIPOUR

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 24

Status: Released



HOSSEIN REZAEI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 28

Status: Released



SAEED SHEIKH

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 12

Status: Jailed



FERESHTEH TABANIAN

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer

City: Mahshahr

Status: Faces charges

Without free press, journalists who defy strict censorship laws and regulations have been permanent fixtures in Iranian prisons since the Islamic's Republic's inception. But following the state-killing of Mahsa (Jina) Amini on September 16, the net widened to also include journalists, reporters and photojournalists working for state-sanctioned media and outlets. The arrests of Nilufar Hamedi who took the photo of Jina's parents hugging at the hospital and Elaheh Mohammadi who covered her funeral as part of their work assignments, were an early clear message that the mere acknowledgement of any reality but state propaganda would be punished. As the weeks passed, authorities delivered on their message, and continue to do so.



MARZIEH AMIRI

Activism: Shargh newspaper
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 31
Status: Released



MEHDI AMIRPOUR

Activism: Sports journalist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 27
Status: Released



REZA ASADABADI

Activism: ILNA workers rights
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 23
Status: Evin Prison



HASSAN YOUNESI

Activism: Markaz Bar Association lawyer
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 7
Status: Jailed

QAZVIN BAR ASSOCIATION



REZA HAMZEI

Activism: Qazvin Bar Association lawyer
City: Qazvin
Date of arrest:
Status: Jailed

SEM NAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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AMIR DEGHANI

Activism: Semnan Bar Association lawyer
City:
Date of arrest: October 5
Status: Jailed



FARKHONDEH ASHOURI

Activism: Freelance/former Fars news
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: October 17
Status: Jailed



IMAN BEHPASAND

Activism: Meydan wesbsite
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 12
Status: Jailed



MILAD BIDARIGH

Activism: Masal Otagh Khabar Director
City: Masal
Date of arrest: Late November
Status: Jailed



MARAL DARAFARIN

Activism: Freelance
City: Lahijan
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Jailed



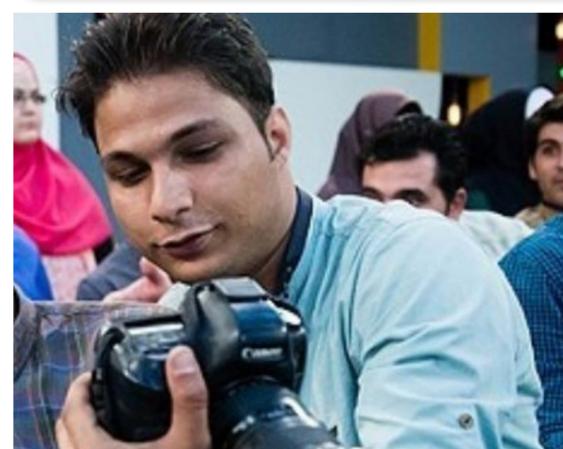
MALIHEH DARKI

Activism: Freelance/photographer
City: Abadan
Date of arrest: October 26
Status: Jailed



DAVOD DAVODI

Activism: Editor-in-chief of Jameh Online
City: Gonaveh
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Jailed



HOSSEIN ESMAILI

Activism: Freelance photographer
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: October 12
Status: Jailed



MILAD FADAYI-ASL

Activism: Freelance
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 10
Status: Released



YAGHMA FAKHSHAMI

Activism: Freelance
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 2
Status: Jailed



KAMYAR FAKOOR

Activism: Freelance
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 6
Status: Jailed



NASTARAN FARKHEH

Activism: Shargh newspaper
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 27
Status: Released



SAEEDEH FATHI

Activism: Sports journalist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 16
Status: Jailed



AFSHIN GHOLAMI

Activism: Tafakore Enteghadi Monthly
City: Bukan
Date of arrest: October 12
Status: Jailed



FARSHID GHORBANPOUR

Activism: Haft Sobh (7AM) newspaper
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 25
Status: Jailed



NILOUFAR HAMED

Activism: Shargh newspaper, took photo of Mahsa (Jina) Amini's parents hugging
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 22
Status: Jailed



NASRIN HASSANI

Activism: Etefaghieh newspaper
City: Bojnourd
Date of arrest: September 30
Status: Jailed



OMID HORMOZI

Activism: Sports journalist/podcaster
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 3
Status: Jailed



ALIREZA JABARI-DARESTANI

Activism: Mehr news agency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 25
Status: Jailed



ARIA JAFARI

Activism: ISNA news agency
City: Isfahan
Date of arrest: September 25
Status: Released



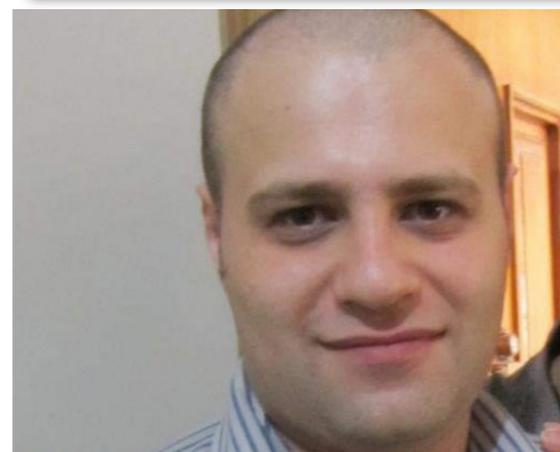
ADEL KARIMI

Activism: Hajeh newspaper
City: Mahabad
Date of arrest: October 11
Status: Jailed



PAYAM KHODABANDEHLU

Activism: Cinemafa
City: Hamedan
Date of arrest: September 11
Status: Jailed



ALIREZA KHOSHBAKHT

Activism: Rahbord newsagency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 23
Status: Jailed



MASSOUD KORDPOUR

Activism: Mokarian news agency
City: Bukan
Date of arrest: September 20
Status: Jailed



POURIA MAHVADI-MOGHADAM

Activism: Lorestan Press House
City: Boroujerd
Date of arrest: October 22
Status: Jailed



MARYAM MAZROUI

Activism: Documentary maker/
photographer
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 5
Status: Released



NAZILA MAROUFIAN

Activism: Rouydad 24 news agency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 30
Status: Jailed



YALDA MOAYERI

Activism: Iranian Photojournalists
Association
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Jailed



ELAHEH MOHAMMADI

Activism: Ham Mihan newspaper who
covered Mahsa Amini's funeral
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 23
Status: Jailed



FAHIMEH NAZARI

Activism: Entekhab news agency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 13
Status: Jailed



RUHOLLAH NAKHAEI

Activism: Cinemafa
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 23
Status: Jailed



EHSAN PIRBORNASH

Activism: Sports Bank Editor
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October
Status: Jailed



VIDA RABANI

Activism: Seda Weekly
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 24
Status: Jailed



SAJAD RAHMANI

Activism: Gilan Press House member
City: Masal
Date of arrest: November 29
Status: Jailed



OMID TAHAN BIDHENDI

Activism: Mehr news agency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 4
Status: Jailed



MARYAM VAHIDIAN

Activism: ILNA news agency
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 27
Status: Jailed



FARZANEH YAHYA ABADI

Activism: Freelance
City: Abadan
Date of arrest: October 19
Status: Jailed

The Islamic Republic has been crushing protests, arresting, torturing and executing protesters and all opposition since they took power. Families of their victims are threatened and pressured to stay quiet and face reprisals for speaking out. The movement of families seeking justice was an organic response to the brutal reality of the bloody 1980s and though weakened under intense repression, it was reformed following the 2019 nationwide protests and has been growing since. Many family members seeking justice are currently behind bars and many more have been subjected to harassment. With the Islamic Republic's ongoing crimes, unfortunately many more families will become part of this movement.



ELHAM AFKARI

Activism: Sister of executed protester Navid Afkari arrested with 3-year-old daughter and husband (both released)
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 10
Status: Jailed



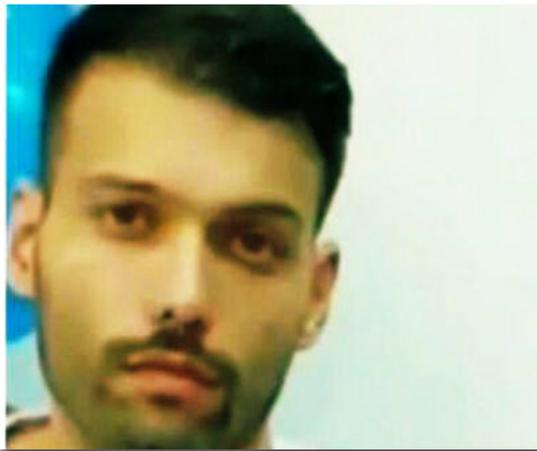
HAMIDEH KETABDAR

Activism: Sister of protester Ebrahim Ketabdar, killed in Nov 2019 nationwide protests, arrested with husband, Hossein
City: Karaj
Date of arrest: November 15
Status: Released



MR GHOLIPOUR

Activism: Father of protester Pejman Gholipour, killed in Nov 2019 nationwide protests
City: Karaj
Date of arrest: November 17
Status: Released



PEYMAN GHOLIPOUR

Activism: Brother of protester
 Pejman Gholipour, killed in Nov 2019
 nationwide protests
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 17
Status: Jailed



MARYAM KARIMBEIGI

Activism: Sister of protester Mostafa
 Karimbeigi, killed in the 2009
 nationwide protests
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 26
Status: Released



MAHBOUBEH RAMEZANI

Activism: Mother of protester Pejman
 Gholipour, killed in Nov 2019
 nationwide protests
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: November 17
Status: Jailed

In every corner of Iran, activists have been fighting for civil rights in their communities and cities despite targeted crackdowns and lengthy prison terms. With the start of protests, many activists were arrested around the country, often as a pre-emptive measure. But a civil society with experienced activists who have years of repression and prison experience behind them, will continue to fight for human rights, even from behind bars. People like Arash Sadeghi, an outstanding voice for both political and ordinary crime prisoners who is held without adequate medical care despite his cancer diagnosis. The start of protests also saw a crackdown on internet access and security activists who were providing crucial information and knowledge to fight the state-imposed internet disruptions and shutdown but crucially teaching people how to avoid arrest through internet security.



SIRUS ABASI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Dehgolan
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Jailed



FAEZEH ABDIPOUR

Activism: Civil activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 22
Status: Jailed



SARVENAZ AHMADI

Activism: Children's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 6
Status: Released



SOHEIL ARABI

Activism: Human rights defender
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 10
Status: Released



ALI ASADOLLAHI

Activism: Writer/poet
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 21
Status: Jailed



HOSSEIN DARVARI

Activism: Right to internet access
City: Sari
Date of arrest: October 3
Status: Released



GOLROKH EBRAHIMI-IRAYI

Activism: Human rights defender
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 4
Status: Jailed



ARIN EGHBALI

Activism: Right to internet access
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 4
Status: Released



MASOUD GHALANDARI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Yasuj
Date of arrest: December 10 (2nd arrest)
Status: Jailed



SAEED HALICHI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Ahvaz
Date of arrest: October 19
Status: Released



AMIN HEIDARIAN

Activism: Civil activist
City: Yasuj
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Released



KOUROSH JALIL

Activism: Civil activist
City: Yasuj
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Jailed



SOHEILA KHALEDIAN

Activism: Civil activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: November 12
Status: Jailed



HIVA MASOUDI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: October 3
Status: Released



AMIR EMAD MIRMIRANI

Activism: Right to internet access/
 security
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 5
Status: Released



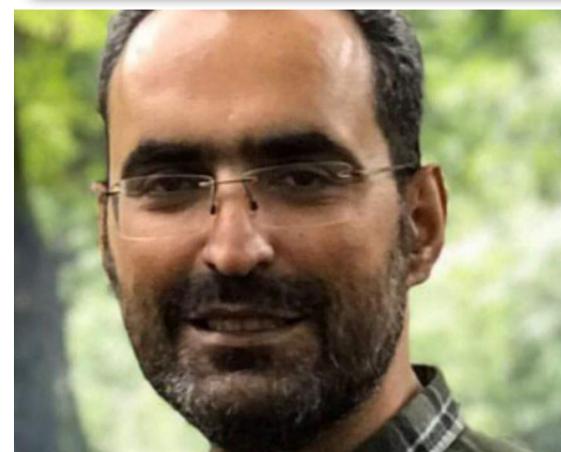
SOHA MORTEZAEI

Activism: Student activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 21
Status: Jailed



POURAN NAZEMI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 19
Status: Jailed



KAMBIZ NOROUZZADEH

Activism: Human rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October
Status: Jailed



ARASH SADEGHI

Activism: Human rights defender
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 20
Status: Jailed



SAEED SHIRZAD

Activism: Children's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 2
Status: Released



HOSSEIN RONAGHI

Activism: Freedom of speech activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 24
Status: Released



MOHSEN TAHMASEBI

Activism: Right to internet access
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 3
Status: Released



ADEL TAE LBI

Activism: Right to internet access
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October
Status: Released



MAJID TAVAKOLI

Activism: Civil activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 23
Status: Released



AMENEH ZAMANI

Activism: Children's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 24
Status: Jailed

Despite state repression, Iranian teachers have managed to organise through unions, staging mass nationwide protests demanding basic rights and free education for children earlier this year when dozens of teachers were arrested. Some still remain behind bars and many more union activists have since been arrested. When primary and secondary school pupils and university students began striking and protesting on campuses around Iran in the course of the current protests, it was the actions of a few good teachers that saved the lives of many students. Teachers who refused to hand over CCTV footage and lists of striking students, teachers who used their bodies to shield children from batons and weapons, teachers who defied threats and reprisals to publicly defend their students and paid the price. We will not know all their names and faces until Iran is free and their battle to protect children from state violence continues.



ALI AMERI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist
City: Bordsekan
Date of arrest: November 27
Status: Released



JAMIL BAHRAMI

Activism: Kurdistan University professor, arrested after reading speech in support of students
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: November 22
Status: Jailed



BEHROUZ CHAMANARA

Activism: Kurdistan University Kurdish literature professor, arrested for supporting student protests
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: November 26
Status: Released



HEIDAR DARAYI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist
City: Ilam
Date of arrest: November 1
Status: Jailed



MOHAMMAD HASSAN DAVOUDI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist
City: Miandoab
Date of arrest: October 27
Status: Jailed



ALI HAJI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist
City: Jolfa
Date of arrest: November 13
Status: Jailed



HAMID JAFARI NASRABADI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist
City: Kashan
Date of arrest: October 19
Status: Jailed



ZAHRA LORI

Activism: Teacher who prevented pupil arrests by deleting CCTV footage

City: Kerman

Status: Passed away from heart attack due to pressure and reprisals



FARZIN MOAFAGHI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Kamyaran

Date of arrest: September 19

Status: Jailed



HAMID MOJIRI

Activism: Kurdistan University professor, arrested after reading speech in support of students

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: October 12

Status: Jailed



JAMSHID MOZAFARI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Saqqez

Date of arrest: November 15

Status: Jailed



PIROUZ NAMI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Ahvaz

Date of arrest: October 22

Status: Released



MASOUMEH OGHABNESHIN

Activism: Teacher who prevented pupil arrests by deleting CCTV footage

City: Karaj

Date of arrest: October 11

Status: Jailed



AFSANEH RABIEI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 28

Status: Jailed



HAMID RAHMATI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Shahreza

Date of arrest: October 3

Status: Released



LATIF ROUZIKHAH

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Jolfa

Date of arrest: October 15

Status: Jailed



HAMED SAEEDI

Activism: Teacher who stopped security forces beating his pupils

City: Saqqez

Date of arrest: October 8

Status: Jailed



ABOLFAZL SHAYAN

Activism: **City:** Sanandaj

Status: Physical Education teacher who was expelled from his job and banned from teaching for refusing to provide list of striking students



IRAJ TOBEIHA

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Najaf Abad

Date of arrest: November 26

Status: Jailed



BAHRAM YAGHOUBI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Tabriz

Date of arrest: October 4

Status: Released



SOHEILA ZALBEIGI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Qazvin

Date of arrest: November 17

Status: Jailed



SATTAR ZAREI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Khomeini Shahr

Date of arrest: October 12

Status: Jailed



AKBAR ZAREIN-RIZI

Activism: Teachers Trade Unionist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 26

Status: Jailed

With the gross systematic human rights violations in Iran, there has been less room and time for environmental rights. However, when the Islamic Republic started cracking down on environmental activists like the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation which was fighting for endangered leopards, it was clear that the remit of state-repressions encompasses all living creatures. Iranian environmental activists have continued to be targeted regardless of which part of the environment they defend. The following are just a few of Iran's environmental activists fighting to preserve forests, mountains, rivers, lakes and their wildlife.



SHADI ASLANI

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Released



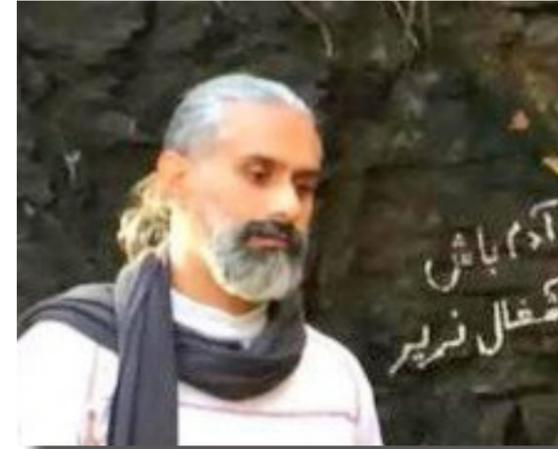
SHABGERD GULABI

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: November
Status: Jailed



MASOUMEH HAGHANI

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Galugah
Date of arrest: October 14
Status: Released



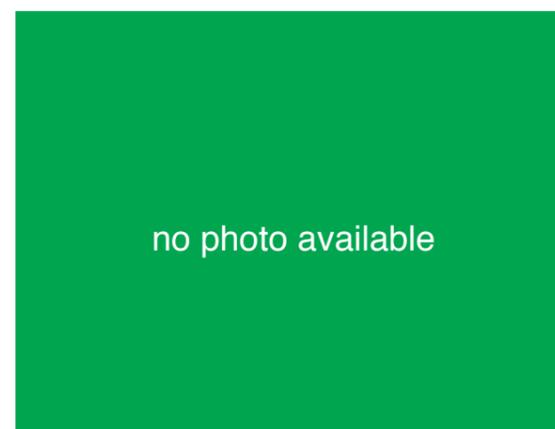
SAMAN KHADEM

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Shiraz
Date of arrest: October 13
Status: Jailed



SIRUR MOLAYI

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: October 26
Status: Jailed



VAHAB MOHAMMADIPOUR

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Piranshahr
Date of arrest: November 22
Status: Jailed



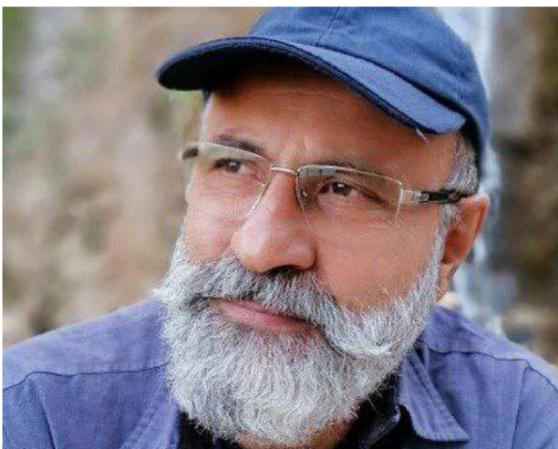
AMIR NADIMI

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Kamyaran
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



GHADER PAKNAHAD

Activism: Environmental activist
City: Piranshahr
Date of arrest: November 12
Status: Jailed



KEYKHOSRO YAZDANI

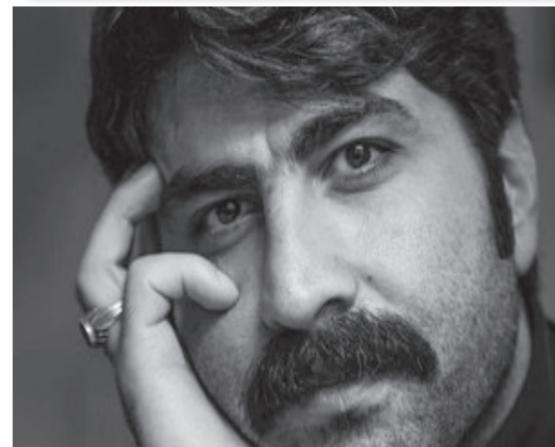
Activism: Environmental activist
City: Ghaemshahr
Date of arrest: September 22
Status: Released

Worker's rights activists and unions in particular, have been under great state repression while conditions for workers have continued to drastically decline. Many worker's rights activists and unionists were arrested throughout the year, particularly around International Workers' Day on May 1. As workers around the country continue to join mass strikes, it is clear that there are many local activists that we have yet to learn about. This is a list of just some of the workers' rights activists arrested during the current protests.



LOTFOLLAH AHMADI

Activism: Worker's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Released



AMIR CHAMANI

Activism: Worker's rights activist
City: Tabriz
Date of arrest: November 6
Status: Jailed



MEYSAM EBRAHIMI

Activism: Worker's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 18
Status: Jailed

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MEHDI FAZLI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Tabriz

Date of arrest:

Status: Jailed

YOUSEF GERAMIPOUR

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest:

Status: Jailed

ASAD MEFTAHI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 9

Status: Jailed

SAMAD MOHAMMADI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Tabriz

Date of arrest: October 29

Status: Jailed

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SOHEIB NADERI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: November 23

Status: Jailed

NEDA NAJI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 13

Status: Released

DAVOD RAZAVI

Activism: Member of the Board of Directors of Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Compan

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 27

Status: Jailed

KAMRAN SAKHTEMANGAR

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: September 28

Status: Jailed



MOZAFAR SALEH Nia

Activism: Board members of the Free Union of Iranian Workers

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: September 21

Status: Jailed



BAYAN SALEHI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: November 23

Status: Jailed



PEYMAN SALEM

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October 9

Status: Jailed



AMIR SHAHABI

Activism: Worker's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: November 17

Status: Jailed

While the women's rights movement has always been an integral part of Iranian civil society, following the state killing of Jina (Mahsa) Amini, the movement stood at the forefront of protests. Many women's rights activists were arrested at Jina's funeral in Sanandaj and in the days that followed. They have since been systematically targeted in towns and cities around the country, but continue to fight against gender based discrimination both societally and politically.



LEILA ABBASI

Activism: Women's rights activist

City: Bijar

Date of arrest: September 20

Status: Jailed



SABA ABDOLLAHI

Activism: Women's rights activist

City: Arak

Date of arrest: November 15

Status: Released



RIZAN AHMADI

Activism: Women's rights activist

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: September 20

Status: Released



HAYAT ALMASI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 22
Status: Jailed

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FATEMEH AMIRI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 22
Status: Jailed



BAHAR ASLANI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 26
Status: Released



MORVARID AYAZ

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Rasht
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Released



BAYAN AZIZI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 29
Status: Released



ELMIRA BAHMANI

Activism: Gender rights activist
City: Rasht
Date of arrest: September 27
Status: Released



AIDA DARVISHI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Paveh
Date of arrest: October 3 (2nd arrest)
Status: Released



SAFIEH GHAREBAGHI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Zanjan
Date of arrest: October 1
Status: Released



MAHRU HEDAYATI

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



MASOUMEH HOJABRI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Piranshahr
Date of arrest: October 7
Status: Released



NARGES HOSSEINI

Activism: Women's rights activist/
 Revolution Street girl
City: Kashan
Date of arrest: September 29
Status: Jailed



FARANAK JAFARI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Gachsaran
Date of arrest: September
Status: Released



AZADEH JAMAATI

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



MOJGAN KAVOUSI

Activism: Writer, women's and mother
 tongue rights activist
City: Mazandaran
Date of arrest: September 22
Status: Jailed



SORAYA KHEDRI

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



LEILA MANSOUR

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 16
Status: Jailed



RAOUFEH MIRBAGHERI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Tankabon
Date of arrest: October 26
Status: Released



FARZANEH MIRFARDI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad
Date of arrest: October 11
Status: Released



LEILA MIRGHAFARI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: September 29
Status: Released



JINA MODARES GORJI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Released



GASHIN MOHAMMADIAN

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



MONIREH MOHAMMADI

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



SOHEILA MOHAMADI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: October 11
Status: Jailed



GELAREH MORADI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Paveh
Date of arrest: September 21
Status: Released



MANOUREH MOUSAVI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Mashhad
Date of arrest: September 20
Status: Released



FARIDEH NEMATI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 30
Status: Released



LEILA PASHAYI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 23
Status: Released



FARANAK RAFIE

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 18
Status: Released



EVIN RASTI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Marivan
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



SUSAN RAZAN

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: October 29
Status: Released



BARAN SAEDI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 20
Status: Jailed



SARIA SHARIFI

Activism: Women's rights activist
City: Sanandaj
Date of arrest: September 19
Status: Jailed



SABA SHERDOOST

Activism: Women's rights activist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: October

Status: Jailed



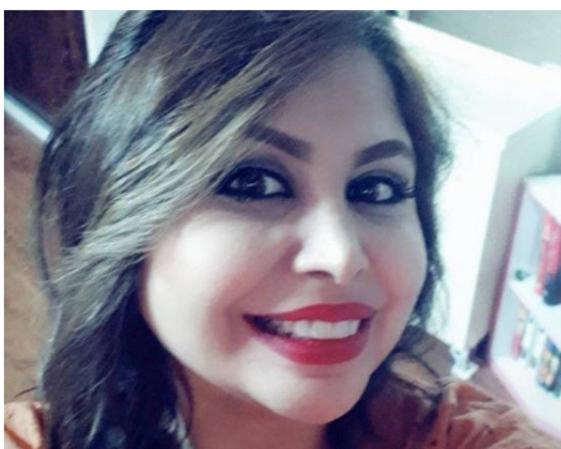
BAHAR ZANGIBAND

Activism: JIVANO feminist collective

City: Sanandaj

Date of arrest: September 19

Status: Jailed



MARZIEH ZIARI

Activism: Women's rights activist

City: Amol

Date of arrest: October 31

Status: Jailed



In the shared space between the arts and human rights, artists have the historical role of translating and conveying often complex issues in simple terms using the most universal language, human emotions. The arts have the power to transcend language, culture and location. But faced with strict censorship laws, an artist's creativity must become multi-layered to survive. And Iranians have creatively thrived which became even more evident from the outset of the Mahsa (Jina) Amini protests when the internet started filling with creations of all kinds. Shervin Hajipour created the now iconic "For Freedom" anthem from ordinary Iranians' tweets in the early days and was immediately arrested. His song has been translated into different languages and sung by international artists on stages around the world and by ordinary citizens at protests everywhere. Toomaj Salehi who was already an outspoken rapper and activist with previous arrests, defied all attempts and threats and continued to speak out until he was violently arrested. Toomaj who had rapped an anti-death penalty song last year, now faces death penalty charges himself. While many artists from all backgrounds have publicly stood with the people against the Islamic Republic rulers, the following are those who used their art to do so.



MONA BORZOUI

Activism: Lyricist

City: Tehran

Date of arrest: September 28

Status: Released



SOHEILA GOLESTANI

Activism: Actress
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 29
Status: Jailed



SHERVIN HAJIPOUR

Activism: Singer of the revolution anthem, "For Freedom"
City: Sari
Date of arrest: September 29
Status: Released



MOJGAN ILANLU

Activism: Documentary maker
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 18
Status: Jailed



MAHMOUD MIRAZAI

Activism: Musician
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 4
Status: Jailed



SEYEDEH ZEINAB MOUSAVI

Activism: Stand-up comedian
City: Qom
Date of arrest: September 29
Status: Released



HAMID POURAZARI

Activism: Director/actor
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: November 29
Status: Jailed



TOOMAJ SALEHI

Activism: Rapper
City: Chahar Mahal and Bakhtiari
Date of arrest: October 30
Status: Jailed, indicted for charges of *efsad-fil-arz* (corruption on earth) which carry the death penalty



BEHROUZ YASEMI

Activism: Poet
City: Tehran
Date of arrest: October 17
Status: Jailed

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