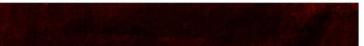


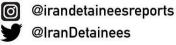
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**irandetaineesreports** Mehran Akrami, a 32-year-old Kurdish (an underrepresented ethnic minority group) athlete, lost his life on March 13, 2024, after 16 months of unjust imprisonment due to severe torture at the hands of the Intelligence Department's forces. Mehran was arrested in November 2022 in Saghez during the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement.

After his untimely death, the authorities refused to hand over his body until his father signed a paper that stated that the autopsy report would be handed over to them in a year. After releasing his body, the funeral was held with strict security measures.

A week before his death, Mehran was severely beaten and tortured in the detention centre of the Intelligence Department. He was sent to a hospital due to the sudden failure of both kidneys. According to his family, he was tied to a bed during their visit to the hospital and suffered a fracture in the back of his head. Also, he had severe visible injuries to his head and eyebrows. He was transferred back to the detention centre a few days later after successfully undergoing dialysis. Just 3 hours after his return, he passed away under torture.

According to local reports, 12 Kurds have lost their lives under severe torture since the beginning of the Woman, Life, Freedom movement.

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## Woman, Life, Freedom: Kurdish Athlete Mehran Akrami Dies Under Torture During Women, Life, Freedom Movement

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Mehran Akrami, a Kurdish athlete from Takab city who was apprehended by security agencies in Saqqez city during the Women, Life, Freedom movement, has tragically passed away due to torture inflicted by the intelligence forces of the city. With a notable background in taekwondo, Akrami held several provincial and national medals. His demise adds to the toll of 12 Kurdish individuals who lost their lives under similar

According to a report received by the Hengaw Organization for Human Rights on Tuesday, March 13, 2024, 32-year-old Mehran Akrami, arrested during the November 2022 protests in Saqqez city, suffered fatal torture at the hands of the city's intelligence forces. Akrami had been detained in the Saqqez Intelligence Department's detention center since his arrest.

A source close to the Akrami family revealed that on Thursday, March 14, the Saqqez Intelligence Department informed them of their son's demise

and directed them to claim the body. However, upon reaching the Saqqez Central Prison, they were redirected to the "Khomeini" hospital.

The family discovered that Mehran's body had been taken for autopsy upon visiting Khomeini Hospital. The delivery of the body was contingent on

Mehran's father signing a document agreeing to a year-long autopsy procedure.

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Hengaw has received information that last week Mehran Akrami was transferred to Khomeini Hospital after enduring severe beatings, resulting in kidney failure, while in the Intelligence Department Detention Center. Akrami's family stated that during their visit on Tuesday, they found two security agents stationed in his room, and both of his hands and one of his legs were tied to the bed.

Despite receiving dialysis treatment at Khomeini Hospital, he was abruptly returned to the detention center of the intelligence department under the advice of his physician. Tragically, he succumbed to torture merely three hours later.

Sources close to the family who viewed Mehran Akrami's body noted severe head injuries, including a fracture at the back of his head, as well as bleeding from his nose, ears, and mouth.

Mehran Akrami's funeral took place in Takab City on Thursday amid heightened security measures. He had been in custody in the detention center of the intelligence department since his arrest on November 12, 2022, during the Women, Life, Freedom movement, despite multiple attempts by his family to secure his temporary release on bail.

Notably, Mehran Akrami's arrest stemmed from his political activism, and his brother and cousin were also detained during the same movement.

Family members lamented that even after Mehran's passing, security agencies refused to return his personal belongings.

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Mehran Akrami's death marks the twelfth instance of a Kurdish individual dying under torture after being arrested during the Women, Life, Freedom movement, according to the data registered at the Statistics and Documents Center of the Hengaw Organization for Human Rights. Previous victims include Ismail Dezwar, Mohammad Abdullahi, Ramin Fatehi, Saman Qadirpour, Omid Hosseini, Hemn Aman, Shadman Ahmadi, Shahriar Adeli, Mohammad Haji Rasulpour, Shirzad Ahmadinejad, and 16-year-old Barzin Hamzezadeh.

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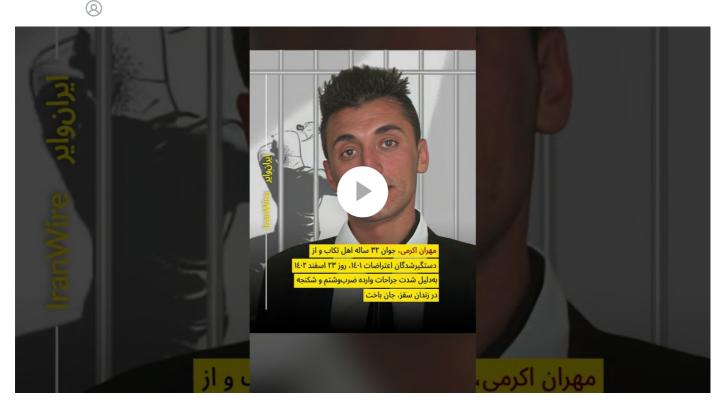


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The human rights organization **Hangav** has informed about the death of Mehran Akrami, one of the arrested people of .nationwide protests in Saqqez, and reported that this young man from Takab city was killed under torture

According to this report, Mehran Akrami died in Saqqez prison on Tuesday 23 March 1402, and his body was buried in Takab .on Thursday last week amid strict security measures

Mehran Akrami was arrested on Saturday, November 21, 1401, during the "Women, Life, Freedom" protests, and since then .he has been indeterminately imprisoned in the detention center of the Saqqez Intelligence Department



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Ha Ngao quoted a source close to the Akrami family as saying that on Thursday last week, the Saqqez Intelligence Department contacted the family saying that their child had died and to hand over the body. They were told that the body is in "Imam .Khomeini" hospital

According to this source, Akrami's family found out after going to the hospital that Mehran's body was taken to the forensic doctor for an autopsy and the authorities made handing over the body conditional on the signature of a paper by Mehran's .father, which stated that the results of the autopsy would be given in a year. They will be delivered

In the description of the events leading to the death of Mehran Akrami, Ha-Ngao wrote that last week, Mehran Akrami was severely beaten and tortured in the detention center of Saqqez Intelligence Department and was transferred to "Imam .Khomeini" hospital due to the sudden failure of both kidneys

Akrami's family has announced that they visited their son on Tuesday and two security agents were stationed in his room and .tied both of his hands and one of his legs to the bed

Mehran Akrami was returned to the prison on Tuesday, after being hospitalized and undergoing dialysis for several days, on the order of the attending physician, and at 6:00 p.m., only 3 hours after being transferred to the prison again, he was again . .transferred to the detention center of the Intelligence Department, where he died

After viewing his body, the family of Mehran Akrami found out that their son suffered a fracture in the back of his head and .had severe injuries above his eyebrow and head, and he was bleeding from his nose, ears and mouth

Mehran Akrami was a taekwondo athlete and won several provincial and national titles in this field. He was previously arrested .due to his political activities and his brother and cousin were also arrested during nationwide protests in Takab city

Mehran Akrami is the twelfth Kurdish citizen who died under the torture of the Islamic Republic of Iran's security agencies .after being arrested during the nationwide protests

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