

Dr. Ghare Hassanlou is known in Iran's medical community for having long served underprivileged areas. He built several schools in rural and low-income towns, donated medical equipment to clinics, treated patients for free and volunteered in a public clinic, according to his colleagues and his family's online posts.

The day before their arrest, Dr. Ghare Hassanlou and his wife were driving home from work when they encountered a large protest honoring a young woman who had been killed by security forces. When they left their car in the traffic to walk, they were caught up in a melee of people assaulting a Basij member, Amnesty International and a colleague of the doctor said.

In a video released by state media, Mrs. Ghare Hassanlou can be seen trying to stop the assault on the Basij member.

On Jan. 3, the Supreme Court announced that it had overturned Dr. Ghare Hassanlou's verdict, citing shortcomings in the investigation. The case was returned to the original judge for retrial, leaving the doctor still at risk of a death sentence.

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Mahan Sadrat Marani was arrested in late October in Tehran. He was accused of attacking a Basij member with a knife, setting a motorcycle on fire and damaging a mobile phone. The court's evidence relied on low-quality video footage in which no knife is visible, according to Amnesty International.

Since his arrest, the Basij member and the cleric who filed the complaints have withdrawn them to try to save Mr. Sadrat Marani from execution, they said.

Mr. Sadrat Marani's father told Iranian media that the family had "kissed the hands of the two men," hoping to persuade them to speak out against their son's sentence. Mr. Sadrat Marani's grandmothers made a video pleading for mercy.

After a public backlash and a campaign by the Basij member, Mr. Sadrat Marani's execution was suspended just hours before he was scheduled to be hanged at dawn. His situation remains precarious.

Photos on his social media show Mr. Sadrat Marani riding motorbikes and wearing fashionably mismatched sneakers. He trained as a bodybuilder and lived with his parents and sisters, working three jobs to help his family get by, according his grandmothers said in the video.