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Cancellation of residence of Shilan Mirzaei, human rights activist in Türkiye

DECEMBER 9, 1402

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An audio file of Shilan Mirzaei, a political refugee, was published by Mehshid Nazimi, a human rights activist in Turkey, in which Ms. Mirzaei announced the cancellation of her residency and the risk of being deported to Iran

In this audio file, which was recorded on December 9, 1402, in a refugee camp, Mrs. Mirzaei says that a notification was issued by the immigration police in consultation with the governorate of the city where she resides in Turkey, according to which the Turkish government "decided to implement He has been banned from entering the country

According to Mrs. Mirzaei, she was told that she will not be allowed to stay in Turkey for 5 years, but if she poses a "serious threat" to Turkey's security, this time may even be extended to ten years

.He also emphasizes that he has been given 60 days to obtain an emergency visa from a third country and leave Turkey

In this audio file, Shilan Mirzaei also pointed out the inconsistencies in the sentences issued by the court and said: "The inconsistencies in issuing the sentences and keeping me in the deportation camp, which is mostly a prison, show " "they want to return me to



.information about his case have not led anywhere

I need an emergency visa to leave Turkey," Shilan Mirzaei said, referring to his two young children who suffered" mental shock due to his arrest. I have been deprived of my family and children for more than 36 days. I have two little boys aged 5 and 7. My 7-year-old son has been in shock since the day I was arrested and does not go to school. My ".little son, who was at home when I was arrested, was shocked and lost his speech. We are in an unfavorable situation

At the end of this audio file, he asked human rights activists, the opposition of the Islamic Republic, and fellow Iranians abroad to help him and his family to get him a third country visa because he "only has 60 more days to escape "from the hands of the criminal regime of the Islamic Republic. save my life and my family

Shilan Mirzaei , a human rights activist and an Iranian refugee in Turkey, who was arrested on the 2nd of Aban 1402 and transferred to a deportation camp, had previously heard from the camp police officers that the Iranian consulate .asked Turkey to hand him over to Iran

He previously reported in an audio file about the threats against him and his family from the Iranian government and said: "I have been complaining to the United Nations and the security police for more than a year that two employees ".of the Iranian embassy in Turkey were trying to to steal But they did not take my complaint seriously

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Shilan Mirzaee, a human rights and political activist

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Shilan Mirzaee, a human rights and political activist, is in danger of being deported to Iran because of increased pressure on Iranian asylum seekers in Turkey.

Mirzaee was recently detained in Izmir and transferred to the Bandirma deportation center in northern Turkey.

During an audio message on Thursday, Ms Mirzaee described her situation and stated that if she were to be returned to Iran, she would be subjected to severe punishment.

Attempts to deport her are being made despite her claim that she has "the approval of the United Nations and the Immigration Police" in her file and that she has not engaged in any activities against the Turkish government.

Authorities have not explained why this activist was arrested and transferred to the detention center.

In recent years, the situation of Iranian political and civil refugees living in Turkey has deteriorated.

Shilan Mirzaee has described threats made by individuals associated with the Iranian Embassy, including two women who she alleges were attempting to kidnap her, and threats made against her son in front of school.

Iran International reported in August about the situation of an Iranian refugee in the Aydin Removal Center who was being physically and mentally tortured by the camp director.

He explained that the officials of the camp keep the asylum seekers under the sun so that they will sign the deportation papers to Iran.

Last year British television channel ITV reported that affiliates of the Iranian regime are threatening to kidnap political refugees in Turkey.

An asylum seeker was quoted asserting that Iran has become very adept at kidnapping and killing opponents.

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Shilan Mirzaee: Activist could be sentenced to death in Iran as she faces imminent deportation from Turkey

Shilan Mirzaee was dragged out of her home in front of her crying son after being arrested by Turkish officers. The 40-year-old has sought asylum in Turkey since 2016, dedicating her time to advocating for Iranian political refugees and supporting marginalised groups in Iran.

By Sahar Zand, news reporter

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Shilan Mirzaee was arrested by Turkish police this week



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An Iranian activist based in Turkey is in danger of imminent deportation to Iran, where she could face torture, interrogation, a lengthy sentence, and even capital punishment.

Just over two weeks after the Iranian activist [Narges Mohammadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize](#), the outspoken Iranian human rights and political activist Shilan Mirzaee was arrested by three Turkish officers on Tuesday in her home in Turkey.

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The 40-year-old activist and her husband

In a rushed video that Ms Mirzaee managed to record on her smartphone before being taken away, she said: "The police are waiting outside my house to take me away.




"I don't know why, but whatever the reason for the arrest and any danger I'm faced with as a result, is a violation of my rights. I'm recording this video so that you can be my voice."



Shilan Mirzaee managed to record this video before being taken away

Ms Mirzaee was taken to the Bandirma deportation centre, where she refused to sign a deportation document after being questioned about her activism.

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Authorities informed her that her presence in Turkey poses a "national security" risk and she should leave Turkey. If Ms Mirzaee returns to Iran, she could face severe charges, potentially leading to the death penalty.

As an exiled Iranian activist and outspoken critic of human rights violations by the government of Iran, the 40-year-old mother-of-two has sought asylum in Turkey since 2016, dedicating her time to advocating for Iranian political refugees and supporting marginalised groups within Iran, including political prisoners, LGBTQ communities, and ethnic and religious minorities.

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Shilan Mirzaee with her family

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Ms Mirzaee has dedicated the past year to aiding victims of Iran's Woman, Life, Freedom movement, stemming from the tragic death of **Mahsa Amini** and resulting in extensive casualties and mass imprisonments.

In response, in an intensifying campaign of intimidation and harassment, the Iranian security forces have detained various dissidents, including human rights campaigners, activists, and academics.

However, the crackdown on protests extends beyond Iran, with Ms Mirzaee facing continuous threats and harassment from Iranian authorities across the Turkish border.



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"The constant pressure that me, my children and my husband have been under from the Iranian authorities has been unimaginable," Ms Mirzaee told Sky News in an emotional interview last month.

"They want to make me return to Iran because they want to silence me."



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She also said that she had been contacted by the Iranian embassy in Turkey, warning her to stop her activism and to turn herself in at the consulate.

Ms Mirzaee refused as she believed that as soon as she set foot in Iran, a hefty prison sentence and even execution could await her. "I told them, I'm not coming, do your worst," she said, and now her husband believes that they have done just that.

Sky News has contacted the Turkish Interior Ministry and the Office of Immigration for comment.

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Turkiye: Iranian Journalist Shilan Mirzaee Detained, Facing Threat of Execution if Deported

The Coalition For Women In Journalism denounces her arrest, calls on authorities to grant journalist asylum

Location: Turkiye, Izmir

Date: October 24, 2023



Shilan Mirzaee, an Iranian activist and journalist seeking asylum in Turkey since 2016, is at risk of imminent deportation to Iran. She was detained by Turkish officers and is now facing the possibility of torture, interrogation, and even the death penalty if sent back to Iran. She has faced continuous threats and harassment from Iranian authorities while in Turkiye, and her activism has drawn the attention of the Iranian embassy, which warned her to stop. The Coalition For Women In Journalism is deeply concerned for Mirzaee's welfare and urges Turkish authorities to halt her deportation and to grant her asylum.

"The police are waiting outside my house to take me away," says journalist and activist Shilan Mirzaee in a video she managed to record before being taken into custody by Turkish police. "I don't know why, but whatever the reason for the arrest and any danger I face, my voice can be my voice."

On October 24, according to Mirzaee's husband, Vahid Salim Danae, three Turkish police officers detained his wife, dragging her out of her Izmir home in front of her crying young son. Mirzaee was transferred to the Bandirma deportation center in northern Turkiye.

While her lawyer anticipates the formal charges, her husband says authorities told the journalist she would be handed over to Iran. Mirzaee has been an outspoken critic of human rights violations in Iran, advocating for Iranian political refugees and supporting marginalized groups within Iran. The journalist was questioned about her activism by Turkish officers in the detention center and refused to sign deportation documents.

In an audio message released on October 26, Mirzaee shed light on her situation, emphasizing the severe consequences she would endure if sent back to Iran.

Turkish authorities have yet to provide an explanation for her detention.

This incident is part of a concerning trend where the situation for Iranian political and civil refugees living in Turkiye has deteriorated in recent years. Mirzaee herself has been the target of threats from people associated with the Iranian Embassy, including alleged attempts to kidnap her and menacing threats against her son in front of his school.

The situation is further exacerbated by reports of physical and mental torture within detention centers. Iran International previously reported on the dire conditions in the Aydin Removal Center, where an Iranian refugee faced severe abuse by the camp director. Asylum seekers have been subjected to extreme conditions, including exposure to the scorching sun, to coerce them into signing deportation papers to Iran.

Deportation to Iran for dissidents or journalists will have dire consequences. Since the tragic death of Mahsa Amini in 2022 and the subsequent protests, the Islamic State has severely cracked down on journalists and activists. CFWIJ has documented a total of 30 women journalists behind bars in Iran, making it the top jailer of women journalists globally.

The Coalition For Women In Journalism denounces the arrest of Shilan Mirzaee and calls for her immediate release. We also urge Turkish authorities to uphold principles of press freedom and the rights of political refugees, ensuring the safety and



The Coalition For Women In Journalism is a global organization of support for women journalists. The CFWIJ pioneered mentorship for mid-career women journalists across several countries around the world and is the first organization to focus on the status of free press for women journalists. We thoroughly document cases of any form of abuse against women in any part of the globe. Our system of individuals and organizations brings together the experience and mentorship necessary to help female career journalists navigate the industry. Our goal is to help develop a strong mechanism where women journalists can work safely and thrive.

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