



The seven protesters Amnesty says are in danger of execution

At Least Seven More Protesters at Grave Risk Of Execution In Iran

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At least seven more Iranians have been given the death sentence in connection with nationwide protests, according to rights group Amnesty International, with dozens more at risk.

At least 259 Iranians have been executed since January alone, according to the United Nations.

Amnesty claims Ebrahim Narouie, Kambiz Kharout, Manouchehr Mehman Navaz, Mansour Dahmardeh, Mohammad Ghobadlou, Mojahed (Abbas) Kourkour and Shoeib Mir Baluchzehi Rigi are at grave risk of imminent execution with four others facing retrials on capital charges.

Amnesty said it is aware of at least three others who have undergone trial on charges that carry the death penalty.

“The authorities have violated their fair trial rights and subjected many to torture and other ill-treatment, including floggings, electric shocks, death threats and sexual violence,” said the rights group.

Amid a spike in executions since late April, on May 19, **authorities arbitrarily executed** three tortured protesters, Majid Kazemi, Saeed Yaghoubi and Saleh Mirhashemi who were unjustly convicted and sentenced to death in Isfahan (Esfahan).

Amnesty also urged the Iranian authorities to “immediately quash all convictions and death sentences stemming from the protests, refrain from seeking further death sentences, and ensure that anyone charged with a recognizable criminal offence is tried in proceedings meeting international fair trial standards without recourse to the death penalty.”

Hossein Mohammadi, 26, a theater actor.



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via Amnesty

Hossein Mohammadi was arrested on Nov. 5 at his home in Karaj, and accused in the killing of a Basij member during a large protest in Karaj. The court used forced confessions broadcast on state television against him, according to Amnesty International.

Mr. Mohammadi, an award-winning theater actor, wrote poems, sang and acted in several short films and plays, and won the best actor award at a local art festival.

On Jan. 3, the Supreme Court announced that it had overturned Mr. Mohammadi's verdict, citing shortcomings in the investigation. The case was returned to the original judge for retrial. He is still at risk of being sentenced to death.

Manouchehr Mehman Navaz, 45.



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via Iran Human Rights

Manouchehr Mehman Navaz was arrested on Sept. 25 in Gharchak, in Tehran Province.

He was accused of setting fire to a government building and to several cars, and of attacking a security guard's outpost by throwing Molotov cocktails. In its decision against him, the court relied on his text messages to a friend, which the judge said placed him in a protest, and grainy footage. Prosecutors requested he be hanged in public at the same place as the arson.

As with other defendants, very little information is publicly available about Mr. Mehman Navaz. He is married and has two teenage daughters, according to the Iran Human Rights Network.