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# Iran Hangs Protester Whose Sentence Was Overturned

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The Iranian regime executed another young protester early Tuesday local time, despite the fact his sentence had been overturned by the Islamic Republic's Supreme Court.

Mohammad Ghobadlou was accused of hitting and killing a policeman by his car during the 2022 protests in Iran. He and his defense consistently denied the charge, providing evidence to show his innocence.

In a complete collapse of judicial process, Ghobadlou's defense was informed of the decision to hang him with half a day's notice. Attorney Raisian published the notice on his X account, saying that the execution would amount to "murder", since the initial verdict **had been overturned** and his client had a right to appeal.

Monday night, hours after the news broke that the 23-year old may be executed, his family and dozens of concerned citizens gathered in front of the prison, hoping that their presence could at least delay the execution –that is usually carried out with the morning call to prayer just before the sunrise.

Right after sunrise, the Islamic Republic Judiciary outlet Mizan News announced that Ghobdalou had been executed.

A short clip emerged on X, showing Ghobadlou's mother at the prison gate shouting at the guards, "you killed my Mohammad, he'd taken to the streets for all you youngsters."

Iran executed around 800 people in 2023, including several political prisoners. Political detainees almost in all cases face unfair trials without due process of law or a fair chance of self-defense.

This the first time, however, that a death sentence has been carried out after being rejected by a higher court, raising questions over the reasons and the timing of the execution, in particular.

During nationwide anti-regime protests in 2022-2023, security forces killed around 550 protesters and arrested 22,000 people. Hundreds of civilians, mostly young people, were injured, many bearing permanent loss of eyes and other permanent damages.

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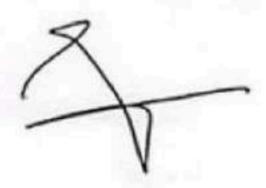
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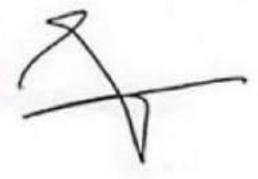
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# **Execution of Mohammad Ghobadloo**

Mohammed Ghobadlou (Persian: محد قبادلو; 2000 – 23 January 2024) was an Iranian man executed for his participation in the 2022 Mahsa Amini protests. [1] He was charged with Moharebeh, which translates to "Waging War Against God," and was sentenced to death. He had been allegedly accused of running over Islamic Republic special units guards, killing one and injuring five of them. [2] Ghobadloo and another prisoner sentenced to death, Mohammad Boroughani, emerged as new faces of outrage in Iran against political executions of Mahsa Amini protestors. On 9 January 2023, hundreds of protesters gathered at the Rajayi-shahr Prison in Karaj when word circulated that Ghobadlou and Boroughani had been transferred to solitary confinement ahead of their scheduled execution. [3][4][5][6] In this gathering, Ghobadloo's mother made a speech and she was embraced by the crowd who supported her. [7][8] Boroughani's execution was halted on 11 January, but Ghobadloo was scheduled to be executed today on 23 January 2024. [6][9]

# **Background**

Thousands of protesters were detained as a result of the Mahsa Amini protests, and dozens were charged with offenses such as *Moharebeh* ("waging war against God") or *Mofsed-e-filarz* ("corruption on Earth"), which are punishable by death in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Iranian authorities executed four protestors, Mohsen Shekari, Majidreza Rahnavard, Mohammad Mehdi Karami, and Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini, for alleged crimes linked to the Mahsa Amini protests.

# Trial and appeal

On 29 October 2022, a court, under the headship of <u>Abolqasem Salavati</u>, was held. The court rejected the two lawyers of Ghobadlou and ordered a lawyer from the judicial system of the Islamic Republic's counselling centre. His own attorney strongly objected to Ghobadlou's proceeding in the trial. From the first day of his detention until court day, his attorney had no access to his case's documents. There were no photos of the charge, no records of  $\underline{\text{medical}}$  jurisprudence, and other common documents of accidents.  $\underline{^{[2][10]}}$ 

IR has deprived Ghobadlou of his medications, though he suffers from <u>bipolar disorder</u>, said his mother. Ghobadlou did not deny his disorder.

On 24 December 2022, the Islamic Regime's Supreme Court announced it had upheld the death sentence of Mohammad Ghobadlou after rejecting his appeal. [11]

Ghobadlou's lawyer announced on 26 August 2023 that following the confirmation of 50 psychiatrists in Iran regarding the necessity of a more thorough re-examination of Ghobadlou's case due to his mental illness, Branch 1 of the Supreme Court had annulled the death sentence and would refer the case to one of the branches of the Criminal Court 1 of Tehran. [12]

Despite this, it was announced that Ghobadlou's sentence would be carried out on 23 January 2024. [9]

### Responses

Ghobadlou's mother and lawyer were strongly opposed to the court's procedure. He was sentenced to death on a vague charge of "enmity against god (Moharebeh)" and "corruption on the earth". [10]

Amir Raeisian, his attorney, asserted that the accusations of running over IR's guards were too suspicious. Also, his mother complained: "They have found my child helpless; they interrogated and trialled my boy with no lawyer and they sentenced him to death in his court's first session." [13]

Amnesty reacted in a tweet: "The head of the judiciary must STOP the arbitrary execution of Mohamed Ghobadlou, suddenly & unlawfully scheduled for tomorrow. The case of this young man with a disability arrested in connection with the 2022 protests has been marred by torture and secretive proceedings." [14]

### See also

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- Death sentences during the Mahsa Amini protests
- Mohammad Boroughani
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Mohammad Ghobadlou (left) and Abbas Deris

# **Iranian Supreme Court Overturns Two Death Sentences**

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The Iranian Supreme Court has revoked the death sentences of Mohammad Ghobadlou and suspended the execution order against Abbas Deris.

The decisions come amidst widespread protests and international scrutiny surrounding the country's handling of detainees from the nationwide demonstrations sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini in police custody. The protests spread across many cities, leading to mass arrests and several individuals sentenced to death without proper trial.

Ghobadlou, a 22-year-old detainee, **was charged with** 'moharebeh' or "waging war against God" and "corruption on earth" and had been given a death sentence by the Supreme Court. The accusations against him included the alleged killing of a police officer and injuring five others by hitting them with

his car. In January, he was given a stay of execution but in May the court upheld the death sentence regardless of his lawyer's objections and documents that could potentially exonerate him. However, today, the country's highest court overturned and revoked his death sentence.

Amir Raisian, Ghobadlou's lawyer, said, "The verdict in Branch 1 of the country's Supreme Court has been overturned, and the case will be referred to a same level court for consideration of my client's mental health issues and issuing a verdict."

An execution order against **Abbas Deris**, **49**, who was arrested during the infamous Mahshahr canebrake crackdown in 2019, has also been suspended. During the protests, one of the bloodiest crackdowns in the history of the Islamic Republic, Deris was arrested with his 29-year-old brother Mohsen, who was acquitted of the 'moharebeh' charges. However, the elder brother faced a death sentence, which was upheld by Branch 39 of the Supreme Court in May and his lawyer, Fereshteh Tabanian, announced that a retrial had been registered. In response to overwhelming support on social media and appeals from his family and children, the court has now ordered the halt of the execution, and his case will be re-examined.

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Jan Mohammad Qabadlo, a protester sentenced to death, is in danger.

The first branch of the Supreme Court of the country issued the ruling related to the request for retrial of Mohammad Qabadlo and confirmed his retribution. Based on the ruling issued by Qabadloo in the criminal court case of a province, Tehran, Mohammad Qabadlo is accused of being involved in the protests of the second half of 1401. Farid Karampour, one of the personnel of Naja, ran over with a car. After the announcement of the complaint of the parents of Dem Karampour, a case was filed in Criminal Court 1 of Tehran for Mohammad

Farid Karampour's father in an interview with "Sharo" network, the news of the Supreme Court's approval of the retribution sentence confirmed

While confirming this news, Amir, head of lawyer Mohammad Qabadlou said, "The resumption of our proceedings in relation to the execution case of Mr. Qabadloo, who was sentenced to death in the Revolutionary Court, is still open and the first branch of the court has not yet made a decision on it, but the resumption of the proceedings In

According to the report of the public prosecutor, Mohammad Qabadiou, he has two death sentences with accusations of comption in the land and intentional murde

the case of revenge, which was given a preliminary ruling in the criminal court of a Tehran province, it was rejected

Muhammad's death sentence is based on the fact that the accusation against him, that is, basically "corruption on earth" by running over the special unit agents with a car, is false, and no accident resulted in death.

The case is full of contradictions, the forensic report shows that the police officer was killed as a result of being hit by a hard object on the head, and certainly in a fight, not an accident. But the judicial system, especially the prosecutor, insists that Muhammad killed the special unit agent in a deliberate accident. Why? Because it is not clear where the deceased agent was killed and with whom he

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جان محمد قبادلو، معترض محکوم به اعدام در خطر است.

شعبه یکم دیوانعالی کشور، حکم مربوط به درخواست اعاده دادرسی محمد قبادلو را صادر و قصاص او را تایید کرد. بر اساس حکم صادره، قصاص قبادلو در پرونده دادگاه کیفری یک استان تهران، تایید شده است. محمد قبادلو متهم است که در اعتراضات نیمه دوم سال ۱۴۰۱، استوار فرید کرمپور از پرسنل ناجا را با ماشین زیر گرفته است. پس از اعلام شکایت اولیای دم کرمپور، پروندهای در دادگاه کیفری یک تهران برای محمد قبادلو تشکیل شد که به صدور حکم قصاص منتهی شد.

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امیر رئیسیان، وکیل محمد قبادلو هم ضمن تایید این خبر، گفت: «اعاده دادرسی ما در رابطه با پرونده اعدام آقای قبادلو که در دادگاه انقلاب حکم اعدام صادر شده بود، هنوز مفتوح است و هنوز توسط شعبه اول دیوان تصمیمی درمورد آن نگرفته اما اعاده دادرسی درمورد پرونده قصاص که در دادگاه کیفری یک استان تهران، حکم بدوی داده شده بود، رد

به گزارش دادبان، محمد قبادلو دو حكم اعدام با اتهامات افساد في الارض و قتل عمد دارد.

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### The death sentence of Mohammad Qabadlo was confirmed in the ."Supreme Court "without regard to legal objections



Mohammad Qabadlo

Lawyer Mohammad Qabadlo, one of the detainees of Iran's nationwide protests, announced that the . Supreme Court upheld his client's sentence regardless of the objections raised by him

On Tuesday, June 2nd, Amir Raisian told "Sharq" channel: "The resumption of the trial in the case of retaliation, which was given a preliminary ruling in the criminal court of a Tehran province, has been

This lawyer added: "Unfortunately, in the document that the court notified us, it was said that the objections that we considered in the case, including the issues related to forensic medicine and mental health, as well as research issues such as CCTV images, are matters of nature. It is related to the preliminary and appellate proceedings, and because it is not considered as one of the reasons for .reinstatement, they have not dealt with these cases

Mr. Raisian said that Mohammad Qabadlou is the son of one of the mentally and emotionally wounded .in the Iran-Iraq war

Mohammad Qabadlo, born in 1379, is one of the detainees of the "Zen Zindagi Azadi" nationwide protests, who has been sentenced to death on the charge of "fighting and corruption in the land" and .allegedly killing a police officer by running him over with a car



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Mohammad Qabadlou's appeal on the issue of "corruption in the land" has not been accepted

According to the report of Sharq Network, a sentence of retribution was previously issued for Oabadlo .in a criminal court of a Tehran province

."He has also been accused in another case of "corruption of the land and war

Earlier, the Director of Public Relations of the Supreme Court announced that the "order to suspend the execution of Mohammad Qabadlo" on the charge of "warfare" has been issued until his appeal regarding .the retribution sentence is heard

The lawyer of this arrested protester also said that the retrial in this case is still open and the first .branch of the Supreme Court has not yet made a decision on it

The confirmation of the retribution sentence for this protester comes at a time when the execution of . three other detained protesters has brought a wave of domestic and international condemnations

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# Mohammad Qabadlou's appeal on the issue of "corruption in the land" has not been accepted



Mohammad Qabadlo

After the judiciary announced the acceptance of the appeal of Mohammad Qabadlou, a protester sentenced to death, in the issue of self-retribution in the Supreme Court, one of his lawyers announced that the Supreme Court has not yet accepted the appeal . . "regarding Qabadlou's death sentence on the charge of "corruption of the land

Mehdakht Damghanpour, one of Mohammad Qabadlou's chosen lawyers, announced on Monday, 3rd of Bahman, that the appeal was accepted in the case of the charge of murder, but "in the matter of corruption in the land, we have registered four retrials through the lawyers' automated system, and each time the court has refused ."registration and acceptance

Stating that the accepted appeal was related to the verdict of the criminal court, this lawyer emphasized once again that "we want to accept the retrial in the corruption ."case with the death sentence issued to Muhammad by the Revolutionary Court



Mohammad Qabadlo, born in 1379, is one of the detainees of the nationwide protests, who has been sentenced to death on charges of "warfare" and "corruption in the land" and for allegedly killing a police officer and injuring five other officers by running .them over with a car

Meanwhile, Amir Raisian, the other chosen lawyer of Mohammad Qabadlou, denied the charges attributed to him after his trial, which was conducted without the .presence of a chosen lawyer

In addition to some medical documents related to the deceased officer, Mr. Raisian also published a video of his official funeral speech, in which the account of the .officer's death contradicts what was mentioned in the case of Mohammad Qabadlo

Mr. Raisian also published a picture of a judicial letter in which he emphasized on "urgent processing" and follow-up for "accelerating the issuance of a preliminary ruling and appeal" in this case, and wrote that "perhaps the reason for all this haste in the trial without the presence of a lawyer" It is this correspondence that defines the task .from the beginning to the end of the case

According to the report of the Iranian Human Rights Organization, at least 109 protesters arrested during the repression of the "Zan Zindagi Azadi" protests are facing ... the risk of execution or issuing a death sentence

This statistic is separate from the four protesters whom the Islamic Republic executed on the charge of "corruption in the land and war" and without access to a lawyer and a fair trial. Mohsen Shekari, Majidreza Rahnavard, Mohammad Mahdi Karmi and .Mohammad Hosseini



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محمد قبادلو

وکیل محمد قبادلو از بازداشت شدگان اعتراضات سراسری ایران اعلام کرد که دیوان عالی کشور بدون توجه به ایراداتی که او مطرح کرده، حکم قصاص موکلش را تایید کرده است.

امیر رئیسیان روز سه شنبه دوم خرداد به شبکه «شرق» گفت: «اعاده دادرسی درمورد پرونده قصاص که در دادگاه کیفری یک استان تهران، حکم بدوی داده شده بود، رد شده است».

این وکیل دادگستری افزود: «متاسفانه در دادنامهای که دیوان به ما ابلاغ کرده، گفته شده که ایراداتی که ما در پرونده مد نظر قرار دادیم، منجمله مباحث مربوط به پزشکی قانونی و سلامت روان و همینطور مباحث تحقیقاتی مانند تصاویر دوربینهای مدار بسته، موضوعاتی ماهیتی است و به مرحله دادرسی بدوی و فرجامی مرتبط بوده و به این دلیل که از زمره دلایل اعاده محسوب نمیشود به این موارد رسیدگی نکردهاند.»

آقای رئیسیان گفت که محمد قبادلو فرزند یکی از مجروحان اعصاب و روان جنگ ایران و عراق است.

محمد قبادلو متولد سال ۱۳۷۹ از بازداشت شدگان اعتراضات سراسری «زن زندگی آزادی» است که بهاتهام «محاربه و افساد فیالارض» و با ادعای قتل یک مأمور پلیس از طریق زیرگرفتن با خودرو سواری به اعدام محکوم شده است.



بیشتر در این باره: فرجامخواهی محمد قبادلو در موضوع «افساد فیالارض» پذیرفته نشده است

بر اساس گزارش شبکه شرق، پیشتر حکم قصاص برای قبادلو در دادگاه کیفری یک استان تهران صادر شده بود.

او همچنین در پرونده دیگری به «افساد فیالارض و محاربه» نیز متهم شده است.

پیشتر مدیر روابط عمومی دیوان عالی کشور اعلام کرده بود که «قرار توقف اجرای حکم اعدام» محمد قبادلو بهاتهام «محاربه» تا زمان رسیدگی به فرجام خواهی او در مورد حکم قصاص صادر شده است.

وکیل این معترض بازداشت شده نیز گفته که اعاده دادرسی در این پرونده هنوز مفتوح است و شعبه اول دیوان عالی کشور هنوز تصمیمی در مورد اَن نگرفته است.

> تایید حکم قصاص برای این معترض در حالی است که به تازگی اعدام سه معترض بازداشتشده دیگر موجی از محکومیتهای داخلی و بینالمللی را به همراه داشته است.

> > جمهوری اسلامی در ماههای اخیر روند اعدامها در همه موارد را تشدید کرده است.



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# خبرهای کوتاه

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# فرجام خواهی محمد قبادلو در موضوع «افساد فیالارض» پذیرفته نشده است



محمد قبادلو

پس از آن که قوه قضاییه از پذیرفتهشدن فرجام خواهی محمد قبادلو، معترض محکوم به اعدام، در موضوع قصاص نفس در دیوان عالی کشور خبر داد، یکی از وکلای او اعلام کرد دیوان عالی هنوز فرجام خواهی در مورد حکم اعدام قبادلو بهاتهام «افساد فی الارض» را نپذیرفته است.

مهدخت دامغانپور، یکی از وکلای انتخابی محمد قبادلو، دوشنبه سوم بهمن با اعلام این که پذیرش فرجام خواهی در مورد پرونده اتهام قتل بوده، اما «در موضوع افساد فی الارض تاکنون چهار بار اعاده دادرسی را از طریق سیستم خودکاربری وکلا ثبت کردهایم که هر بار دیوان از ثبت و پذیرش امتناع کرده است».

این وکیل دادگستری با بیان این که فرجام خواهی پذیرفته شده مربوط به رأی دادگاه کیفری بوده، بار دیگر تأکید کرد که «خواستار پذیرش اعاده دادرسی در پرونده افساد فی الارض با حکم اعدام که توسط دادگاه انقلاب صادر شده برای محمد هستیم».



محمد قبادلو متولد ۱۳۷۹ از بازداشت شدگان اعتراضات سراسری است که به اتهام «محاربه» و «افساد فی الارض» و با ادعای قتل یک مأمور پلیس و مجروح کردن پنج مأمور دیگر از طریق زیرگرفتن آنها با خودرو سواری به اعدام محکوم شده است.

این در حالی است که امیر رئیسیان، دیگر وکیل انتخابی محمد قبادلو، پس از محاکمه او که بدون حضور وکیل انتخابی انجام شد، اتهامات منتسب به او را رد کرد.

آقای رئیسیان علاوه بر برخی مدارک پزشکی مربوط به مأمور فوتشده، ویدئویی را هم از سخنرانی مراسم رسمی تشییع او منتشر کرد که در آن روایت کشتهشدن این مأمور با آنچه در پرونده محمد قبادلو ذکر شده، تناقض دارد.

آقای رئیسیان همچنین با انتشار تصویر یک نامه قضایی که در آن بر «رسیدگی به قید فوریت» و پیگیری برای «تسریع در صدور حکم بدوی و تجدیدنظر» در این پرونده تأکید شده، نوشته بود شاید دلیل این همه شتاب در محاکمه بدون حضور وکیل «این مکاتبه باشد که تکلیف را از ابتدا تا انتهای پرونده مشخص کرده است».

بر اساس گزارش سازمان حقوق بشر ایران دست کم ۱۰۹ نفر از معترضان بازداشتشده در جریان سرکوب اعتراضات «زن زندگی آزادی» با خطر اجرا یا صدور حکم اعدام روبهرو هستند.

این آمار جدا از چهار معترضی است که جمهوری اسلامی آنان را بهاتهام «افساد فیالارض و محاربه» و بدون دسترسی به وکیل و دادرسی عادلانه اعدام کرد؛ محسن شکاری، مجیدرضا رهنورد، محمدمهدی کرمی و محمد حسینی.

### Iran

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# Iranian Supreme Court Rejects Death Sentence Appeal By Protester



Amnesty International has blasted Iran for the trial of the 22-year-old Mohammad Ghobadloo, who was sentenced to death after a trial where his lawyers were not present. (file photo)

Iran's Supreme Court has <u>rejected</u> an appeal by Mohammad Ghobadloo against his death sentence on a charge of "corruption on Earth," raising fears among his legal team that he may be executed in the near future.

Mahdakht Damghanpour, Ghobadloo's lawyer, said in a <u>post on Twitter</u> that the court accepted the appeal of his conviction on the charge of murder, but on a separate charge of "corruption on Earth," the appeal failed.

"We have registered the appeal four times, and each time the court has refused to register and accept it," Damghanpour said.

Ghobadloo was charged for his alleged involvement in an attack on police with a car, which resulted in the death of one officer and the injury of five others.

"Corruption on Earth" is a charge often leveled by Iran's judiciary in cases allegedly involving espionage or attempts to overthrow the government.

But with months of unrest over the death in September of a young woman for allegedly wearing a head scarf improperly rattling the country, courts have taken to using the charge against protesters who have flooded the streets in mass demonstrations.

Amnesty International has blasted Iran for the trial of the 22-year-old Ghobadloo, who was sentenced to death after a trial where his lawyers were not present.

The rights watchdog says the "sham trials" of protesters are "designed to intimidate those participating in the popular uprising that has rocked Iran."

Ghobadlou, who is said to suffer from mental problems, was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in custody, according to his supporters.

His mother has pleaded for his life in a video message posted online, while three European politicians who have sponsored Ghobadloo in an attempt to protect him from prosecution have urged Iran overturn his death sentence.

Iranians have flooded streets across the country in protest since Mahsa Amini's death, with women and schoolgirls putting up unprecedented shows of defiance in what appears to be the biggest threat to the Islamic government since the 1979 revolution.

In the face of mass protests around the country since Amini's death in mid-September, Iranian authorities have warned of harsher penalties to participants in the unrest.

Four convicted protesters have already been executed and others remain on death row after being handed death sentences.

Earlier in January, following a report of the imminent execution of Ghobadloo and another protester, Mohammad Broghani, hundreds gathered in front of the Rajaei-Shahr prison in Karaj chanting anti-government slogans.

The regime has blamed Western governments for the unrest and has responded to the protests with a bloody crackdown that human rights groups say has left almost 500 dead and hundreds more injured.

Thousands more have been arrested, including many protesters, as well as journalists, lawyers, activists, and others, amid concerns about the charges against them.

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### More News

# **Mohammad Ghobadloo**

Mohammed Ghobadloo (Persian: סבסג قبادلو) is an Iranian man facing a death sentence for his participation in the 2022 Mahsa Amini protests. He was charged with Moharebeh, which translates to "Waging War Against God," and was sentenced to death. He has been allegedly accused of running over Islamic Republic special units guards, killing one and injuring five of them. Ghobadloo and another prisoner sentenced to death, Mohammad Boroughani, have emerged as new faces of outrage in Iran against political executions of Mahsa Amini protestors. On January 9, 2023, hundreds of protesters gathered at the Rajayi-shahr Prison in Karaj when word circulated that protesters Mohammad Ghobadloo and Boroughani had been transferred to solitary confinement ahead of their scheduled execution. In this gathering, Mohammad Ghobadloo's mother made a speech and she was embraced by the crowd who supported her. Boroughani's execution was halted on January 11, but Ghobadloo could still be executed at any time.

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# **Background**

Thousands of protesters have been detained as a result of the <u>Mahsa Amini protests</u>, and dozens have been charged with offenses such as <u>Moharebeh</u> ("waging war against God") or <u>Mofsed-e-filarz</u> ("corruption on Earth"), which are punishable by death in the <u>Islamic Republic of Iran</u>. Iranian authorities executed four protestors, <u>Mohsen Shekari</u>, <u>Majidreza Rahnavard</u>, <u>Mohammad Mehdi Karami</u>, and <u>Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini</u>, for alleged crimes linked to the Mahsa Amini protests.

## **Trial and appeal**

On 29 October 2022, a court, under the headship of <u>Abolqasem Salavati</u>, was held. The court rejected the two lawyers of Ghobadloo and ordered a lawyer from the judicial system of the Islamic Republic's counselling centre. His own attorney strongly objected to Ghobadloo's proceeding in the trial. From the first day of his detention until court day, his attorney had no access to his case's documents. There were no photos of the charge, no records of <u>medical jurisprudence</u>, and other common documents of accidents. [1][5]

In court, Ghobadloo confessed to driving over the police guards intentionally and said he "would repeat this in similar situations." [6] IR has deprived Ghobadloo of his medications, though he suffers from bipolar disorder, said his mother. Ghobadloo didn't deny his disorder.

On 24 December 2022, the Islamic Regime's Supreme Court announced it had upheld the death sentence of Mohammad Ghobadloo after rejecting his appeal. [7]

### Responses

Ghobadloo's mother and lawyer are strongly opposed to the court's procedure. He has been sentenced to death on a vague charge of "enmity against god (Moharebeh)" and "corruption on the earth." [5]

Amir Raeisian, his attorney, has asserted that the accusations of running over IR's guards are too suspicious. Also, his mother has complained: "They have found my child helpless; they interrogated and trialled my boy with no lawyer and they sentenced him to death in his court's first session." [8]

### See also

- Mahsa Amini protests
- Death sentences during the Mahsa Amini protests
- Mohammad Boroughani
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