



Peyman Galvani

Second Iranian Political Prisoner Tortured To Death

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Another Iranian Kurdish political prisoner has succumbed to his injuries after being tortured in detention, human rights activists reported.

Peyman Galvani, 24, a resident of Mahabad was admitted to Khomeini Hospital after falling into a coma, according to Hengaw Human Rights.

His family was informed that Galvani had "fallen from a height" leading to his comatose state.

He was violently arrested by the security forces at his family home in Mahabad on June 25.

In the hospital, two security officers kept watch over him and prohibited family visits other than one exception made for his sister who observed extensive bruises on his body, head, and face.

His family says his death was the result of torture inflicted by the security forces, since the otherwise healthy young man did not have any preexisting medical conditions.

He is the second political prisoner who succumbed to his injuries in less than 24 hours as the regime continues its brutal suppression of opponents.

Kurdish human rights organizations reported Sunday that Mousa Esmaili, a political prisoner from Piranshahr in Iran's West Azarbaijan province was also tortured to death.

According to Hengaw and Kurdistan Human Rights Network, intelligence organizations refused to hand over the body to his family to hold a funeral ceremony.

Esmaili, 35, from the village of Pasavi, was arrested on May 7 while intelligence agents confiscated his car.

Iranian intelligence and security agencies often bring unsubstantiated charges against dissidents, who are then tried behind closed doors without a lawyer. Several have died in unclear circumstances and torture.

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Iranian Activist Dies In Custody At Urmia Detention Center, The Second In Two Days



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Human rights activists say Peyman Golvani, a Kurdish political activist, has died while in [custody](#) at the Intelligence Detention Center at the northwestern Iranian city of Urmia, where another political prisoner, Mousa Esmaili, died less than 24 hours earlier.

The human rights group Hengaw said Golvani [died](#) on July 9 after being transferred from the detention center to the Khomeini Hospital in Urmia.

Golvani was arrested on June 25 when security forces apprehended him at his home in Mahabad. Despite his family's attempts to ascertain the reasons for his arrest and possible charges, officials have not commented. The Kurdpa news agency reported that Golvani had joined a Kurdish opposition party.

Hengaw quoted sources as saying Golvani was admitted to the hospital in a coma from what security forces said was a "fall from height." But Golvani's sister, the only relative who was able to gain access to see the activist, told the group her brother had extensive bruising on his body, face, and head, raising speculation that he had been tortured.

The announcement of Golvani's death comes a day after human rights activists reported the death of Esmaili, a Kurdish political prisoner from Piranshahr, at the same detention center, which has long faced allegations of torture and inhumane treatment of its prisoners.

Esmaili, 35, was arrested on May 7 after intelligence agents confiscated his car. Rights groups say he was held for 62 days "without explanation."

Hengaw says a [source](#) close to Esmaili's family told it security officers said Esmaili "has been executed without presenting any justification or documentation connected to going through any legal process and trial."

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