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# MARYAM ARVIN'S ALLEGED MURDER IN PRISON SPARKS OUTRAGE

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*Tayyebeh Nazari, the grief-stricken mother of late activist lawyer Maryam Arvin, revealed the heartrending truth surrounding her daughter's untimely death through an Instagram post on May 29, 2023. She alleged that Maryam, an illustrious lawyer known for her altruistic services, was killed due to a drug injection while in prison.*

Arvin, 29, hailed from Kerman Province and was a committed member of the regional Lawyers Association. Notably, she dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of deprived individuals, welfare children, and child laborers. Her steadfast commitment to her clients led to her arrest at a Sirjan court on November 26, 2022. Despite being released on bail on December 13, her health declined rapidly, and she died only two months later.

Nazari's post brought to light the gruesome details of Maryam's final days. Nazari further recalled the brutality her daughter faced during her arrest. State Security Force intelligence officer Hamid Zeydabadi and female officer Zahra Alizadeh, alias "Mobina," were accused of handcuffing and dragging Maryam in the courthouse, going so far as to remove her veil. This ruling, however, was later suspended.



*In a twist of fate, Nazari herself faced the wrath of the justice system for pursuing her daughter's case. She received a 15-month prison sentence, a fine of one million Tomans, and 40 lashes, as pronounced by Branch 103 of the Criminal Court.*

The announcement of Maryam's demise by the Kerman Lawyers Association on February 7, 2023, left many unanswered questions. Notably, the cause of her death was left unmentioned. Maryam's tragic end adds to a concerning trend of recent deaths among released detainees, such as Yalda Aghafazli, Arshia Imamgholi, and Mohsen Jafarirad, most of which have been dubiously labeled as "suicides."

This grim series of events serves as a stark reminder of the relentless scrutiny and hazardous conditions faced by human rights activists in their quest for justice. It also raises serious questions about the state's treatment of prisoners and the disturbing pattern of suspicious deaths following detainee release.

*On December 13, 2022, Maryam Arvin was released on bail, and the court was supposed to issue a verdict for her in the following days.*

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