



Shekari's uncle, Mahmoud Shekari, said that Moshen acted to protect his fellow protestors from security forces attacking them. He placed a guardrail in the middle of the street to block the forces from getting through. No act warrants the death penalty being applied, let alone an act to preserve the lives of fellow protestors.

The OHCHR noted on the 22nd of November that at least six people connected to the protests have been sentenced to death on charges of 'moharebeh', ('waging war against God'), or 'efsad-e del-arz', ('corruption on earth') [1]. Over 18,000 people are said to be detained by the Iranian authorities, with their fate being uncertain following the execution of Moshen Shekari.

The political unrest comes after the murder of Jina Masha Amini, a 22-year-old woman, following her arrest by Iran's so-called 'mortality police' under the pretence of not wearing her hijab 'correctly' [2]. Following her death, protestors have taken to the streets of Iran to protest the harsh regime.

The Iranian regime is continually denying the suspicious deaths of activists and human rights defenders.

On the 26th of November 2022 Atefeh Naomi, a 37-year-old Ahwazi civil rights activist, was found dead in her apartment three weeks after her arrest and disappearance for participating in peaceful anti-regime protests.

Similarly, on the 4th of December 2022, Zahra Galilean, a 30-year-old student, was killed by security forces. Her death was covered up by the regime as a suicide.

Mehran Samak, a 27-year-old Iranian man was shot by security forces following Iran's defeat in the World Cup to the United States, after he beeped his horn in celebration. This murder exhibits the Iranian regime's deadly insecurity in its authority over the country.

The current situation in Iran has reached a critical juncture. The execution of Moshen Shekari sets a worrying precedent for the future of the lives of all those in Iran fighting for fundamental human rights. Pressure must be put on the Iranian government to release those who are detained, stop using ceaseless violence against civilians and abide by the international human rights laws the state is failing to protect.

**Geneva International Centre for Justice (GICJ)** firmly condemns Iran's government and security forces for the murder of Moshen Shekari. We demand justice for his family, and for all of those who have fallen victim to the brutal regime. We also strongly condemn the Iranian regime's ongoing oppression, human rights abuses and violent acts against protesters. The right to peaceful assembly including protests is a fundamental right, of which violence should not follow.

We urge the international community to pressurise the Iranian government and the regime to prevent further abuses.

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[1] <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130927>

[2] <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/11/1130927>

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