

IRAN:

Release an outspoken human rights defender



Meet Narges Mohammadi: women's rights activist, mother of twins, professional engineer, journalist, fan of Iranian music and avid mountain climber (she has twice ascended Iran's highest mountain, Damavand). Add prisoner of conscience to that list. She is marking Human Rights Day 2016 in custody, again.

Narges Mohammadi's difficulties began in 2009 when she was charged with "propagating" against Iran's Islamic system. She was not permitted to travel abroad and was prevented from delivering a speech about the role of women and democracy in Iran at a conference organized by the Nobel Women's Initiative. She was convicted in September 2011 of "gathering and colluding to commit crimes against national security" and "spreading propaganda against the system" - charges connected with her human rights work. In April 2012, Narges began serving an 11 year prison sentence, later reduced to 6 years.

She was released three months later due to poor health. Narges has several serious health problems including seizures, temporary loss of vision and some paralysis in her muscles. Her health has been made worse by her imprisonment. She cannot receive the daily medication and ongoing specialized medical care she needs.

In spite of her serious health problems, Narges was arrested again in May 2015 and taken to Tehran's Evin Prison to continue serving her sentence. In October 2015, she suffered several seizures and was hospitalized. Against the advice of her doctor, she was forced to return to prison. In May 2016, Narges was sentenced to another 16 years in prison after an unfair trial on security-related charges that relate to her peaceful human rights work.

As if this is not enough, Narges Mohammadi has been denied access to her children. Her twins, now nine, had to leave Iran to live with their father in France. She will be separated from them for many years. In June 2016, she was on a hunger strike for 20 days to demand phone access to her children. The hunger strike was successful.

No one shall be subjected to cruel, degrading treatment.

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression and opinion.

Articles 5 and 19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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Please write to Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei.

- Start with Your Excellency.
- ♦ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the detention of Narges Mohammadi.
- Ask Ayatollah Khamenei to release her without delay or conditions on her freedom.
- ♦ Until she is free, ask him to make sure that she receives all necessary medical care, unrestricted visits and telephone calls from her family including her children, and access to a lawyer of her choice.

Address your message to

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Sample Tweet 

I'm writing to @khamenei_ir to urge
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defender Narges Mohammadi
#FreeNarges #W4R16 #Write4Rights



Narges with her twins Kiara and Ali
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Send a card to lift Narges Mohammadi's spirits!

Non-religious cards are best. Write in Persian,
Arabic or English. You may mention Amnesty
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name in Persian.

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