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IRAN

Nasrin Sotoudeh must return home!

Nasrin Sotoudeh is
a prisoner of conscience in Iran
a mother of two
a human rights lawyer
a defender of women's rights
a champion of children's rights
and a very brave woman!

Nasrin has been
a nuisance for
the government
of Iran for many
years. She has
campaignned
peacefully but
loudly for many
basic rights that
Iranians are not
enjoying, like
freedom to not
wear a
headscarf.



Nima, 11 and Mehraveh, 19 with their mother Nasrin Sotoudeh on a happier day. Nasrin can't be home with them but she is being the best mother she can be, by showing her children that truth and justice are worth fighting for. © Private

The government
accuses her of giving media interviews
about violent arrests, of holding secret
meetings with leaders of other countries

and of using the money she got from a
human rights prize to rebel against the
government. These are all excuses to try
and silence her.

Now they have done something worse.
The government has put Nasrin in prison
for the next 17 years.

This sentence
is outrageous!
It also
separates her
from her
children who
need her at
home.

One day when
her son was 4,
he visited
Nasrin in jail.
The next
week, she
wrote a letter

to him. You can read some of it in the
box below.

Last week you asked me, "Mummy, are you coming home with us today?" I had to answer in plain view of the guards. I said, "My work is going to take awhile so I'll come home later." You nodded as if to say you understand and took my hand, giving it a sweet kiss with your small lips.

How do I explain that coming home is not up to me, that I am not free to rush back to you? I know you told your father to ask me to finish my work so I can come back home. How do I explain to you that no "work" could ever keep me so far away from you?

WHAT CAN I DO?

Please write to the head of Iran's justice system.



Start with Dr Mr Raisi and tell him something about yourself to make your message different from others he will receive.

Remind him that Nasrin Sotoudeh is in prison only because the government does not support her human rights work. But that is no reason to silence her. She should never have been arrested. She needs to be home with her children.

Ask him to free Nasrin Sotoudeh right away.

WHERE DO I SEND MY MESSAGE?

Head of Judiciary Ebrahim Raisi
c/o Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN
Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28
1209 Geneva
Switzerland

Postage: \$2.65

Email: iranunog@mfa.gov.ir

Mail sometimes does not reach government leaders inside Iran so your letters are going to a representative outside Iran.

Map of Iran -->



WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Ask your parents and teachers to sign Amnesty International's petition for Nasrin Sotoudeh at <https://bit.ly/2EpPg94>. Thank you.

Nima and Mehraveh are growing up without their mother in the house. That must be so hard. You can send a greeting to one or both. Mail a handmade card, postcard, greeting card, letter or spare photo of yourself to

Lifesaver Program, Amnesty International, 3-1992 Yonge St, Toronto M4S 1Z7

We will send them in one package early in July. Thanks!

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