



Saeed Malekpour has been in detention since his arrest on 4 October 2008. He was jailed while on a family visit to Iran and charged with offences including “acting against national security by spreading propaganda against the system” and “insulting and desecrating Islam”. Saeed Malekpour insists that the program and code he created was used by others without his knowledge.

Following his arrest, Saeed Malekpour was held in solitary confinement for more than one year. In 2009, Iranian state television repeatedly aired his “confession.” In an open letter dated March 2010, Saeed Malekpour stated his “confession” was extracted after prolonged torture following orders by Revolutionary Guard interrogators.

Saeed Malekpour was sentenced to death in December 2010 following a trial that reportedly only lasted 15 minutes. For much of his detention Saeed Malekpour had limited access to legal counsel. In December 2012 Saeed Malekpour’s lawyer reported that Saeed Malekpour’s death sentence was suspended. His family subsequently reported the death sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

Saeed Malekpour is one of the growing numbers of media workers and bloggers in Iran who are being targeted because of their work on the internet.

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