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IRAN: Help free Narges Mohammadi

Narges Mohammadi is a champion of human rights. (Pronounce her first name Nar-guess.) She believes in more equality and freedoms for women in Iran. She also believes no one should be killed as a punishment, regardless of what they have done. Narges has spent much of her life working on those issues and often spoke in public about them.

But the government of Iran does not agree with the beliefs that Narges has. Once they stopped her from giving a speech on the role of women and democracy in Iran. In April of 2012, they put her in jail to stop her from doing her work.

The government gave Narges two trials but neither of them were handled fairly. And they resulted in a total sentence of 22 years in jail.

Today, Narges is in Evin Prison in Iran's capital city, Tehran. She has serious medical issues. They include seizures and

problems with her eyes. These issues need expert care outside of prison. But every time doctors manage to get her to hospital, the government has sent her back to prison. She has even sometimes been denied the medicine she needs.



These days Narges Mohammadi is in a prison thousands of miles away from her twins Kiana and Ali.

Something else that bothers Narges is that the government sometimes prevents her regular contact with her 10-year-old twins. The government seems to use that as an extra punishment.

Narges has many interests. Besides her work as a human rights defender, she is also an engineer and a journalist. She loves Iranian music and climbing mountains.

Narges should be free to enjoy those interests, to care for her children and to recover her health. The government should free Narges Mohammadi because she is only in jail for her peaceful activities defending the rights of people in Iran.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Please write to Iran's leader.

- Start with Your Excellency.
- In your first sentence, tell him something about yourself.
- Explain your concern that Narges Mohammadi is in Evin Prison for such a long time even though she is a peaceful person and has not done anything wrong.
- In your last sentence, ask Ayatollah Khamenei to free Narges Mohammadi.
- If you wish, add another sentence asking him to make sure that, until she is free, she receives visits from her family and lawyer, and all the medical care she needs.



If that is too hard, or you don't have time, you could write

I support human rights defender Narges Mohammadi. Please release her right away.

WHERE DO I SEND MY MESSAGE?

Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
Office of the Supreme Leader
Islamic Republic Street – End of Shahid
Keshvar Doust Street
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

You will need a \$2.50 stamp.



The red marker shows where Narges is in Evin Prison.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Mail a greeting to Narges' twins, Ali and Kiana, at the address below. They are missing their mother and will welcome a cheerful message from you. Here are some suggestions:

- Send them a postcard of your community.
- Create a hand-made card and, if you have one, enclose a photo of yourself.
- Buy a non-religious greeting card. Write inside "Kiana and Ali, We are thinking about you". Ask your friends to add their first names and their ages.
- Draw a picture of your favourite thing or place, and sign your name at the bottom.

Thank you!

Ali and Kiana
c/o Amnesty International
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