



## Student Information Center (SIC)

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### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Efforts focused at increasing non-violent civil disobedience in the society.
- Allah o Akbar during the nights
- Writing slogans on the walls and bills
- Being out in the streets on Thursdays

### **NEWS**

-- Radio Farda: Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the head of the Committee of Experts, stated that through treating those afflicted in the aftermath of the elections with "islamic kindness and unity", we can hopefully rich tranquility in the society.

-- JARAS: Mir Hossein Moussavi and Zahra Rahnavard paid a visit to the household of Mohammad Nourizad, an imprisoned journalist and director. In this visit, Moussavi praised the resilience that Mr. Nourizad has shown during his three-month long imprisonment. He also stated, "in the coming days everyone should do his/her best to comply with the wish of the people so that in the end we'll be victorious in this effort".

-- BBC: More than forty Iranian filmmakers and authors wrote an open letter demanding the unconditional freedom of Jafar Panahi and Mohammad Nourizad, two filmmakers who are now in prison.

--Deutsche Welle: Kurdish news websites in Iran have reported 181 cases of systematic and widespread violations of human rights in the Kurdish region. They report on suspicious deaths of prisoners in detention. According to the report, last year, about 110 university students were summoned to disciplinary committees and 22 of them were expelled from school and are facing deportation. There is also reports that 27 student activists were placed in prisons. 17 were ordered the death penalty and 3 died of suspicious deaths while in prison.

--JRS: The wife of grand ayatollah Montazeri passed away on Saturday in the city of Qom. A public funeral was to be held by her family but the authorities did not give permission to the proceedings. When the funeral finally took place on Monday, it was under heavy security presence. 30 mourners were reportedly arrested. Mr. Karroubi, Mr. Moussavi and Mr. Khatami all expressed their condolences to the family of Ayatollah Montazeri.

-- BBC: A group of individuals who were arrested and subsequently released in the events after the presidential elections, wrote an open, but anonymous letter describing some of their ordeal. They describe humiliating and degrading behavior towards them in prison, as well as charges like insulting and advertising against the regime. Many name the reason for the arrest to be receiving or sending texts or emails relating to the elections crisis. They also reported that court hearings were held for them inside the prison without the presence of their lawyers where several were sentenced to years in jail.

-- Radio Farda: International Union of telecommunications, ITU, released a statement on Friday urging the Islamic Republic of Iran to stop its censorship of foreign satellite television programs to end. This subset of the United Nations agency reminded the regime that jamming satellite signals was against the common law.

### **NEWS OF THE ARRESTED**

-- Radio Farda: Shahnaz Gholami, women's rights activist and journalist was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. She was accused of spreading propaganda against the regime and reporting for the Mujahedineh khalgh group (widely regarded as a terrorist organization). Shahnaz Gholami, who

has previously spent time in prison is now with her family in Turkey.

-- Radio Koucheh: Alireza. Ghanbari, a high school teacher and University professor from Pakdasht has been sentenced to death. He has been accused of contacting foreign news agencies through email. He has been under arrest for several months now. Several other individuals have also been sentenced to death under similar circumstances, two of whom have already been executed.

--Radio Farda: Ahmad Miri Deputy Chairman of the Participation Front of Mazandaran province, was arrested on Sunday. Two other members were also arrested during the past weeks.

--JRS: Somayeh Farid , women's activist was release last week after paying 60000\$ in bail money. She was arrested after going to the detention center to investigate her husband's arrest.

--Kalameh: Sasan Aghayi, blogger and journalist who was arrested over 3 months ago was released on Sunday.

--BBC: A group of Science Olympiads wrote a letter to Mr.Larijani, Iran's Judiciary chief, and demanded the release of Abdullah Yusufzadegaan.

--Committee for Human Rights: With over nearly 20 days since the detention of Mitra Aali, a graduate student at Sharif University, no news is yet available on her whereabouts.

--Jrs: Dr. Ali Akbar Soroush who was arrested two weeks ago has not yet had any contact with his family. His family does not know his whereabouts.

--Kalameh: Mr. Mousavi and His wife, Dr. Rahb=navard visited the family of Dr. Nooraninejad, who has been arrested for 120 days. He was a political activist belonging to one of the reformist camps.

--Jrs: Seyed Mohammad Khatami met with Saeed Leilaaz, the journalist who was finally released after 9 months of imprisonment.

--Jrs: Member of the Human Rights Activists and former board member of the Association of teachers, Rassool Bodaghi who was arrested early September has begun a hunger strike to protest the uncertainty of his legal case and his prison conditions.

--Kalameh: Mohammad Nouri Zad, director and journalist who has been arrested finally called his family last week after 93 days of imprisonment.

--Radio Farda: Tehran's prosecutor announced last week that Hassan Lahuti, the 23 year old grandson of Mr. Rafsanjani will be released on a 73000\$ bail. He was accued of committing acts of contrition as well as criticizing the supreme leader.

--Committee for Human Rights: The mother of Koohyar Goudarzi, Human Rights Committee member met with her son and announced that his arrest has been extended by 2 months. He was arrested over 3 months ago along with Shiva Nazarahari and Saeed Aaheri.

--Committee for Human Rights: 40 days after the arrest of Ali Akbar Ajami, left-wing student activists, his family and friends have no news of his whereabouts except that he was transferred to Evin prison a few days after his arrest.

--Advar: Ali Anjamrooz, a journalist and member of Gilan Branch graduates in Iran, who was arrested last month was released last week on bail.

--Jrs: Maryam Zia, civil rights activist adn children's rights activist who has been arrested for over 3 months is held in Evin prison. She has started a hunger strike and is in bad physical condition. She is protesting her illegal detention and mal-treatment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND WARNINGS**

Mr. Sazegara has most importantly highlighted the importance of Sizdeh Bedar celebrations. This day is the last day of the Nowrooz holidays and is traditionally celebrated by families going to parks for picnics. He states that this is a good occasion for peaceful protesting but at the same time he warns that the security forces might act violently because of the large scale of this occasion and the generally large turn-out.

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