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Human Rights in Iran – JULY & AUGUST 2006

Death sentences, executions

Iran sentences man to 10 times execution

IRNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 06 – A court in southern Iran has sentenced a man to ten times execution, the official news agency reported. Ali Mohammad-Afsaneh, from the town of Jahrom, was handed the sentence after he was convicted of multiple murders, IRNA reported on Tuesday.

Iran steps up executions

Khorasan (state-run daily), Jul. 10 – A young man was hanged in the north eastern city of Shahroud while several others were sentenced to execution and lashes, the state-run media reported on Sunday. The daily Khorassan reported on Sunday that Davoud Sh., 31 years old, was hanged on Saturday. He was accused of rape.

Sharq (state-run daily) Jul. 10 – a man, identified only as Bahzad, was sentenced to 74 lashes and hanging in public on charges of kidnapping. His alleged accomplice, a woman identified only as Anita, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, 74 lashes and cash fine.

ISNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 10 – a court in Tehran sentenced a man, identified as Alireza, to three times execution. Another young man, identified only as Hassan, was sentenced to execution by a court in Tehran, the state-run news agency ISNA reported on Saturday.

Four men hanged in public in southern Iran

IRNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 12 – Four men were hanged in public in the southeastern city of Zabol, Sistan-va-Baluchistan Province, on Wednesday, the official news agency IRNA reported. The four were identified as Mehdi Zori, Houshang Kiani, Jamaloddin

Jamali, and Abdol-Rahman Safar-Zehi were accused of “instigating trouble” and drug-related offences. Iranian authorities routinely execute dissidents on the bogus charge of drug smuggling.

Prisoner hanged in south-east Iran

IRNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 14 – A man was hanged in a prison in the southeastern Iranian city of Zahedan, the official news agency IRNA reported on Thursday. The man, identified as Majid Rigi, was hanged at dawn on Thursday in Zahedan Prison, the report said. He was accused of being in possession of illegal drugs.

Two men in their 20s hanged in public in Iran

Kayhan (state-run daily), Jul. 20 – Iranian authorities hanged two young men in public in the western city of Boroujerd, a semi-official daily wrote on Thursday. The two men identified only by their initials A. -R. K. and H. M., 23 and 21 years old respectively, the hard-line daily Kayhan reported. The pair, who was accused of rape, was hanged on Wednesday.

Iran hangs two teenagers in public

IRNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 24 – Two teenagers were hanged in public in the town of Aq Qala, northern Iran, the official news agency reported on Monday. The pair were identified as 18-year-old Ibrahim Azeri and 19-year-old Abdollah Qahre-Qoul.

Iran hands down 10 death sentences over ethnic unrest



AFP, July 25, – A court in southwestern Iran handed down 10 death sentences Tuesday over a wave of ethnic unrest in the key oil province of Khuzestan, the state broadcaster's website reported. "Ten people have been sentenced to be publicly hanged for the bomb attacks in (the provincial capital) Ahvaz for making war against God and acting against national security," the website said.

Student dies after hunger strike in Iran prison

Tehran, Iran, Jul. 31 – An Iranian student arrested in the course of nationwide protests seven years ago died in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison late Sunday several days after beginning a hunger strike. Akbar Mohammadi was given 15 years in prison for helping to organise the July 1999 student-led anti-government protests that erupted across the country. Mohammadi died on the ninth day of his hunger strike. A week after beginning the protest, he refused to take liquid. Sources said Mohammadi was beaten severely by prison guards prior to his death.

Afghan man hanged in public near southern Iran city



IRAN FOCUS *Iran focus (website)*, Aug. 08 – A young Afghan man was hanged in public on Monday on a highway close to the ancient city of Bam, southern Iran, the government-run news agency Fars reported. The man, identified as Najib Karzahi, was hanged in public in the presence of the deputy commander of a local Revolutionary Guards garrison, Qassem Rezai; the governor of Bam, Majid Etemadi; and a number of other provincial officials.

Iran hangs man in public in northern city

Fars (state-run news agency), Aug. 09 – A young man was hanged in public in the northern Iranian town of Babol, a government-run news agency reported. The 36-year-old man was identified only as Mehdi Kh., according to the news agency Fars. Mehdi was hanged in the presence of security forces and a crowd of locals, the report added.

Iran hangs three men in south-east

Jomhuri Islami (state-run newspaper), Aug. 16 – Three men were hanged in south-east Iran, according to a semi-official daily. The men were identified as Abdol-Malik Faghirdadi, Shirdel Shahiki-Rad, and Hamid-Reza Thaber, the hard-line daily Jomhuri Islami reported on Tuesday. The report said that the hangings took place in public in the city of Zabol and in a prison in the city of Zahedan. It did not say where each of the men had been hanged. The men were convicted of drug smuggling and “trouble-making”.

Man hanged in Iran

Keyhan (state-run newspaper), Aug 19 - An Iranian man convicted of murdering his wife was hanged in the northern town of Sari, an Iranian newspaper reported on Saturday. The man, identified as Valiollah Gh., was sentenced to death for the premeditated killing of his wife, Mahpari, Keyhan newspaper said without giving more details.

Another young man hanged in public in Iran

IRNA (state-run news agency), Aug. 20 – A young man was hanged in public in the western Iranian city of Khorramabad on Sunday, the official news agency IRNA reported. The man, identified as 35-year-old Karim B., was accused of drug smuggling.

Authorities hang man in public in southeast Iran

IRNA (state-run news agency), Aug. 24 – Iranian authorities hanged a man in public in the south-eastern Iranian town of Khash, Sistan-va-Baluchistan Province, the official news agency IRNA reported on Thursday. The man was identified as Amir-Hamzeh

Eidouzehi. He was charged with repeated armed robbery and rape, the report said.

Man hanged in public in restive Iran province

IRNA (state-run news agency), Aug. 27 – A man was hanged in public on Saturday in the south-eastern province of Sistan-va-Baluchestan, the official news agency IRNA reported. The man, identified as Ali-Jan Moradi, was hanged in public in the town of Iran Shahr.

Prisoner hanged in southern Iran over bombings

Keyhan (state-run newspaper), Sep. 05 – A prisoner was hanged in the southern port city of Bandar Abbass, the semi-official daily Kayhan reported on Monday. The man, identified as Hamid Hosna'i, was hanged on Sunday on several charges, including drug smuggling and involvement in the recent string of bombings in the oil-rich province of Khuzestan, the report said.

Man hanged in public in volatile Iran province

IRNA (state-run news agency), Sep. 05 – A man was hanged in public on Monday in one of Iran's most volatile provinces. The man, identified as Gholam-Reza Rigi, was publicly hanged at dawn in the town of Saravan, the official news agency IRNA reported.

Iran "murders" political prisoner

NCRI - the Iranian regime murdered Valiollah Feiz-Mahdavi, a supporter of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran on September 6, 2006, while he was on hunger strike. Feiz-Mahdavi, 28, was arrested in 2001 and sentenced to death by the mullahs' court.

Iran executes two more prisoners

Khorasan (state-run daily), Sep. 08 – Two men were hanged in Tehran, a state-run daily reported on Thursday. The men were only identified by their first names Davoud and Sattar, the hard-line daily Khorassan wrote. They were hanged inside a prison on Wednesday, the report said, adding that they were accused of murder

Arrests, Torture and inhumane punishments

Prominent Iranian rights lawyer gets jail term



AFP, July 18, 2006 – Prominent Iranian human rights lawyer Abdolfattah Soltani said on Tuesday he had been sentenced to five years in jail on charges of disclosing confidential information and opposing the regime. Soltani, a colleague of Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi, was arrested a year ago

while defending two people accused of spying on the Islamic republic's nuclear programme. The judiciary said he had shared confidential case details with outsiders.

Student in restive Iran city gets 10 years behind bars

ILNA (state-run news agency), Jul. 27 – A student from the restive Iranian city of Ahwaz has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, according to the state-run news agency ILNA.

Iran flogs man in public for stealing motorbike

Asr Karoon (state-run daily), Jul. 31 – A man was flogged in public in the south-western town of Ramhormoz for stealing a motorbike. The man, only identified by his initials M. Kh, received 70 lashes in Azadi Square on Wednesday, according to the local state-run daily Asr Karoon. He was flogged in the presence of judicial officials, the daily reported.

Iran police arrest dozens of political activists in crackdown



IRAN FOCUS Iran focus (website), Aug. 17 – Dozens of Iranian Kurds have been arrested over the past few days in the course of a new crackdown by Iran's State Security Forces (SSF) on political activists in the western province of Kurdistan, according to a local rights group.

Among those detained in the city of Piranshahr are two teenagers one of whom is under the age of eighteen. Arrest warrants have been issued for at least 40 people, according to the Kurdistan Human Rights Organisation. In the city of Saqqez agents of the SSF raided the home of political activist Hossein Mohammadi. He was arrested after a brawl with the SSF agents. Iranian Kurdistan has been a hotbed of anti-government protests and since 2005 Kurdish youth have repeatedly clashed with security forces. A number of demonstrators have been killed by agents of the SSF during such clashes.

Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Iran threatens life of young man for apostasy - report

Compass Direct (news agency), Aug. 11 – An Iranian man from the northern city of Rasht is facing prison and may be executed for converting from Islam to Christianity, a Christian news agency reported. Seven years after Issa Motamedi Mojdehi converted to Christianity, he was jailed by the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS), Iran's notorious secret police, for apostasy but was officially charged with illegal drug trafficking, Compass Direct News reported. The 31-year-old was arrested on July 24. A week

later, he was transferred to Lakan Prison. The report said that officials had told Motamedi Mojdehi that he would remain in jail and possibly face execution unless he renounced his Christian faith. An officer identified only as Mr. Baghani warned him that it might take "several executions" before Iranians understand the consequences of apostasy under Islamic law, Compass said. Authorities reportedly found out that Motamedi Mojdehi and his wife Parvah had converted to Christianity in January, when they chose a name from the Bible, Micah, for their newborn son.

Women

Woman sentenced to stoning in Iran – report

[Tehran, Iran, Jul. 08](#) – An Iranian woman has been sentenced to death by stoning, according to a Kurdish human rights group. The woman, identified as Malek Ghorbani, is from the north-western city of Naqadeh, the Rapporteurs of the Organisation for Defence of Human Rights in Kurdistan said. Ghorbani was accused of adultery, the report that appeared on several opposition websites said, adding that she is currently in a prison in the nearby town of Orumieh. A court in Orumieh handed down the sentence.

Iran launches sex-segregated parks

[Tehran, Iran, Jul. 29](#) – Iran will soon launch new women's only parks in the holy city of Qom, south of Tehran. The City Islamic Council in Qom announced that it had put forward a plan to segregate four of the city's parks. In August, the National Women's Council announced that a sex-segregated park was under development in the north-eastern city of Mashad. The development of sex-segregated parks was given a big boost after hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a former Revolutionary Guards commander, became Iran's president. Prior to his rise to the presidency, Ahmadinejad was the Mayor of Tehran. One of his first decisions in the city hall was to order gender segregation on elevators.

Iran's hard line begins at home

TIME Magazine: August 29, When Behnaz Mohsenian, 29, started English lessons at Tehran's Najdad Institute this spring, the 15 men and women in her class studied grammar sitting in mixed circles. Last month the language school split the group by gender, with men and women meeting on different days. Now plans are under way to move the women's classes to a separate building, to eliminate altogether the possibility of illicit mingling.