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- New wave of Arrests in Iran

CSRI Reveals new information

On the anniversary of 1999 student movement uprising, the research committee of the Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran (CSRI) is revealing information on the latest crackdown, status of the students arrested in 2003-2004 and names of some of the students who have been arrested or summoned to the ministry of intelligence of the Islamic Republic of Iran during March 2004 to July 2004.

The CSRI's research committee has also revealed the statistics of social oppression, inhumane punishments and social injustice in Iran from 2002 to 2004.

Hedayat Mostowfi, the Executive Director of CSRI pointed out that in a bid to intensify repression, the regime has increased dramatically the presence of Revolutionary Guards and intelligence agents in Tehran and other major cities and in universities.

He added "the brutal nature of this regime is very clear to the world community. Our committee believes the only way to advance change in Iran is through an internationally monitored referendum. This is our only peaceful option to bring democracy and establish a secular and representative government in Iran."

He reiterated that we need to help the Iranian people break down this system of oppression and end the threat of the clerical regime that has gone beyond the borders of Iran and is threatening progress and peace in the Middle East.

He concluded that the current regime in Tehran is illegitimate and must be replaced with a democratic and peace seeking government.

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