

MARYAM AKBARI MONFARED

POLITICAL PRISONER
MOTHER
SEEKING JUSTICE
FOR EXECUTED
SIBLINGS



Maryam Akbari Monfared 41, has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment solely based on family relations to members of the PMOI and having contact to her family.

Judge Salavati stated in her trial that she “was paying for her brother and sister’s activities!” Four of Maryam’s siblings were executed in the 1980s when Maryam was a child.

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"DO YOU EXPECT ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE EXECUTION OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTER?!"

-MARYAM AKBARI MONFARED IN RESPONSE TO HER PROSECUTOR



URGENT ACTION
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PRISONER DENIED TREATMENT FOR FILING A COMPLAINT

Prisoner of conscience **Maryam Akbari Monfared**, who is serving a 15-year sentence in Tehran's Evin Prison, is being denied access to medical treatment. She is facing reprisals after filing a formal complaint that seeks an official investigation into the mass killings of political prisoners, including her siblings, in the summer of 1988.

Iranian officials are refusing to take Maryam to her scheduled medical appointments outside prison in order to receive treatment. The Associate Prosecutor of Evin Prison told her family on 24 October that her medical care arrangements have been canceled because she is too "brazen". The comment was made in reference to a formal complaint filed by Maryam Akbari

Monfared from inside prison on 18 October, seeking an official investigation into the mass summary executions in 1988 of political prisoners, including her brother and sister, the location of mass graves where their bodies were buried, and the identity of the perpetrators involved. The denial of access to medical care follows other forms of reprisals against her, including an order from the Office of Prosecutor to stop prison visits from her family, and threats to bring fresh criminal charges against her. Maryam Akbari Monfared was arrested in the early morning of 31 December 2009. For the next 5 months, her family remained unaware of her fate. In May 2010, she appeared before a Revolutionary Court in Tehran, which sentenced her to 15 years in prison on several charges including "enmity against God" through membership in the opposition group the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI). The judicial proceedings in her case were grossly unfair and the conviction was based solely on the fact that she had made phone calls to her siblings who are members of PMOI. She was never provided with a reasoned judgment. Maryam Akbari Monfared's husband has said that during her trial session, the judge told her **"she was paying for the activities of her brother and sister with the PMOI"**. Her appeals were dismissed in a summary fashion with no reasons provided.

The Untold Story of a Generation

On 18 October 2016 Maryam Akbari Monfared, 41, filed a complaint seeking justice for those massacred in the summer of 1988 in Iran, particularly her brother and sister who were executed in the mass executions.

Maryam has come to represent a generation of Iranians who have grown under the clutches of the Mullahs but have never bowed to the demands of this regime.

Maryam was imprisoned in the aftermath of the 2009 uprisings as the Iranian regime feared losing its control and power.

"In my opinion, the greatest crime committed in the Islamic Republic, from the beginning of the revolution to date, for which history will condemn us, is being committed by you. In the future your names will be etched in the annals of history as criminals."

*-Ayatollah Montazeri,
Khomeini's former heir Aug. 15, 1988*

Her only charge was having family contact with members of the PMOI. Four of her siblings were executed by the time she was 13 years old, for supporting the PMOI and three decades later, she is faced with the same suppression under the same pretext.

After Maryam's brave initiative a wave of political prisoners have raised their voice in support of Maryam and also to advocate and seek justice for the 1988 massacre, including 12 prisoners in Karaj's Rajaei Shahr.

In recent days a new wave of support and solidarity has risen in Iran and abroad to draw attention to the plight of Maryam and to stand by her in seeking justice.



L to R: **Alireza**, executed in 1981; **Gholamreza**, executed in 1985; **Abdolreza & Roghieh** executed in 1988 Massacre





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#IRAN #1988Massacre

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

- Join the online campaign using #Justice4Maryam
- Write your MP, ask them to raise the case of Maryam in Parliament & with the Foreign Ministry and to join the international cry to end impunity for the perpetrators of the 1988 Massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in Iran. who must face justice.
- Write your Foreign Minister, ask them to acknowledge the Massacre of 1988 in Iran as a crime against humanity and call for an end to the impunity of the perpetrators of this heinous crim.

Ask everyone to join the online campaign on November 25th
in support of Maryam with hashtags
#Justice4Maryam #orangetheworld