

Stop Kurd execution in Iran

It was 1:00 pm, a group of the Pasdars(the Iranian Revolutionary Guard) arrived to the village **Qarna**. At first look, they found nobody as everybody ran away toward the mountains or tried to be hidden somewhere. Then Guards started to search the houses one after another so they could find the hidden ones. Some of the people were killed right in front of their houses. The others were shot or beheaded in the mosque. Then they dragged the dead bodies by their trucks and cars to the Naqadeh and show the bodies to the town of Naqadeh. Most of the Qarna's people were children and old people. They were all unarmed and innocent. They beheaded even the only clergy in the village.

This Happened on Sept 2nd 1980 in a Kurdish village, 12 Kilometer far from Naqadeh in Iran.

Nobody out of Iran ever heard of this massacre. Even inside of Iran rather than the local people, hardly heard of it. Those Pasdars never charged for their crimes or nor got punished for what they did in Qarna. Instead, they got prized and promoted for that genocide.

These kind of crimes kept continue since back then in many ways. Now there are 8 civil rights activists, journalists and teachers are sentenced to death on charge of being Mohareb (fighter against God). Their lives are in danger. According to the recent news, Kurdish political prisoners in Iran, on Monday 25 August 2008, began an indefinite hunger strike to promote human rights.

1. **Adnan Hassanpour**, journalist, also the award-winning journalist who has been condemned to death. Hassanpour was awarded a media award in Italy by the Information, Safety & Freedom Association
2. **Hava Botimar**, civil rights activist and journalist
3. **Farzad Kamangar**, civil rights and human rights activist
4. **Anvar Hossein Panahi**, teacher and civil rights activist
5. **Farhad Vakili**, civil rights activist
6. **Ali Hardarian**, civil rights activist
7. **Arsalan Olyaei**, civil rights activist
8. **Habib Latifi**, student, civil rights activist

The prisoners' hunger strike is to "sensitize Iranian and international public opinion" to "protest against the death sentences given to Kurdish representatives and to denounce continuing human rights violations in prison and outside prison.

Eight Kurdish intellectuals and activists have been condemned to death in Iran, while another six have been sentenced to penalties of up to 11 years for their alleged political and militant activities.

If the world were unaware of what happened to Gharna, now with the tools of media there is no excuse for not being informed of what is going on in Iran. We shouldn't be silent anymore. We should do anything we can to keep their lives safe. We have to notify this to all international communities.

We are asking you to help them to stop these executions.

We will get together at 13:00 h, on Aug 29th in front of international crime court in The Hague in order to protest against the death penalty of these 8 journalists and asking the ICC to prosecute the Iranian crime against Kurds victims.

Day and time:

Friday 29 August 2008

1:00 pm

Place :

International criminal court(ICC) <http://www.icc-cpi.int>
Maanweg, 174
2516 AB, The Hague
The Netherlands

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