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***Ms. Zaynab Jalalian Kurdish political prisoner has been condemned to death***



### **FREEDOM FOR MISS ZAYNAB JALALIAN**

#### **Zaynab Jalalian's Letter to the world's Conscience**

*The Kurdish woman, Ms. Zaynab Jalalian, who has been sentenced to death by the Iranian government, spends her remaining time at a prison in Sanandaj in Kurdistan-Iran. In the letter Ms. Jalalian secretly sent out on Friday, November 27, 2009, asks human/women's rights activists to campaign on her behalf and support her. Below is her letter translated into English.*

Dear...

I am a twenty-seven year Kurdish woman who has been sentenced to death by the Iranian Judiciary authority for my political activities. After I was given death sentence last year I appealed and my case was reviewed by the Iranian High Court. The High Court sustained the lower court's decision.

I am under constant torture and humiliation. I was put on an orchestrated trial without a legal representation and after a few minutes I was sentenced to death. I don't have a lawyer to defend me. The Court only dedicated a few minutes to my case. The Court told me that I was an "Enemy of God," and in a short period of time all enemies of God would be hanged. All the judges in my trial voted for my execution.

I asked the Judge if I could say good-bye to my mother. He told me "shut up." The Judge rejected my appeal and refused to let me to see my mother. Since I cannot defend myself, I ask all advocates and activists of human/women's rights to campaign on my behalf and support me. I need your help.

Zaynab Jalalian

## **In 2008 at least 370 people were executed and 270 were sentenced to death**

Kurdish political prisoner Ms. Zaynab Jalalian aged 27, was condemned to death by Kermanshah Revolutionary Court. She was arrested in May 2008. Jalalian was tried in Islamic Revolutionary Court of Kermanshah without any legal representation and sentenced to death. The court accused Jalalian of being a member of a Kurdish political party which opposed the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In 2008, the Iranian regime executed at least 370 people and sentenced 270 others to death. Majority of political prisoners who were sentenced to death were of Kurdish origin. According to a report recently published by Kurdistan Peace and Development Association in Finland, at least 200 Kurdish political detainees have been sentenced between 6 months to 20 years in jail. These people have been charged with supporting Kurdish political parties, threatening the unity and security of the country, and participating in demonstrations against the Islamic republic of Iran. According to Human Rights Organisation of Kurdistan at least 300 Kurdish political prisoners have been moved to other jails in Iran, making it very difficult for their families to visit them.

In the last three months, Amnesty International has received reports of waves of arbitrary arrests and harassment, directed particularly against members of Iran's religious and ethnic minority communities, students, trade unionists and women's rights activists. Amnesty International is aware of the apparent arbitrary arrest of, or other repressive measures taken against, over 220 individuals. Many of those arrested, if not all, are at risk of torture or other ill treatment. Other individuals arrested before this period have been sentenced to death. In addition, several newspapers have been closed down, and access to internet sites has been restricted, including some relating to human rights or which are operated by international broadcasters. These measures may in part be intended to stifle debate and to silence critics of the authorities in advance of the forthcoming presidential election in June 2009. All individuals and groups should be allowed to peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly, including in ways which dissent from state policies and practices, in the run-up to the presidential election.

**Political prisoners including prisoners of consciousness were sentenced to prison terms after unfair trails, mostly held in secret and denied proper representation for their defense. Current prisoners of conscious in Iran include teachers, civil and political activists, and unfortunately majority of them are Kurds. Appendix I contains a partial list of 227 Kurdish political prisoners, who have been condemned to death or long prison terms:**

### **Death penalty**

**The Iranian Kurdistan has highest rate of political prisoners that are condemned to death. According to §188 – 1992 Iranian criminal law, members, supporters and followers of these parties are “warriors” and “evil” who must punished by hanging, execution, or amputating their right hand and left foot, deportation. Since October 2008 to October 209 more than 339 people have been executed. 53 people more than previous year. 3 people were killed by stoning. 32 of executed people were political prisoners, which 10 of them women. 6 executed were under 20 years old. 57 people were between 21 – 30 years old. 36 people were 31 – 40 years old. four of them were under 18 when**

they were accused participating in a crime. since October 2008 at least 303 are condemned to death. Within which 20 are political prisoners.

12 of them are Kurdish political prisoners. 12 are sentenced to be stoned. Following are name 12 Kurdish political prisoners that are condemned to death: Farzad Kamangar, Ramazan Amadi, Farhad Chalesh, Shouresh Mehdi Khani, Shirko Maarefi, Rostam Arika, Ali Haidariyan, Farhad Vakili, Habibollah Lotfi, Fasih Yasamini, Zeinab Jalalian, Ehsan Fathian.

## **Extrajudicial Killings**

The security forces in Kurdistan open-handedly kill Kurdish people. Due to the military state in Iranian Kurdistan and difficulties on reporting people killed by security forces, it is hard to find a static on victims. According to human rights activists of Iran, Kurdistan Human rights Organization and Kurdistanpress.org during 2009 at least 40 people were killed by security forces and more than 30 were injured. Although the victims are innocent people, the killers behind these extrajudicial killings are elements of the security apparatus of the regime.

## **Torture**

In Iran, detainees are tortured and jailed for long term without trial or having possibility to have defense lawyers. On May 2008 Kurdish political detainee Kaveh Azizpour died under torture.

According to Kurdistan Human Rights Organization report, Azizpour suffered a stroke as the result of excessive torture he endured while in custody. Almost all of those imprisoned are tortured after being detained. Detainees are locked in solitary confinement and dark cells for several days, which affects their physical and physical conditions. Sadigh Kaboodvand the Human Rights Organization chairperson was removed to a solitary confinement, which cause him numerous physical Disorders and complications. The Islamic republic did not allow him to visit any doctor.

## **Bombarding borders regions**

Iranian military forces under the pretext of attacking Kurdish rebels have continually bombed Iran – Iraq border region in Kurdistan. As the result of these bombardments many forest have been fired, the livestock facilities, which is the only means of survival in rural areas of Kurdistan is widely damaged. Various villages are damaged and their inhabitants are displaced. The Islamic regime has also bombarded Iraqi Kurdistan and damaged several villages from other side of the border.

## **Kurdistan since during last three months**

During the last three months at least 60 people were killed and 28 injured by the security forces of Islamic republic of Iran. Nearly 80 NGO and human rights activist

were detained. They were accused of having political activities that endanger the national security and unity of Iran. 30 of them are sentenced between 6 months to 25 years of prison. Within since August 2009 more than 6 people were killed by stepping on land mines and 4 more were injured. Since August 2009 at least 4 political prisoners were executed in Kurdistan.

## **Conclusion**

Although this report has not covered all aspects of violation of human rights in Kurdistan due lack of access to all information sources, the report is a clear evidence of ongoing repression and violence against Kurdish people in Iran. Kurdistan Peace and Development Society condemns all kind of violations in Kurdistan and calls on the authority of Islamic republic to respect its international obligations on respecting human civil rights conventions that Iran is a signatory

to. We call upon the international community to encourage Iran to:

- Release all individuals that deprived of their liberty in Kurdistan.
- Investigate promptly all complaints of torture and ill-treatment in ;
- Ensure that any prosecutions of press-related offenses occur in a court open to the public and in the presence of a jury, as required by Iranian law.
- Promote the civil society as a vital key for a democratic, tolerance, social and economical development in Iran and Kurdistan.

**Dr Ali KILIC, Paris , 01-12-2009**

## **Appendix 1: List of Kurdish Political Prisoners**

- 1 Abdi Hana**
- 2 Abdi Raouf**
- 3 Abdi Faryad**
- 4 Abdollah pour Seyed Tahir**
- 5 Abdollah Zadeh Aref**
- 6 Abdollah Zadeh Abdollah**
- 7 Abdollahi Mohammad Said**
- 8 Abdollahpour Rasoul**
- 9 Afraz Ali**
- 10 Aghemiri Reza**
- 11 Ahadzadeh Kawe**
- 12 Ahmadi Jafar**
- 13 Ahmadi Madeh**
- 14 Ahmadi Taha**
- 15 Ahmadi Kemal**
- 16 Ahmadi Taha**
- 17 Alizadeh Javad**
- 18 Amani Mahmoud**
- 19 Amini Reza**
- 20 Amiri Nowzad**
- 21 Amiri Asad**

**22 Amoi Milan Soleiman**  
**23 Aslani Anbar**  
**24 Aslani Nebez**  
**25 Ayub pour Osman**  
**26 Ayub pour Farhad**  
**27 Ayubzadeh Star**  
**28 Azar Nioush Serwat**  
**29 Babakri Amir**  
**30 Babayi Sasan**  
**31 Baghi Shak**  
**32 Balahe Mehdi**  
**33 Bayerzadeh Ali**  
**34 Bayerzadeh Ebrahim**  
**35 Benafshi Saed**  
**36 Bostanchi Ghader**  
**37 Boutimar Hiwa**  
**38 Chabokzadeh Amir Ali**  
**39 Changali Abdolrahman**  
**40 Dargahi Mokhtar**  
**41 Dargahi Jahanshah**  
**42 Davani Haroon**  
**43 Defai Davood**  
**44 Droudi Valid**  
**45 Ebrahimi Hasan**  
**46 Ebrahimi Reihan**  
**47 Emami Ali**  
**48 Emami Omar**  
**49 Faghieh pour Omar**  
**50 Faghieh pour Homan**  
**51 Faghihi Mansour**  
**52 Fallah Hasan**  
**53 Fallahi Hasan**  
**54 Fatahian Ehsan**  
**55 Fatehi Khalil**  
**56 Fathi Yazdan**  
**57 Fathi Ataollah**  
**58 Fathi Majid**  
**59 Fridooni Khaled**  
**60 Ghaderi Karim**  
**61 Ghaderi Reza**  
**62 Ghaderi Hejar**  
**63 Ghaderi Mahmoud**  
**64 Ghasemi Khalid**  
**65 Gholami Mekail**  
**66 Ghordoi Milan Esmail**  
**67 Golami Mekail**  
**68 Goli Yaser**  
**69 Gültekin Erkan**  
**70 Hadjipour Ali**  
**71 Hajipour Javad**

72 Hamzepour Mohammad  
73 Hamzeshoja Hossein  
74 Hasanpanahi Anvar  
75 Hasanpour Adnan  
76 Heidariyan Ali  
77 Heikali Rasoul  
78 Heyrani Fateh  
79 Hossein Azar Helmet  
80 Hossein Panahi Masoud  
81 Hosseini Shaho  
82 Hosseini Hassan  
83 Hosseini Abdollah  
84 Hosseini Seyed Reza  
85 Hosseini Mollah Seyfollah  
86 Hosseini Mollah Hossein  
87 Ibrahimi Mohammad Raouf  
88 Ibrahimi Fahim  
89 Ismail Sohrab  
90 Jafi Hasan  
91 Jalali Sohrab  
92 Jalalian Zeynab  
93 Javanmard Kave  
94 Joudat Ardashir  
95 Joula Ghader  
96 Kaboodvand Mohammad Sedigh  
97 Kakememi Yousef  
98 Kamangar Farzad  
99 Karim Zarei Mohammad  
100 Karimeh Mokhtar  
101 Karimi Hossein  
102 Karimpour Vafa  
103 Khan Abdoli Golam Hossein  
104 Khandani Siyawash  
105 Khatam panah Amin  
106 Khatami Yousef  
107 Khezer Dashti Delshad  
108 Khezri Shirko  
109 Khorandi Ibrahim  
110 Khosravi Jebrail  
111 Kurdi Kave  
112 Kurdpour Masoud  
113 Latifi Habibollah  
114 Leilani Mad  
115 Madani Ahmad  
116 Mahdi Khani Shorish  
117 Mahmoudi Hasan  
118 Majidfar Kaveh  
119 Makoui Shahla  
120 Mamadi Saber  
121 Mazouji Asad

122 Mehri Loghman  
123 Minapak Soleiman  
124 Mirzayi Jafar  
125 Mohammadi Jahandar  
126 Mohammadi Fardin  
127 Mohammadi Reza  
128 Mohammadi Abdollah  
129 Mohammadi Farzane  
130 Mohammadi Behzad  
131 Mohammadjani Aziz  
132 Mohammadsaleh Amesh  
133 Mohebbi Masoud  
134 Mojaver Hossein  
135 Moradi Fardin  
136 Moradi Tofigh  
137 Moradi Mohammad  
138 Moradi Mahdi  
139 Moradi Neimat  
140 Morovati Wirya  
141 Mostafapour Osman  
142 Mostavi Zaher  
143 Naderi Habibollah  
144 Naghsh Enbari Ayat  
145 Naseri Mohammad  
146 Nasradini Mozafar  
147 Nawgan zاده Sadeg  
148 Nazari Mohammad  
149 Neimati Salah  
150 Nojavan Tofigh  
151 Oliyayi Arsalan  
152 Omarpour Mohammad  
153 Osmani Saleh  
154 Ostad Ghazi Khaled  
155 Ouramani Nejad Rahmat  
156 Palesh Mohamad  
157 Parvini Kamal  
158 Parvizi Kawe  
159 Parvizi Yaser  
160 Parvizi Jamshid  
161 Parvizi Mahmoud  
162 Piravi Salahaddin  
163 Por Jamal  
164 Prooshan Mohammad Amin  
165 Rahmani Mahmoud  
166 Rahmani Yousef  
167 Rahmani Hossein  
168 Rahmani Ebrahim  
169 Ramazani Amir  
170 Rashi Loghman  
171 Rashidi Ali

172 Rasoul Rasoul Morovat Khezer  
173 Ravand Farzad  
174 Romouzi Rebin  
175 Roonak Ronahi  
176 Rostami Mohamad Ali  
177 Rostami Marbout  
178 Rostami Anvar  
179 Saadat Mohammad  
180 Sadeghi Azad  
181 Sadeghi Aziz  
182 Sadigh Fazli Mohammad  
183 Safazadeh Ronak  
184 Saidi Ramazan  
185 Saidi Borhan  
186 Saidi Borhan  
187 Salami Kave  
188 Salavati Kavian  
189 Salehi Ali  
190 Salimi Mostafa  
191 Satouri Naser  
192 Sedghi Naser  
193 Seifi Khosro  
194 Shabaki fard Fouad  
195 Shabaki fard Fouad  
196 Shaban Hamid  
197 Shaban Matlab  
198 Shafii Arsalan  
199 Shafii Arsalan  
200 Shakeri Ali  
201 Sharafat Latif  
202 Sharafat Latif  
203 Sharif Omar Karim  
204 Sharif Omar Karim  
205 Sharifi Kamal  
206 Sharifi Abdollah  
207 Sheikhi Behzad  
208 Shirvani Farhad  
209 Shirvani Farhad  
210 Soleiman Ahmad  
211 Sour Sour Amir  
212 Tahmasobi Shorish  
213 Teimoui Ahmad  
214 Totoonchi Bahman  
215 Urmiyeyi Shilan  
216 Waismoradi Ali  
217 Vakili Farhad  
218 Veisi Majid  
219 Yarahmadi Mohammad  
220 Yousefi Golam Ali  
221 Yousefi Hamzeh

**222 Yousefi Mohammad**  
**223 Yousefi Ahmad**  
**224 Zaliye Mehdi**  
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**226 Zarei Jamal**  
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