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We condemn the death sentence against Habibollah Latifi under all circumstances!

Alarming news from Iran has reached the Kurdish PEN-Centre:

According to the information received by Defend International, on February 18, 2009, the Court of Appeal of Sanandaj (Iran) confirmed the sentencing to death of Mr. Habibollah Latifi.

Mr. Habibollah Latifi, a 29 year old Kurdish student at the University of Eylam, was arrested on October 23, 2007, in the City of Sanandaj and detained in unknown location.

Eight months later (July 3, 2008), he was sentenced to death by the Revolutionary Court in the City of Sanandaj convicted of "endangering state security".

The proceedings were closed, and his own lawyer was not allowed to attend the hearing. After more than one month the lawyer was informed about the sentence.

While in custody, Mr. Latifi was reportedly subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment such as torturing him in front of other prisoners in order to confess their membership in an opposition party.

As Mr. Latifi's health condition was gravely deteriorated due to constant torture, he was transferred to a hospital for a certain period of time. He was returned to the prison in Sanandaj upon release from hospital.

Mr. Latifi is now very weak; he suffers the pain and endless coughing of bronchitis, complains about fever, hard breathing, broken bones, and torture wounds, also in his face.

The Kurdish PEN-Centre is aghast at these incidents happening in Iran and condemns the death sentence against of Habibollah Latifi under all circumstances.

Halt the execution of Mr. Habibollah Latifi!

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