

IRAN VAHID AFKARI



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Tortured and jailed, simply for protesting

After peacefully attending protests in the city of Shiraz, Vahid Afkari and his brother Navid were arrested on 17 September 2018. Three months later, his brother Habib was also arrested for peaceful protesting. The authorities held the brothers in solitary confinement, tortured them, and forced them to 'confess' to crimes they repeatedly said they did not commit.

In a huge miscarriage of justice, the three were convicted on politically motivated protest-related charges. Vahid and Navid were also convicted following a

baseless accusation involving the murder of a security official. Navid was sentenced to death and Habib and Vahid were sentenced to decades in prison and 74 lashes each.

On 12 September 2020, Navid was secretly executed without warning, sparking outrage and renewed campaigning for the brothers in Iran and globally. Habib was released in March 2022, but Vahid remains in solitary confinement.

Send a message of support and solidarity

Send messages of support on social media, tagging Vahid's brother Saeed

🐦 @akfari_saeed
📷 @saeed_afkariiii

You can also send cards to Vahid in prison: although we don't believe they will be given to him, they will show the prison authorities that he has not been forgotten. Please don't include images of alcohol; religious symbols, imagery or texts; or any references to Amnesty.

Vahid Afkari
Adelabad prison
Imam Khomeini Road
Saleh Boulevard
Shiraz
Iran

Language Persian or English

Suggested message

Our thoughts are with you and your family.
I am/We are thinking of you.

Can I

Send a religious card or message? No.

Do not use religious symbols, imagery or texts, or images of alcohol.

Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? No

Include my name and address? Yes

Send an appeal letter

Urge the Head of Judiciary to release Vahid Afkari.

Write to Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei
Head of Judiciary

c/o Embassy of Iran to the EU
Avenue Franklin Roosevelt No. 151050
Brussels
Belgium

🐦 @khamenei_ir
📷 @ejeii_org

Salutation Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei

In your letter tell him to release Vahid Afkari because he is arbitrarily detained; quash his unjust convictions and sentences; and, pending his release, end his solitary confinement and provide him with adequate healthcare.

'In order to present themselves as being capable of maintaining security, they [the authorities] arrest and detain innocent people... All I can do is to keep invoking the law and appeal to logic and reason.'
Vahid Afkari

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