

IRAN

ZEYNAB JALALIAN

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Jailed activist at risk of going blind

Jailed Iranian-Kurdish activist Zeynab Jalalian could go blind because she is being denied urgent medical treatment. Her severe eye problems may result from the beatings she received during interrogations.

Zeynab was jailed in March 2008 for supposed links to the military wing of a Kurdish opposition group. Her grossly unfair trial only lasted a few minutes. No evidence linked her to armed activities, and she says her conviction was based on 'confessions' extracted through torture.

Before her trial, Zeynab was detained for eight months. She says her head was repeatedly rammed against a wall. Her skull was fractured, causing bleeding in the brain.

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Darioush Bakhshi
Head of Khoy Prison
Khoy Prison
Salmas Road (across Rah va Tarabari)
Khoy County
West Azerbaijan Province
Iran

Please write Zeynab's name on the card, but address the envelopes to the Head of Khoy Prison, Darioush Bakhshi. The cards may not reach Zeynab, but they will raise awareness about her case.

- **Language:** English, Persian, Kurdish or your own language.
- **Suggested message:** 'Our thoughts are with you and your family. We are thinking of you. I am thinking of you.' Zeynab's birthday is on 1 January, so you can send her a card with the message: Happy Birthday. Versions of these messages in additional languages are available at www.amnesty.org.uk/write
- **Suggested tweet:** Jailed Iranian Kurdish woman Zeynab Jalalian going blind without surgery. @HassanRouhani must give her adequate medical care NOW #FreeZeynab

GET CREATIVE

As Zeynab's eyesight is failing, you could create a textured card or stage a demonstration in which everyone wears blindfolds. Use the #FreeZeynab hashtag when you post anything online.

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- ✗ Send a religious card or message?
- ✓ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? Yes, but there should be no sign or mention of Amnesty on the outside of the envelope or the parcel.
- ✓ Include my name and address?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge Head of the Judiciary Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani to release Zeynab Jalalian and ensure she receives urgent medical care.

Write to: Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani
Head of the Judiciary
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Switzerland

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Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter: Call on the authorities to release Zeynab Jalalian and give her the specialised medical care she needs. Urge them to enable her to claim compensation, independently investigate her torture and ill-treatment allegations, and bring those responsible to justice.



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