

IRAN

Saman Naseem



TEENAGER TORTURED INTO TV 'CONFESSION'

Saman Naseem was 17 when he was arrested for allegedly taking part in armed activities against the state. He says he was tortured and forced to make a 'confession' on state television. He was sentenced to death. After a worldwide campaign to stop his execution in February 2015, Saman was transferred to an undisclosed location and held incommunicado for nearly five months. Following a judicial review the authorities quashed the death sentence imposed for 'enmity against God' and 'corruption on earth'. Saman now faces a full retrial. He deserves one without the use of torture-tainted evidence and without recourse to the death penalty.

+ www.amnesty.org.uk/saman



'The welcome revelation that Saman was not executed... is incredible news for his relatives, but raises very troubling questions about what the authorities have been doing to him'

Philip Luther, Amnesty International director for the Middle East and North Africa

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Saman Naseem Solidarity Action
FAO Iran Team
Amnesty International
1 Easton Street
London
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United Kingdom

- + **Language:** Kurdish, Persian, or English
- + **Salutation:** Dear Saman
- + **Suggested message:** 'Our thoughts are with you and your family. We are thinking of you.'

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message? (Please do not send any images of alcohol.)
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge the head of the judiciary, Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani, to ensure that Saman receives a fair trial.

Write to: Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani
The Office of the Head of the Judiciary
Valiasr Street
Pastour Street (In front of 129 Jami Police Station)
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Email: info@humanrights-iran.ir

Salutation: Your Excellency

In your letter: Don't call for Saman's release. Focus on the need for a fair trial. He is not a prisoner of conscience – this is an issue of juvenile detention and the execution of minors. Call on the authorities to ensure that Saman's new trial is in accordance with fair trial standards, in line with the principles of juvenile justice, and without recourse to the death penalty. Insist that confessions obtained under torture are not used as evidence of guilt.