

Woman Life Freedom

News of the current struggles in Iran

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Dariush Mehrjui and his partner Vahideh Mohammadifar found murdered



Famous Iranian film director Dariush Mehrjui and his partner, the writer Vahideh Mohammadifar, were stabbed to death in their own

home. The Islamic regime is known to have assassinated many of its well-known critics in such a manner and the people of Iran understand that such acts are carried out by the Islamic regime's intelligence operatives with political intent. During a filmmakers' convention, Dariush Mehrjui had called out the regime, saying that there are "killers amongst us". He had also dared the regime to kill him in a public statement in 2022 expressing his frustration with the censorship of his recent works.

Mehrjui played an important role in the history of filmmaking in Iran and the works he directed and produced earned him international acclaim and recognition. He was 84 at the time of his murder.

EU's Freedom of Thought Prize awarded to Mahsa Amini and Iran's Woman Life Freedom movement



On Thursday, the European Parliament awarded the EU's Sakharov Freedom of Thought Prize to Mahsa Zhina Amini and the Woman Life Freedom movement in Iran. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, said about

the awarding of this prize to Mahsa Amini:

"The brutal murder of 22-year old Zhina Mahsa Amini marked a turning point. It has triggered a women-led movement that is making history. The world has heard the chants of Woman, Life, Liberty. Three words that have become a rallying cry for all those standing up for equality, for dignity and for freedom in Iran."

On hearing about the awarding of the prize to her daughter, Zhina's mum, Mozhgan Eftekhari, wrote on her Instagram:

"Dearest Zhina, my sweet daughter, wake up and see how your name has today been echoed around the world. Open your eyes to see that today you have a family as big as all the people of the world".

The Index on Censorship Freedom of Expression Award awarded to Iranian protest rapper Toomaj Salehi

On Thursday, the Index on Censorship awarded its 2023 Freedom of Expression award in the Arts category to Toomaj Salehi, a protest rapper in Iran.

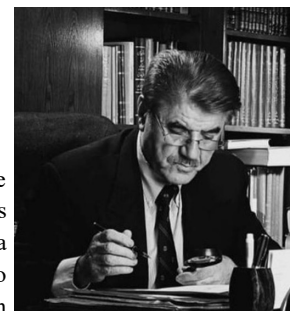
In its statement, the Index wrote: "Salehi sings about injustice and abuses by the Iranian authorities - even earlier arrests didn't stop him from standing up to atrocities through his music. After supporting protests after the death of Jina 'Mahsa' Amini, Salehi was once again arrested, this time violently, and it's believed he was tortured into a false confession. Although he is still locked away, his music is not silenced.."

Toomaj Salehi has been sentenced to six years and three months in prison for his protest songs, and has already been in prison for nearly a year.



Lawyer representing the family of Mahsa (Zhina) Amini sentenced to one year in prison

Saleh Nikbakht, legal representative of the family of Zhina Amini, has been convicted of "propaganda against the state" and sentenced to one year in prison and prohibition from online activity, as 'supplementary punishment', for two years by an Islamic Revolutionary Court in Tehran. He had been seeking answers regarding how Mahsa's murder took place. Prison and other punishments are what await lawyers defending protesters and the persecuted in Iran.



Hamas and Netanyahu must be tried for war crimes

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