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Iranian authorities hang eight prisoners in Sanandaj and Orumiyeh

A human rights activist has told Kurdistan Human Rights Network (KHRN) that a prisoner identified as Rauf Hassani was hanged in the central prison of Sanandaj on 16 September.

He was transferred to solitary confinement on 15 September, which marked his 13 years behind bars for murder charges.

A source from the central prison of Orumiyeh also said that seven death verdicts had been enforced in two different days during the last week of July this year.

The source from Orumiyeh said: "On 25 July, six prisoners charged with drug related crimes were hanged and five of them were identified as Feizollah Qaleh, Farhad Ebrahimi, Mohammad Salim Ebrahimi, Abdullah Qaderpour, Younes Maleki and the sixth one's identity remains unknown. These prisoners were hanged while the verdicts of two of them were yet to be confirmed by the Supreme Court. Therefore, the families of the two prisoners filed complaint against the Orumiyeh prosecutor."

On 28 July, another prisoner identified as Farhad Dourkanlou was hanged in the central prison of Orumiyeh on charge of murder. He was a juvenile when he was arrested.

Tens of prisoners in Iran face execution in groups of two or more in the central prison of Orumiyeh every year. However, the official sources have avoided publishing official reports regarding this issue.

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