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Amnesty International Appeal Cases Among Execution Victims in Iran

These twelve names of execution victims are among the scores of political prisoners in Iran on whose behalf Amnesty International members worldwide have sent tens of thousands of appeals in an attempt to prevent execution taking place. Regrettably, in these cases Amnesty International learned after the appeals had been issued that the prisoners had been executed.

- 1) Assadollah ASSADI
- 2) Massoud ALLA'I KHASTOU
- 3) Hamzeh MAHJOUR
- 4) Khosrow ASSIABANI
- 5) Salman GHASSEMI
- 6) Hassan MOEZZI
- 7) Mohsen PIRI
- 8) Houshang AZIAMI
- 9) Kiumars GODARZI
- 10) Mohammad PASHA
- 11) Najez ZAREI
- 12) Dr Ahmad DANESH

Amnesty International has recorded the names of over 300 executed political prisoners and it fears that the true figure for the number of executions may be in the thousands (see MDE 13/29/88 for details). The executed have included an unknown number of prisoners of conscience and many other political prisoners who were serving prison terms after unfair trials, or without charge or trial. All the prisoners named below were political prisoners from various opposition groups.

Massoud Alla'i Khastou, for example, was aged only 17 when he was arrested in 1981 and sentenced to 11 years imprisonment, and Hamzeh Mahjoub was aged just 16 on his arrest in 1982. He was never charged or tried. Both were held in Evin Prison in Tehran until their execution.

Dr Ahmad Danesh, a medical doctor, was arrested in 1983 and held in Evin Prison prior to his execution.

Khosrow Assiabani, Salman Ghassemi and Hassan Moezzi were political prisoners held in Tabriz. Mohsen Piri and Kiumars Godarazi were political prisoners held in Arak. Houshang Aziami was held in Isfahan, Najez Zarei in Kerman and Mohammad Pasha and Assadollah Assadi in Evin Prison.

Amnesty International has formally submitted a list of over 300 names to the Iranian authorities for comment. It has received no reply from authorities in Iran to the thousands of appeals already sent calling for an end to executions.

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