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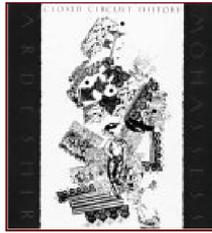
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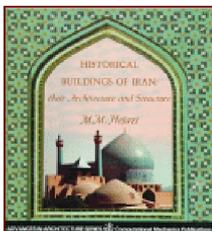
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## France Seeking to Bail Citizen out of Iranian Custody

TEHRAN ([Fars News Agency](#))- The French Embassy in Tehran has submitted an official note to the Iranian judiciary to demand that Clotilde Reiss - a French national who was detained during post-election unrests in Iran - be released on bail, an informed source said on Wednesday.

In its note, "the French embassy in Tehran has asked for freedom of Clotilde Reiss, while providing assurances and offering to put up bail. The judiciary was informed of the request in order to take the required action (in response) based on its regulations," the source told FNA on the condition of anonymity.

Earlier on Tuesday, Iran's ambassador to Paris Seyed Mehdi Mir Aboutalebi was quoted by AFP as saying that Tehran had offered to let Reiss stay in the French embassy until her trial ended but had received no reply from the French authorities yet.

The French foreign ministry responded by summoning the ambassador to inform him that "his declarations implying that the French authorities were not doing all in their power to secure the release of Clotilde Reiss were inexact."

Also on Tuesday, President Nicolas Sarkozy's office announced that Iranian authorities have freed a French Embassy employee on trial in Iran from a Tehran prison Tuesday.

Sarkozy hopes charges will be dropped against Nazak Afshar, who has dual French-Iranian citizenship, and that another French citizen on trial, 24-year-old Clotilde Reiss, can soon return home, a statement said.

Iran does not recognize dual citizenship.

### Iran says Clotilde can live in French Embassy until trial ends

Paris, Aug 11, IRNA – Iran's Ambassador to France Seyed Mehdi Mir-Aboutalebi said on Tuesday that Clotilde Reiss can stay in the French Embassy in Tehran in the course of judicial proceedings if the French government and ambassador to Tehran give commitments.

"Due to the mediation of Iranian Foreign Ministry officials, if the French ambassador gives commitments, Clotilde Reiss can stay in the French Embassy in the course of the (judicial) proceedings," the Iranian diplomat told Radio France.

The Frenchwoman is on trial in Tehran in connection with the recent post-presidential election riots.

Judicial authorities will grant her conditional release "if the (French) government and ambassador promise she lives in the French Embassy in Tehran until the judicial process ends," Mir-Aboutalebi noted.



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He said that however, no response has yet been received from the French ambassador and officials in connection with such a proposal by Iran.

He emphasized on the independence of the Judiciary and courts in Iran and said the judicial proceedings in Clotilde's case go on legally as she has the right to have an attorney.

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