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HRA- The students' rights unit of HRA reports that he 26th branch of the Revolutionary Court in Tehran sentenced Hassan Salamat, a master's of sociology student at Tehran University, to 4 years in prison. Salamat was among the large group of activists arrested after the presidential election . he was detained in ward number 209 of Evin prison for two months but was later released on \$200,000 bail.

During a hearing held last week, the prosecutor's representative agreed to the objections made by the defense attorney, Mohammad Oliyai-fard in regards to the indictment. Nevertheless, Judge Pour-Abbas found Salamat guilty of charges that were on the indictment and sentenced him to 4 years in prison. Salamat's charges included propagating against the regime and conspiracy to disrupt national security.

Hassan Salamat was under the watch of security forces before the elections. and his student activities during his bachelor's studies had increased concerns of security forces against him. During the election-related crisis, he was arrested because he was suspected of having contact with two other activists, Zia Nabavi and Majid Dori.

Although Hessam Salamat was the top student in the PhD entrance exam of Sociology in University of Tehran, he was banned from continuing his studies due to interference by the Faculty of Sociology chair as well as security institutes outside campus. Since than he had been active in a committee formed to advocate the

education rights of banned (starred) students.

During tenth presidential electoral campaign when Mahmoud Ahmadinejad denied the existence of any banned (starred) students, this committee showed considerable protest to this issue by compiling a list of students deprived from continuing their studies and assembling in front of the Ministry of Higher Education. This action caused arrests of a number of committee members, including Ziaeddin Nabavi, Majid Dori, Shiva Nazarahari and Hassan Salamat.

Mohammad Oliaei-Fard, his lawyer announced that he will definitely object to court's verdict.