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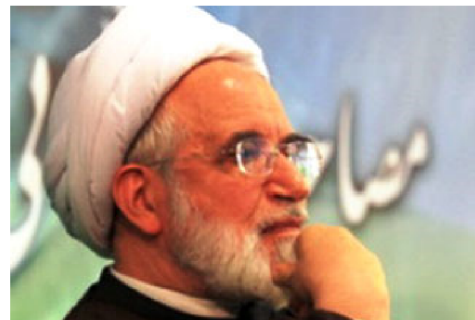
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Karroubi hits back at Parliament over rape claim

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Mehdi Karroubi criticizes Parliament's 'hasty' approach toward reports of jail 'sexual abuse'.

Former Iranian presidential candidate Mehdi Karroubi has taken a swipe at parliament for adopting a 'hasty' approach toward the controversial 'jail rape' report.

Karroubi on Thursday criticized officials in particular Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani for rejecting the reports as a lie 'without conducting an investigation' into the issue.

The veteran Reformist figure said he did not expect the officials in Majlis who were tasked with probing into the issue "to deny the content of his letter within 24 hours and even before the special committee tasked with investigating the issue convenes" to give a report on the controversial matter.

Karroubi first raised questions about reports of sexual abuse of post-election detainees in a letter dated July 29 to Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the Chairman of Expediency Council.

In his letter, Karroubi urged a probe into the reports of the sexual abuse of prisoners at the notorious Kahrizak detention center in southern Tehran, where he said several of both male and female detainees were brutally raped.

Following the request to probe into the issue, Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani on Monday urged an inquiry into the report and assigned a special committee to investigate the issue.

On Wednesday, Larijani dismissed the report as 'sheer lies', saying that a 'thorough and comprehensive' inquiry found no cases of sexual abuse.

"Following a precise and comprehensive inquiry into (the treatment of) detainees at Kahrizak and Evin prisons, no cases of rape or sexual abuse were found," he added.

Warning politicians to 'be cautious about claims' and urging them not to publicize allegations before investigation, Larijani, then, called on Karroubi to present strong evidence to prove his claims.

On Thursday, Karroubi responded to Larijani's demand of presenting solid evidence by saying that the Parliament, at the very least, could have contacted him to know about the required information.

"Mr. Larijani had better refer the special committee probing the issue to me so that I could provide the committee with my evidence."

Stressing that he would not back away from his stance, the former two-time parliament speaker suggested the formation of an 'independent impartial committee' comprised of 'trustworthy' individuals to look into the reports to make sure that people's rights will be well protected.

With regard to his letter to Ayatollah Rafsanjani, Karroubi said the letter was consequently handed over to the outgoing Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi-Shahrudi who ordered an investigation to the issue.

According to the seasoned politician, the judiciary chief has called on the country's Prosecutor General Qorban-Ali Dorri-Najafabadi to contact Karroubi to pursue the matter.

Earlier, Iranian daily *Jomhuriye Eslami* reported that Ayatollah Shahrudi had responded to the letter by saying that such treatment had not happened in those detention centers that were under the supervision of the judicial branch.

The 'non-standard' prison of Kahrizak was shut down upon a direct order by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in July after reports surfaced about the mistreatment of detainees who protested against the result of the disputed presidential vote.

After the shutdown, the head of Kahrizak prison was dismissed and arrested for 'dereliction of duty'.

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I ask all of you this, what if Karroubi is correct and he proves it? Will you then believe the government is corrupt?

darius

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Karroubi will have no supporters by the time he dies

Upset

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Agreed, Press is censoring because they are an arm of the government. Press does not care about the truth. They probably will print this but not my censored comments.

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By deleting the opposite views, Press TV shows that it wants only pro-government comments and is not interested in real solution for the massive problems government faces due to ineptness of the rulers.

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Karroubi in nothing but a Sore Loser. If a woman or a boy is raped, THEY say so. Not a politician. THEY file charges. He speaks as if he was there, as if he witnessed this.

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FROM WHERE ALL THESE IDIOTS CAME FROM====IRANIANS ARE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE.

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WHY FRANCE, GERMANY, UK, ISRAEL AND USA ARE AGAINST ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN??==BECAUSE==MR KHAMENEI & AHMEDINEJAD===THE MEN WITH GLOBAL VISION FOR MUSLIMS===="GOD BLESS YOU, YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR FAITH".

Kamel

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Karroubi after defeat should remember that he is an ordinary citizen. Alleged victims can go through the legal system and file their cases, if any. So far the Iranian legal system is too lenient with the leaders of the velvet coup. Karroubi should be asked to prove his allegations, otherwise he should be put in jail.

WHERE'S THE PROOF KAROUBI?

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ITS YOUR JOB TO PRESENT EVIDENCE. WHERE'S THE NAMES? WHERE'S THE WITNESS?? WHERE'S THE PRISON REPORTS? WHERE'S THE VIDEOS?? YOU DONT HAVE ANYTHING BUT LIES. ONE WEEK FROM NOW YOU WILL HAVE NO PROOF. ANOTHER WEEK GONE AND STILL NO PROOF. YOU WATCH. WE WONT FORGET YOUR LYING. WE WILL REMIND YOU OF YOUR LIE

Still no evidence

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Karroubi has characterized himself by doing nothing but spew attacks. I am yet to see a single piece of evidence of any single accusations he has made so far.

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