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## Karroubi 'to present evidence of jail rape'

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After the speaker of Iran's Parliament dismissed reports that protesters were 'raped' in detention, a spokesman for Mehdi Karroubi says he will present evidence on the matter.

Leading opposition figure Karroubi claims that he has received reports from former military commanders and other senior officials that male and female prisoners were brutally 'raped' by their jailers to the point of "physical and mental damage."

After calling for a probe, Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani moved to defuse the controversy on Wednesday by denying reports of 'jail rape' in the aftermath of the country's post-vote unrest.

"The issue of detainees being sexually abused is a lie," Larijani told an open session of Parliament. "On the basis of thorough and comprehensive investigations conducted about the detainees at Kahrizak and Evin prisons, no cases of rape and sexual abuse were found."

The Majlis speaker encouraged the defeated presidential candidate to come forward with evidence proving his claims.

If Karroubi could present evidence of such outrages, then Majlis would investigate them, Larijani asserted.

The proposal was welcomed by Karroubi's National Confidence Party (Etemad-e-Melli).

Esmail Gerami Moqaddam, the party's spokesman, said the former presidential candidate's "knowledge about the issue goes much further from mere word of mouth."

Gerami-Moqaddam claimed that Karroubi would definitely provide evidence to validate the reports of 'jail rape.'

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This is the only way the world will be put at ease. I also request that you allow Amnesty International in to protect the victims. The regimes conduct of expelling foreign press and not allowing Amnesty International to document these claims only leads more to the credence that these crimes were committed and the removal of foreign press was done as an attempt to cover up these wrongs done by the basiji and Iranian Police and prison security personnel.

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To: Government of Iran and Press TV. I formally request that you go to your leaders and request that they open Iran back up to free Press ie; CNN, AP, Al Jazeera and so forth and that these press agencies are allowed access to Karroubi and the victims of these crimes of brutality and rape(cont)

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