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IRAN: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER NARGES MOHAMMADI'S CONVICTION AND SENTENCE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY QUASHED

Amnesty International calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately quash human rights defender Narges Mohammadi's conviction and sentence, which is based solely on her peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and assembly. The organization also calls on the Iranian authorities to lift the unlawful travel ban imposed on her, as she is being punished solely for the peaceful exercise of her human rights. The Iranian authorities must also conduct a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment during her unjust imprisonment.

In a 24 May post on her Instagram account, Narges Mohammadi wrote that she has been sentenced to a prison term, flogging and fines in relation to her peaceful human rights activities while she was previously unjustly jailed. Branch 1188 of Criminal Court Two in Tehran sentenced her to two-and-a-half years in prison, 80 lashes and two separate fines for charges that include "spreading propaganda against the system". In the Instagram post, Narges Mohammadi wrote that, on 23 May, the court had issued the verdict to her for "offences" that included participating in a sit-in with other prisoners in the women's ward of Tehran's Evin prison between 21 and 24 December 2019 to protest the killings of protesters during the November 2019 nationwide protests, issuing statements condemning the death penalty and speaking out publicly about how prison, security and judicial officials subjected her to torture and other ill-treatment during and shortly after her peaceful sit-in. In December 2019, Narges Mohammadi had filed a complaint against the head of Evin prison, alleging that, he and several other prison officials subjected her to verbal abuse, death threats and beatings during her transfer to Zanjan prison, Zanjan province, on 24 December 2019, resulting in bruises on her body and injuries from shattered glass when her hand hit a glass door.

Suggested tweet:

A court in Iran has given human rights defender Narges Mohammadi a new prison sentence, 80 lashes and fines. This outrageous sentence has been imposed solely for her peaceful human rights activism. @Khamenei_fa must quash her sentence and remove her travel ban NOW! [use attached graphic]

A portrait of Narges Mohammadi, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a red top. The background is a warm, reddish-brown color.

NARGES MOHAMMADI

Human rights defender

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