

Political Prisoners

Amin Pourfarhang, a graduate of Sharif University of Technology and a pharmacy student, has been sentenced to death on the alleged charge of “leading protests” in the city of Shirvan, North Khorasan province. Reports indicate that he was arrested by security forces during protests on January 7, 8, and 9, 2026.

Sources close to his family have raised serious concerns about irregularities in the legal process and possible violations of his right to a fair trial. According to these reports, Amin Pourfarhang is at imminent risk of execution.



Iran's Immortal Names

Arvin Salemi-Rad, a 16-year-old from Bushehr, was shot in the head with pellets during protests on January 8 and died on January 23. His family faced pressure while he was hospitalized, and after his death his body was withheld for several days, only returned on the condition that the burial be held in silence. Despite the heavy

security presence, his farewell was deeply moving. When his name was called, people responded with applause and celebratory cries, a quiet act of respect that shows his memory will not be erased.



News of the Day

On January 29, 2026 (9 Bahman 1404), the foreign ministers of the European Union, meeting in Brussels, officially designated Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization. The decision was taken in response to the IRGC's central role in the violent suppression of nationwide protests in Iran and was approved by the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The designation is not merely symbolic. It entails concrete measures, including financial sanctions, asset freezes, and travel bans targeting the IRGC and affiliated individuals. The move significantly increases international pressure on the Islamic Republic and reflects a clear shift toward a tougher European response to systemic human rights violations in Iran.

Voices of the Street

On the night of January 9, 2026, the streets of Tehran became a nightmare. My friends and I, teenagers, stood among the crowd as people resisted with bare hands, their cries echoing. Suddenly, enforcers charged, and gunfire rang nonstop for over six minutes. Tear gas burned our eyes, smoke filled the air, and one protester trying to escape was caught and beaten. Surrounded with no way out, we huddled in an apartment for two hours, too afraid even to look outside. The ground was covered with blood, and cries of pain were everywhere. That night, fear and suffering filled the streets, a vivid reminder of how closely resistance and pain are intertwined.



The Child I Will Never See Again

Justice-Seeking Mothers

My name is **Mojgan Tahvildari**. I am the mother of **Aria Alidoust Gharibabadi**, my 23-year-old son who was killed by direct gunfire in Lahijan in January 2026. Aria was kind, deeply loved animals, and always tried to help others. We had been separated for years and were supposed to see each other again after seven long years, but that reunion never happened. Every night I watch his last video, where he is feeding stray dogs, and my heart breaks all over again. I wrote, “Goodbye, my beautiful moon...” But I will not be silent. Aria gave his life for freedom, and I will stand for justice for him.

