

Iran -- Free **Arzhang Davoodi**

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Arzhang Davoodi was arrested in October 2003, for assisting in the production of "Forbidden Iran," a TV documentary, in which he spoke about the plight of political prisoners in Iran. The documentary tells of the death while in custody of Canadian-Arabian photojournalist Zahra Kazemi. It was broadcast on the PBS program, Frontline in the USA.

Arzhang Davoodi is one of Iran's longest-serving prisoners of conscience.

He was sentenced to 15 years and 70 lashes in prison. While in prison, he was kept in incommunicado detention--in solitary confinement for several months. In 2011 new charges were brought against him and an additional 14 months were added to his sentence. In August 2013, his sentence was extended another 4 years for a total 20 years and eight months. He has never been allowed to see his original conviction order, or the official verdict. Now **Arzhang Davoodi** has a Moharebeh charge -an enemy of God- which carries the death sentence.

Arzhang Davoodi has been severely beaten and tortured while in detention. He suffers from a broken jaw, teeth, and shoulder. He also suffers from serious injuries to his ear and eyes as a result of which his hearing and his sight are impaired. He is in urgent need of medical attention.

- ** Immediately and unconditionally release **Prisoner of Conscience Arzhang Davoodi**;
- ** Pending release **Arzhang Davoodi** must be given all necessary **medical treatment** promptly;
- ** Pending release, **Arzhang Davoodi** must be **protected from harsh and ill-treatment**.

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