

Open letter from 39 prisoners in the central prison of Urmia

23 May 2024

In a letter addressed to the head of the Iran Prisons Organization and international human rights organizations.

Thirty-nine prisoners in Urmia prison, referring to their miserable condition in the two security wards of this prison, asked them to "rescue us!"

Urmia is one of the big cities of Azerbaijan, Iran, where nearly 50% of its population is Kurds. Most of the government murders (executions) take place in this **prison**.¹

Thursday, May 23, 2024, it has been published on two websites, "Kurdistan Human Rights Network" and "Campaign for the Defense of Political and Civil Prisoners".

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- 1- "Torture" of protesters
- 2- Horrible prison conditions
- 3- Many prisoners committed suicide

"There are two 30-meter rooms, one of which is called the safe cell and the other is called the special cell," and "only in the safe cell there is a limited possibility of contact with the family," and other prisoners are denied any contact.

"Each of us has been transferred here for punishment due to false prison reports, and we don't know how long we will be here."

More than 800 prisoners demanded the dismissal of the head of Urmia Central Prison.

"Several prisoners of this ward have committed suicide in protest against the harsh conditions of detention; we are disappointed with life and even see our comfort in death."

¹ <https://www.radiofarda.com/a/secret-section-in-urmia-prison/32961966.html>

"Those who protest this situation are severely tortured by the prison officers, and even the doctor does not come here to treat us."

<https://www.radiozamaneh.com/819123>

<https://kurdistanhumanrights.org/fa/news-fa/prisoners-fa/2024/05/23/p34411>

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Execution

Relief on Saturday, May 21, 2024, the death sentence of 6 prisoners named Parveen Mousavi, Asghar Hajizadeh, Ramin Lundpour, Parviz Ghasemi, Mansour Naseri and Youssef Saeedi, who were previously sentenced to death on charges related to "narcotics" in the central prisons of Urmia and Selmas was implemented.

