

IRAN

Atena Daemi: Jailed for opposing the death penalty & advocating for women's rights



Women human rights defender Atena Daemi dreams of an end to the death penalty in Iran. She has criticized the country's execution record on social media. She has handed out leaflets. She's taken part in a peaceful protest against the execution of a young woman. These simple actions take great courage in Iran.

Incredibly, these activities have been cited as "evidence" of her criminal activity. Her trial, which ended with a sentence of seven years in jail, was a sham. It lasted just 15 minutes and resulted in her conviction on trumped-up charges, including "gathering and colluding to commit crimes against national security".

The cruel treatment of Atena Daemi is one more bitter example of the intense crackdown on people who speak out for a fairer Iran. Dozens have been imprisoned, and many others face surveillance, interrogations, and drawn-out prosecutions, forcing them into silence.

Atena has suffered so much already. She's been beaten, pepper sprayed, and forced into solitary confinement. Still she continues to fight for human rights. Earlier this year, she went on hunger strike to protest her transfer to the notorious Evin prison. Her health has deteriorated alarmingly while in custody.

Women human rights defenders in Iran are at particular risk of persecution because they defy traditional gender norms by publicly advocating for human rights.

Tell Iran: Atena Daemi must go free without more delay.

Everyone has the right to life and security of person.

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression and opinion.

*Article 3 and 19,
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights*

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Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the Head of the Judiciary.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the unjustified detention and treatment of Atena Daemi.
- ◆ Ask him to release her without delay or conditions on her freedom.

Send your message to

Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani
c/o Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN
Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28
1209 Geneva
Switzerland

Postage: \$2.50

Email: mission.iran@ties.itu.int
or iranungva@mfa.gov.ir

Women human rights defenders around the world often face a heightened risk of discrimination and violence because of their gender and because of the social change for which they advocate. These risks are compounded for women experiencing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

Human rights defenders like Atena Daemi are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights.

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Atena Daemi at work in 2015. © Private

Support Atena!

It is not safe to mail greetings to either Atena or her family inside Iran. But you may mail them to Amnesty's international office. They will search for safe ways to share your messages of solidarity.

Atena loves nature and traveling. She plans to write a book after her release. In prison, she has learned how to work with leather. **Please send greetings without reference to religion or alcohol.** You may include your return address and mention Amnesty International in your message.

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