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Iran: Hasti Amiri sentenced in absentia to three years in prison, a fine and a travel ban for her social media posts about prisoners' rights

On 18 August 2025, **Hasti Amiri** [announced](#) that she had been sentenced by Branch 26 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court to a total of three years in prison and additional punishments on the charges of “spreading disinformation,” and “propaganda activities against the state” for her social media activities including advocating for prisoners' rights and against the death penalty in Iran.

[Hasti Amiri](#) is a woman human rights defender and campaigner for students' rights and a graduate student of law at Allameh Tabataba'i University. Previously in 2022, she had been sentenced to one year in prison on the charge of “propaganda activities against state” for her advocacy for women's rights and against death penalty and have served seven months in Evin prison in 2022.

On 18 August 2025, Hasti Amiri announced that Branch 26 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court had sentenced her to two years in prison and a fine of 500 million IRR on the charge of “spreading disinformation,” one year in prison on the charge of “propaganda activities against the state”, 33 Million IRR for appearing without the wearing a hijab in a public space, a travel ban of two years, and a two year ban from membership in political and social groups.

Branch 26 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court has charged the woman human rights defender with “propaganda activities against the state” based on evidence including her social media activities advocating against the death penalty and the publishing of an article called “All executions are political” which she wrote in August 2024. The Court also argued that Hasti Amiri's social media posts about the situation of prisoners in Iran, especially political prisoners in Evin prison, are examples of “spreading disinformation.”

This is not the first time Hasti Amiri has been targeted for speaking up against the violation of human rights in Iran. Hasti Amiri was imprisoned from [April – August 2024](#) due to her participation in a peaceful protest on 7 March 2023 against several incidents of poisoning of school girls in Iran. In October 2023, she was sentenced to one year in prison on the charge of “propaganda activities against state” by Branch 36 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court of Appeals. The initial verdict had been issued in June 2023 by Branch 26 of the Tehran Revolutionary Court in relation to the woman human rights defender's advocacy in support of students' rights and protesting against the poisonings.

Front Line Defenders is seriously concerned about the sentencing of woman human rights defender Hasti Amiri as it believes it is in reprisal for her peaceful and legitimate human rights work including advocacy for the right to life and the prisoners' rights.

Front Line Defenders urges the authorities in Iran to:

1. Immediately quash the sentence against Hasti Amiri and ensure all charges against her are dropped;
2. Cease the targeting of all human rights defenders in Iran and guarantee in all circumstances that they are able to carry out their legitimate human rights activities without fear of reprisals and free of all restrictions including judicial harassment.

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