

You can imprison my body, but never my conscience!

I protest, not only against a verdict issued by an illegitimate authority - illegitimate because the Revolutionary Court does not have jurisdiction and because the judge in Branch 26 is the head of intelligence protection in the Revolutionary Court and does not have the authority to pass judgement - ,

I protest, not only against the contents of the verdict which openly state that the judicial system does not believe in the value of freedom of expression and the right to protest,

Rather, I protest against the government that has ruthlessly ridiculed justice, and that abuses the judicial system, the courts, the prisons, and the judiciary to suppress protest, even in its most peaceful form, which is issuing a statement.

I protest against the government that wants to chain our conscience by depriving us of the human and moral right to protest, and to chain and imprison our conscience.

I protest against the government that wants to force us to remain in a shameful silence in the face of injustice and knowingly and deliberately will not allow conscious and responsible citizens to fight the destruction and disorder with their civil rights.

I protest against the government that wants to deprive us of humanity and turn it into indifferent and silent statues.

I protest against the government that has woven tension and conflict into its cloth, conflict with everyone, with its people and the world, and which, with its least honourable policies, has deprived us of physical and spiritual peace and security.

I protest against all injustices and oppression, and against the imprisonment of the innocent.

I am still protesting against the brutal massacre of November 2019. Wherever I may be, even in prison, I protest and will protest against injustice.

You can imprison my body, but never my conscience! I prefer prison to shameful silence in the face of injustice and corruption.

Wise Jibreel will open the lock one day

The key to the prison will be found, grieve not

Sedigheh Vasmaghi

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#اختصاص

- The verdict was issued against those accused of the “statement of the 77 people” / Ali Shakoori Rad was sentenced to one year in prison because of the statement of the Islamic Iran Nation Unity Party / Mehdi Mahmoudian was sentenced to five years in

prison / Mohammad Hossein Karroubi, Mohsen Armin, Ghorban Behzadiannejad and Sedigheh Vasmaghi were sentenced to one year in prison.

- Extension – News Group: Hojjat Kermani, the lawyer and legal expert Azar Mansouri, Reyhaneh Tabatabai, Ali Shakoori Rad and Mohsen Aminzadeh gave the news that the verdict had been announced for 14 reformist political activists, prosecuted on account of the “statement of the 77 people” in Branch 26 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran.
- According to this lawyer, the verdict stated that Ms Azar Mansouri, Ms Reyhaneh Tabatabai, Mr Issa Saharkhiz, Mr Abdullah Ramezanzadeh, Mr Mohammad Sadegh Norouzi, Mr Mehdi Darispour, Mr Hassan Asadizidabadi, and Mr Mohsen Aminzadeh were acquitted of “spreading propaganda against the system”, but Mr Ali Shakoori Rad, Mr Mohammad Hossein Karroubi, Mr Mohsen Armin, Mr Ghorban Behzadiannejad and Ms Sedigheh Vasmaghi were sentenced to one year in prison.
- Also, Mr. Mehdi Mahmoudian was sentenced to one year in prison on charges of “spreading propaganda against the system” and to four years in prison, a two year ban on party membership and leaving the country, and 4 months community service on charges of “conspiracy to disrupt the security of the country”.
- It should be mentioned that in the case of Mohammad Hossein Karroubi, Issa Saharkhiz, Mehdi Mahmoudian, Abdullah Ramezanzadeh, Mohsen Armin, Mohammad Sadegh Norouzi, Ghorban Behzadiannejad, Mehdi Darispour, Hassan Asadizidabadi, Mohsen Aminzadeh, Azar Mansoori, Reyhan Tabatabai and Sedigheh Vasmaghi, were accused of “spreading propaganda against the system” after signing the “statement of the 77 people” regarding the events of November 2019 in protest against the increase in gasoline prices and calling for non-violence in dealing with protesters. Mr. Ali Shakoori Rad, was accused of “spreading propaganda against the system” after issuing a statement from the Ittihad Mellat party regarding the events of November 2019.

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