

Case Status: Shiva Nazar Ahari is a member of the Committee of Human Rights Reporters. She has been arrested several times by the IRI for her efforts in human rights advocacy. Shiva was banned from continuing her education and completing her master's in civil engineering. Only days after her 26th birthday in June 2010, while still imprisoned in Evin, Shiva learned she faced the extreme charge of "moharebeh" (enmity against God) — a charge that carries a risk of execution.

In a n open letter, Shiva's mother wrote of her daughter:

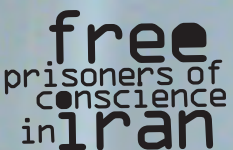
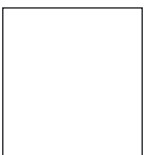
"When I went to the university to pick up your diploma, every official at the university congratulated me for having a daughter with such perseverance, and they prayed that in the future, imprisonment would not be the penalty for loving [fellow] human beings and seeking justice."

Please call for the release of Shiva Nazar Ahari, and all other prisoners of conscience in Iran, using every mechanism at your disposal. With the integrity of human rights standards at stake, we urge you to ensure that Shiva, and all other prisoners of conscience in Iran, are not punished for their beliefs and free expressions.

Nothing is as fatal to human rights as indifference.

Demand an end to executions and the mistreatment of prisoners.

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The logo for "free prisoners of conscience in iran", with the words "free", "prisoners of", "conscience", and "in iran" stacked vertically.

Case Status: Detained on baseless charges  
Crime: Journalism & Human Rights Activism

Shiva Nazar Ahari  
Age: 26