

Case Status: Zeynab Jalalian is a 27-year-old Kurdish prisoner who faces imminent execution. Her prosecution did not produce any evidence of her engaging in armed activity, which, under Iran's own law, is the legal basis for Moharebeh. Two human rights lawyers attempting to represent Zeynab have been prevented from doing so. Zeynab's case is, sadly, not unique. Many other Kurds face execution and, like Zeynab, many have been denied the right to legal counsel and a fair trial.

Zeynab, in a plea to the world after her execution sentence was confirmed, writes:

Dear Human Rights Organizations,

My name is Ms Zeynab Jalalian. I am a 27 year-old Kurdish female prisoner... I am currently ill because of torture, and I don't have a lawyer to defend me... my trial took only a few minutes. The court told me: 'You are God's enemy [and] have to be hanged very soon...' I asked the judge to give me permission to say good-bye to my mother & family before execution. He told me 'shut up' and rejected [my plea].

We ask you to ensure Iran's own laws are implemented, which guarantees the right to legal representation & a fair trial. Please call for a halt to all executions and mistreatment of prisoners. Please help save Zeynab's life.

Nothing is as fatal to human rights as indifference.

Demand an end to executions and the mistreatment of prisoners.

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Sentence: Execution
Crime: Promoting
Kurdish Rights

Zeynab Jalalian
Age: 27