

Three Kurds arrested during protest in Sanandaj

Human Rights Activists in Iran, Aug. 10, 2008: A gathering was held outside Sanandaj's Department of Justice to protest the execution sentence of Anvar Hossein Panahi, Kurdish teacher and activist. Security and intelligence forces present at the gathering arrested two of the demonstrators, Masoud Hossein Panahi and Fardin Hossein Panahi [relatives of Anvar Hossein Panahi] and transferred them to an unknown place. Security forces also arrested Shamsoddin Hossein Panahi the night before allegedly for participating and organizing the demonstration and to threaten others from attending the protest gathering. There is no information on the whereabouts and condition of Mr. Shamsoddin Hossein Panahi.



Imprisoned woman activist transferred to hospital

Human Rights Activists in Iran, July 25, 2008: Ronak Safarzadeh was transferred out of prison to a hospital on July 24 due to severe illness. Ronak was arrested on September 25, 2007 by security forces in Sanandaj. She is a human rights activist engaged in women's affairs. Medical examinations indicated infection in her digestive system. Ms. Safarzadeh had repeatedly complained from lack of medical supplies in the females' prison, however, she never received the proper treatment. Ms. Safarzadeh has been charged with acting against national security and is still in an undetermined condition in Sanandaj Prison.



Father burns daughter for rejecting marriage proposal

Iran-News agency, July 24, 2008: On July 22, a father set her daughter on fire in Shiraz, Southern west of Iran. She was transferred to hospital. Hanieh Masdoum, 25, said: My father believed that a girl must not be educated; therefore, I studied only up to grade eight and that by force. My uncle had introduced a man to my family to wed me, but I did not accept the offer to marry him. My father then poured some kerosene on me to frighten me. When he learned that I was still on my words and not willing to marry the man, he lit the matches and burned me..." Hanieh has suffered 40 percent burns and is presently hospitalized in Qotbodin Accident

Four prisoners hanged in Zahedan

NCRI, Aug. 12 2008: The mullahs' inhuman regime hanged 4 prisoners identified as Gole-Mohammad Salehzehi, Rahim Baranzehi, Lal-Mohammad Zainidini and Asadollah Eshaqzehi in the prison yard in the southeastern city of Zahedan, the state-run news agency reported.

Girls mistreated in welfare centers in Zanjan

Prasineh website, July 25, 2008: Following the report on burning the children in Zanjan's welfare center, Rahmatollah Bigdely, member of the science delegation of Azad University in Zanjan and managing director of Bahar weekly, wrote a report and explained about the conditions of girls in the orphanage center of 'Shekoofehaye Narges'. The care takers sometimes collected the carpets and forced the girls to sleep on the mosaics or floor. They were also forced to stay in the yard in the cold snowy winter without having any clothes on." They also locked up small children in the basement and toilets that were in the yard during summer and winter. They sometimes forced us to lick the toilet and sometimes burn our hands." She also said: "My mother kneeled before Mr. X and begged him to allow her to see her daughters, but he threw her out of his office and did not allow her to see them. He told her that since she was re-married, she could not see her daughters! "Presently, there is a girl by the name of Sh. in that center. She used to be very nice and polite. She used to exercise the martial arts and she was an athlete. Unfortunately, as a result of the officials' mistreatment, she turned into a drug addict and tries to commit suicide once every day by cutting her vein."