

Demonstration in Oromieh province

Iran Khabar Agency, Jan. 31, 2008: On Tuesday, 50 residents of the town of Shahrak in Oromieh province gathered in a protest in front of the governors' office. The protesters held placards calling the province to solve the water and electricity problems.

Seven other students summoned to disciplinary committee

Amir Kabir Newsletter – Jan. 23, 2008: On January 22, seven other student activists at Social Sciences College of Tehran University were summoned to the disciplinary committee. This follows a new wave of widespread summoning of students at different universities. Pegah Hamzeii (f), Hiva Majidzadeh, Morteza Masakeni and Hassan Salamat are among the seven students summoned. The University's Dean has irresponsibly issued widespread summoning and heavy disciplinary sentences for student activist on the threshold of the final examinations.

Political prisoner on the verge of death

Human Rights activists & Democracy in Iran– Jan. 22, 2008: Mr. Ali Asghar Nikbakht, 64, has been imprisoned in Golpayegan, Bam and Isfahan prisons from 1996 to March 2006. Over these years, he has endured most brutal torture and is recently under tremendous mental pressure. He became ill with cancer in prison but Intelligence Ministry agents did not allow any medical treatment for him until his condition became critical. In November 2007 agents arrested him again and sent him to the prisons. Mr. Nikbakht's physical condition is presently very serious and prison doctors have told his son, Mr. Mohammad Nikhbakht that he will live between three to six months at most due to high blood infection.

Woman activist in Mahabad threatened

Human Rights activists & Democracy in Iran– Jan. 22, 2008: Over the past few days, Mrs. Nasrin Roorast, a women's activist, was threatened by some unknown persons to put an end to her activities. The threats she received were crank calls and death threats. The security system had held account and interrogated Mrs. Roorast in different stages for her continuous civil activities.

Arya Newspaper banned

Asr-e Iran state-run website – Jan. 20, 2008: "Arya newspaper is subjected to article 16 of the 'Press Law' and is not allowed to be published," said the Director General of the Domestic Press of the Cultural and Islamic Guidance Ministry.

Detention of a 16 year old girl

Iran Khabar Agency, Jan. 31, 2008: A 16year old girl was arrested at a sports stadium in Abadan City for watching a football game. This young girl had dressed like a boy to enter the Abadan Stadium. After a while the police noticed and arrested her and a friend.

28 prisoners transferred to Evin Prison for execution

Human Rights activists in Iran, Jan. 31, 2007: 28 ordinary prisoners of Gohardasht have been transferred to Evin Prison. From these 28, some are to be executed in Evin Prison and others in a public hanging. Some of the names are: Mohammad Abedini, 26 – Mohsen Gholami, 30 - Abbas Kahali, 20 – Faraz Ebrahimi, 25. Currently 4 teens in Gohardasht prison are waiting for their execution date. One of them is named Benyamin Hosseini who was 15yrs old at the time of his arrest.