

8 Women sentenced to stoning

Reuters, July 20, 2008 - At least eight women and one man have been sentenced to be stoned to death in Iran and may be executed at any time, the lawyers defending several of those sentenced said today. The last officially reported stoning in the Islamic Republic was carried out on a man a year ago which drew criticism from rights groups, the European Union and a top U.N. official. Iran's judiciary chief Ayatollah Mohmoud Hashemi-Shahrudi ordered a moratorium on stoning in 2002.

Day 5 of walkout by 1,200 Kiyan Tire factory workers

Iran National TV, July 21, 2008 - More than 1,200 Kiyan Tire factory workers began their 5th day of strike over their unpaid salaries. This is the second time in a year that they have walked out over pay disputes. The workers went on strike on April 12th for the first time after the government-linked management called in the suppressive State Security Force (SSF) – mullahs' suppressive police – to crush their demonstration. A number of the workers were arrested in that incident. A week earlier, one thousand workers in this factory went on strike demanding their unpaid salaries. The mullahs' inhuman regime, fearing the spread of such movements, rushed hundreds of the State Security Forces (SSF) to the scene to suppress the strikers.



Self immolation of young girl in Ghazvin

Etemad state-run daily newspaper, July 20, 2008: A girl who tried to end her life by self-immolation is now near her death in Ghazvin Hospital. Police investigations show that this 25 year old girl, Fataneh poured gasoline on herself in the middle of a family feud due to the pressures she was faced with. Her conditions are serious and she is in the CCU.

Seven prisoners hanged in Isfahan, Sanandaj and Borazjan

Iran National TV, July 14, 2008 - Four prisoners were hanged in public in Borazjan The mullahs' regime hanged two prisoners without naming them in a prison in the central city of Isfahan on Sunday, according to state broadcasted reports. Four prisoners were hanged in public by the regime in the southern city of Borazjan in the province of Bushehr. The four were not identified by the mullahs' judiciary. Separately, on July 10, the Iranian regime hanged a prisoner identified as Ahmad Khalaj in the central prison of the Kurdish city of Sanandaj. Being wounded he was not able to stand up at the time of hanging.

Widespread suppression of youths under the pretext of combating "thugs and hooligans"

NCRI, July 15, 2008 - The semi-official news agency Fars on Sunday referred to the "widespread arrests across the greater Tehran" in what it called a major sweep of "thugs and hooligans". "The arrests are made in accordance with the 'public security plan' [already in progress since 2007] and various police units had participated," Fars added. Saeed Mortazavi, Tehran's prosecutor-general, went along in the raids on the capital's youths with the Brig. Gen. Ahmadreza Radan, chief of greater Tehran's State Security Forces (SSF) – mullahs' suppressive police – to supervise the operations.

More than 300 truck drivers blocked Tehran-Jajroud Highway

Iran Monitor, July 19, 2008 - More than 300 truck drivers blocked Tehran-Jajroud highway in protest to police corruptions. The participating drivers explained to vehicles stopping that the police were only allowed to intervene when a crime was in the making or to issue tickets for traffic violations. However, they [police] stop us on the road and demand bribes for false accusations of traffic violations.