

More than 600 from Pars paper mill factory protest unpaid salaries

Iran National TV, October 3, 2008: More 600 Pars paper mill factory workers gathered outside the governor's office in the southwestern city of Shoosh on Monday. The protesters demanded their unpaid salaries for the past six months. They chanted anti-government slogans, "God is great, we are hungry" and "Is there anyone to help us?"



A young man on death row

NCRI, Sept 30: A young man, Rahim Ahmadi, soon will face gallows in Iran. Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, chief of mullahs' judiciary on Sunday upheld a death sentence by the lower court for him. Ahmadi was 15 at the time of the alleged crime. Mohammad Mostafai, Ahmadi's attorney maintains that his client is innocent and had no intention of murdering the victim who was his friend.



Residence of an arrested student searched without her presence

Amir Kabir Newsletter – Sept. 22, 2008: On September 22, security forces searched the residence of Hasti Khozravi, architect student at Khajeh Nasir University, for two hours without her presence. Hasti, member of the Central Council of the Student Islamic Association at Khajeh Nasir University, was arrested and sent to Evin Prison, after she had referred to the court on Saturday, September 20, upon a summoning warrant.

Flogging a punishment for those who eat during day in Ramadhan

Fars News agency – Sept. 21, 2008: The Revolutionary and Public Prosecutor in Tabriz said, "On the 20th day of the holy month of Ramadhan, so far around 50 persons have been arrested for eating during the day and their punishments carried out in prisons." He explained that majority of them were flogged based on the Islamic Punishment Law and stated, "If necessary, the issued punishments for those eating during the day, will soon be carried out in public."

"Based on article 638 of the Islamic Punishment Law, eating during the day in the holy month of Ramadhan, is a crime and its punishment is imprisonment, paying a fine or flogging," reminded the Revolutionary and Public Prosecutor.



21-year-old youth hanged in Kermanshah

Iran-News Agency – Sept. 29, 2008: Homayoon Shabestari, 21, was hanged in a prison in Kermanshah on Friday morning, September 26. He had stabbed his friend to death during a group fight in 2005.

Political activist killed in Saqez

Iran Press News – Sept. 29, 2008: Last night, Diako Salehi, Kurdish political activist, who had been arrested several times over the past years for cooperating with Kurdish political opposition groups, was attacked by strangers and stabbed to death in Saqez.

Students beaten by guards

Iran-News Agency – Sept. 29, 2008: University guards prevented the entry of three students of Sistan and Balouchestan University in Zahedan, who came to their dormitory at midnight on September 28, for not having their student IDs along. When the students objected the guards, they were confronted with curses and insults and were called Afghans. The guards called the other patrol guards and attacked and bludgeoned the students. The students, who were badly injured, had no choice but to spend the night at a motel.