

News blog
Iran election protests: the dead, jailed and missing

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A month ago today, the Guardian began an attempt to record the names and faces of those killed or imprisoned in Iran since the 12 June election - and we asked you to help, locating the blogs, Facebook profiles and news stories connected with those in the protests against what was claimed as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's victory.

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The detained include students, members of the main opposition parties, former members of ex-president Mohammad Khatami's reformist administration, campaigners for Ahmadinejad's main opponent, Mir Hossein Mousavi, journalists and bloggers. Over the last few weeks, human rights lawyers have been detained too - Mohammad Ali Dadkhah, a founder member of Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi's Human Rights Defenders Centre, was arrested with several colleagues while Shadi Sadr, a lawyer and women's rights activist, was seized on the street and bundled in to a car just under two weeks ago.

Campaigners are also pressing for the release of Kian Tajbakhsh, an American-Iranian scholar said to be under pressure to confess involvement in an alleged western plot to orchestrate the protests.

There is concern about the conditions in which the detainees are being held. On Monday, we reported the deaths of Mohsen Rouholamini, 25, and Amir Javadifar, 24, from meningitis after their injuries went untreated. Ramin Ghahremani, 30, who died in hospital days after his release, told his mother he had been hung upside down from the ceiling. Isa Saharkhiz, a prominent reformist journalist and commentator, reportedly suffered broken ribs after being tortured under interrogation. Saeed Hajarian, disabled since an assassination attempt in 2000 and in need of daily medical care, was reported by his wife to be undergoing interrogations in 40-degree heat and to be "completely weak and was unable to speak easily". He may be one of those set to be released.

The father of one of the detained, Mohammadreza Jalaeipour, 27, an Oxford PhD student and Mousavi's social media strategist (in this interview with the Wall Street Journal, he says he developed many ideas while obsessively following the Obama campaign), compared the jails to Abu Ghraib. One, however, has been closed: Kahrizak, on the southern edge of Tehran, which Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,

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You can see the full list of those believed killed or detained and download a spreadsheet here. If you have any information and can help us, contribute using this form.

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