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More than 1 million people join global campaign to demand Iranian government release Nasrin Sotoudeh

More than a million people in more than 200 countries and territories across the globe have come together to express their outrage at the sentencing of prominent Iranian human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh to 38 years and six months in prison and 148 lashes after two grossly unfair trials, Amnesty International announced today, as signatures demanding her release were handed in to Iranian embassies around the world.

To mark one year since Nasrin Sotoudeh's arrest, Amnesty International is organizing a global handover of the signatures collected, calling on the Iranian authorities to release her immediately and unconditionally. Under Iran's sentencing guidelines, she is due to serve 17 years in prison.

"The cruel sentence handed down to Nasrin Sotoudeh for defending women's rights and standing up against Iran's discriminatory and degrading forced veiling laws has sent shock waves around the world. The injustice of her case has touched the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people who, in a moving display of solidarity, have raised their voices to demand her freedom," said Philip Luther, Research and Advocacy Director for the Middle East and North Africa at Amnesty International.

"We hope the support for Amnesty International's campaign shows Nasrin Sotoudeh that, despite having to face an agonizing ordeal, she is not alone. Her continued detention has exposed the depths of the Iranian authorities' repression on an international stage. Today we are sending them a clear message: the world is watching and our campaign will continue until Nasrin Sotoudeh is free."

Nasrin Sotoudeh's case is emblematic of a wider crackdown by the Iranian authorities in the last few years to quash Iran's civil society and silence those advocating for human rights in the country. Amnesty International is calling on the Iranian authorities to stop attacks on human rights defenders, including [human rights lawyers](#) and women's rights defenders.

"This campaign demonstrates that, whether we are in Argentina, Cameroon, Japan, Pakistan or Spain, what unites us is our common humanity and we need to stand up against human rights violations wherever they are happening in the world," said Philip Luther.

As of 10 June, 1,188,381 people had signed Amnesty International's petition.

Background

Nasrin Sotoudeh is a prominent human rights lawyer and women's rights defender who has dedicated her life to peaceful human rights work, including through opposing discriminatory forced veiling laws and the death penalty. She was arrested at her home on 13 June 2018.

In March 2019, she [was sentenced to 33 years and six months](#) in prison and 148 lashes in connection with her human rights work. Under Iran's sentencing guidelines, the actual prison term she has to serve in this case is 12 years.

In September 2016, Nasrin Sotoudeh had been sentenced in her absence to five years' imprisonment in a separate case also linked to her human rights work.

Taking both cases together, the total prison sentence against her is 38 years and six months, 17 years of which she is expected to serve.

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BELOW IS A LIST OF THE COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE SIGNED THE PETITION:

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Algeria
4. American Samoa
5. Andorra
6. Angola
7. Anguilla
8. Antigua and Barbuda
9. Argentina
10. Armenia
11. Australia
12. Austria
13. Azerbaijan
14. Bahamas
15. Bahrain
16. Bangladesh
17. Barbados
18. Belarus
19. Belgium
20. Belize
21. Benin
22. Bermuda
23. Bhutan
24. Bolivia, Plurinational State of
25. Bosnia and Herzegovina

26. Botswana
27. Brazil
28. Brunei Darussalam
29. Bulgaria
30. Burkina Faso
31. Burundi
32. Cambodia
33. Cameroon
34. Canada
35. Cape Verde
36. Cayman Islands
37. Central African Republic
38. Chad
39. Chile
40. China
41. Colombia
42. Comoros
43. Congo
44. Congo, the Democratic Republic of the
45. Cook Islands
46. Costa Rica
47. Côte d'Ivoire
48. Croatia
49. Cuba
50. Cyprus
51. Czech Republic
52. Denmark
53. Djibouti
54. Dominica
55. Dominican Republic
56. Ecuador
57. Egypt
58. El Salvador
59. Equatorial Guinea
60. Eritrea
61. Estonia
62. Ethiopia
63. Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
64. Faroe Islands
65. Fiji
66. Finland
67. France
68. French Guiana
69. French Polynesia
70. Gabon
71. Gambia
72. Georgia
73. Germany

74. Ghana
75. Gibraltar
76. Greece
77. Greenland
78. Grenada
79. Guadeloupe
80. Guam
81. Guatemala
82. Guinea
83. Guinea-Bissau
84. Guyana
85. Haiti
86. Honduras
87. Hong Kong
88. Hungary
89. Iceland
90. India
91. Indonesia
92. Iran, Islamic Republic of
93. Iraq
94. Ireland
95. Israel
96. Italy
97. Jamaica
98. Japan
99. Jordan
100. Kazakhstan
101. Kenya
102. Kiribati
103. Kuwait
104. Kyrgyzstan
105. Lao People's Democratic Republic
106. Latvia
107. Lebanon
108. Lesotho
109. Liberia
110. Libya
111. Liechtenstein
112. Lithuania
113. Luxembourg
114. Macao
115. Macedonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of
116. Madagascar
117. Malawi
118. Malaysia
119. Maldives
120. Mali
121. Malta

122. Martinique
123. Mauritania
124. Mauritius
125. Mexico
126. Moldova, Republic of
127. Monaco
128. Mongolia
129. Montenegro
130. Morocco
131. Mozambique
132. Myanmar
133. Namibia
134. Nepal
135. Netherlands
136. New Caledonia
137. New Zealand
138. Nicaragua
139. Niger
140. Nigeria
141. Niue
142. North Korea
143. Norway
144. Oman
145. Pakistan
146. Palau
147. Palestine, State of
148. Panama
149. Papua New Guinea
150. Paraguay
151. Peru
152. Philippines
153. Poland
154. Portugal
155. Puerto Rico
156. Qatar
157. Réunion
158. Romania
159. Russian Federation
160. Rwanda
161. Saint Kitts and Nevis
162. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
163. Samoa
164. San Marino
165. Saudi Arabia
166. Senegal
167. Serbia
168. Seychelles
169. Sierra Leone

170. Singapore
171. Slovakia
172. Slovenia
173. Solomon Islands
174. Somalia
175. South Africa
176. South Korea
177. South Sudan
178. Spain
179. Sri Lanka
180. Sudan
181. Suriname
182. Swaziland
183. Sweden
184. Switzerland
185. Syrian Arab Republic
186. Taiwan, Province of China
187. Tajikistan
188. Tanzania, United Republic of
189. Thailand
190. Timor-Leste
191. Togo
192. Trinidad and Tobago
193. Tunisia
194. Turkey
195. Turkmenistan
196. Turks and Caicos Islands
197. Uganda
198. Ukraine
199. United Arab Emirates
200. United Kingdom
201. United States
202. Uruguay
203. Uzbekistan
204. Vanuatu
205. Vatican
206. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
207. Viet Nam
208. Virgin Islands, British
209. Virgin Islands, U.S.
210. Yemen
211. Zambia
212. Zimbabwe