



VIGIL TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN AND TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF DETAINED IRANIAN-AMERICANS



Haleh Esfandiari

THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ENGAGED IN A WIDESPREAD CRACK-DOWN ON CIVIL SOCIETY IN IRAN

In May the government of Iran arrested four Iranian-Americans: prominent U.S. scholars **Haleh Esfandiari** and **Kian Tajbakhsh**, journalist **Parnaz Azima** and activist **Ali Shakeri**. Esfandiari, Tajbakhsh and Shakeri remain in detention without being able to see family, lawyers, or the ICRC. All four face serious charges stemming from their efforts to promote an Iranian-American dialogue and scholarly work and could be sentenced to long prison terms.

JOIN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE AMERICAN ISLAMIC CONGRESS, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, THE NATIONAL IRANIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL, THE NEAR EASTERN STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, AND VITAL VOICES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AS WE CALL FOR THE RELEASE AND DROPPING OF UNFOUNDED CHARGES AGAINST THE DETAINED IRANIAN-AMERICANS

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE **SHAUL BAKHASH**, HUSBAND OF HALEH ESFANDIARI, AND **ZAINAB AL-SUWAJI** OF THE AMERICAN ISLAMIC CONGRESS

WHERE: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at 1st Avenue and 47th Street across from the United Nations Plaza

WHEN: Wednesday June 27, 12 noon to 1 pm

Feel free to bring signs calling for freedom for the detained activists. This is to be a non-political and non-partisan action advocating human rights

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Kian Tajbakhsh