

Iran: Rasht: Labor activist, Sharifeh Mohammadi, sentenced to death for “rebellion”

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Sharifeh Mohammadi, a labor activist detained seven months ago, is currently imprisoned in the women’s ward of Rasht’s Lakan Prison (Rasht Central Prison). Recently, she has been sentenced to death by the Iranian Judiciary on charges of “rebellion”.

According to the report received by the Hengaw Organization for Human Rights, Sharifeh Mohammadi, a labor activist from Rasht, has recently been sentenced to death by the First Branch of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Court in Rasht. This verdict was handed down by Judges Ahmed Darwish Goftar and Mehdi Raskhi. Mohammadi was charged with “rebellion for to her involvement with the Coordination Committee for the Formation of Labor Organizations and its alleged affiliation with the Komala Party”. The court’s decision is based on Articles 211 and 287 of the Islamic Penal Code, ratified in 2013.

According to documents obtained by Hengaw, Sharifeh Mohammadi’s lawyer has been formally notified of the verdict. This ruling may be appealed to the Supreme Court of Iran within 20 days of the notification.

The documents also state, “The country’s intelligence organization is the sole authority designated to identify gang members. All reports from the Intelligence Department of Gilan Province and the Intelligence Department of Kurdistan Province are included in the case file, identifying the accused as a member of the Komala Party and the Coordination Committee.” This underscores the lack of independence within the Iranian Judiciary and highlights the significant influence of security institutions over the judicial process.

It is important to note that the hearing for the charges against Sharifeh Mohammadi took place on Saturday, June 8, 2024, in the First Branch of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Court in Rasht.

According to a previous report by Hengaw, Sharifeh Mohammadi, a Gilak woman from Rasht, endured mental and physical torture at the hands of Iranian Intelligence interrogators in Sanandaj, who sought to extract a forced confession from her.

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Sharifeh Mohammadi was forcibly arrested at her home in Rasht by Iranian Intelligence forces. Over the past seven months (212 days), she has been held in the central prisons of Sanandaj and Lakan in Rasht, as well as in detention centers operated by the Iranian intelligence service.

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