

**MOHAMMAD
AMIN VALIAN
IRAN**

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PLEASE HELP MOHAMMAD AMIN VALIAN

Mohammad Amin Valian, a 20-year-old Damghan University student active in the Islamic Association, a student organization, was arrested on 12 January 2010. This followed his participation in a mass demonstration against the government on the religious festival of Ashoura on 27 December 2009, in protest at the disputed June election result and subsequent human rights violations.

Mohammad Amin Valian was transferred to an unknown location after an article calling for him to be punished appeared in a publication produced by Damghan University's student Basij (a volunteer militia force under the control of the Revolutionary Guards Corps). He appeared on 3 February 2010 in a mass "show trial" of people accused of involvement in the Ashoura demonstrations, accused of "enmity against God and corruption on earth", "gathering and colluding to commit crimes against national security", "propaganda activities against the system" and "insulting officials" after he was alleged to have thrown a stone and shouted "death to the dictator".



Mohammad Amin Valian

'Those who rise against the righteous system and [the leader], they are considered as rioters and according to the Shari'a [religious law] their punishment is execution. Those, among the Islamic ummah, who want to cause terror among people with guns or cold weapons [such as knives], they are considered as Mohareb [an enemy of God] and according to the Shari'a and the laws, their punishment is execution... Since the limits have been set and a final ultimatum has already been given, we will show no leniency towards those who protest and those who want to carry out an act against the system and the security of the country.'

Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Gholamhossein Mohseni-Eje'i, Prosecutor General, January 2010

The authorities initially did not identify him or acknowledge his death sentence. This changed after a campaign was launched to save his life and the Tehran Prosecutor acknowledged that he was on death row. An appeal was lodged, and in May 2010 his death sentence was commuted to three and a half years in prison.

ACT NOW

WRITE POLITELY WORDED LETTERS TO THE HEAD OF THE JUDICIARY:

■ welcoming the commutation of the death sentence imposed on Mohammad Amin Valian but expressing concern that he has been imprisoned after an unfair trial;

■ urging that a review of his conviction and sentence be undertaken as a matter of urgency;

■ urging the Iranian authorities to ensure that while imprisoned, Mohammad Amin Valian is granted access to his family, his lawyer and to adequate medical care.

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