



# Urgent Call!

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## A letter to student newsletter Bazr July 03, 2009

News leaking from prisons and underground detention centers, where detainees of the recent uprisings are kept is horrifying. It is important to start a massive campaign to expose on going crimes and genocides and to demand an unconditional and immediate release of all political prisoners. In Iran, families of the past or recent political prisoners can be the central nucleus and instigator to start the campaign. But, at this point and time Iranian in Diaspora can play a very significant role in this matter. Even the gatherings of the anniversary of the massacre of 1989 can be used as an occasion for this purpose.

News talk of brutal and inhumane tortures of inflicted on youths and others detained in resent uprising with intention to kill. At the same time pressure is put on marked and known people, like reporters and activists in Moussavi or Karrobi's camp to confess to their alleged crimes. It seems that in case of youths they are adopting the Latin America policies of disappearance. A prison guard in Evin was explaining that every day, from the segment allocated to Basiji (Militia) and information center of the Revolutionary Guard (army), where no one is allowed to enter there, the harsh and severe torturing is going on and that they are all unnerved because of the screams and cries from within; and that every day at least 10 corps, killed under the tortures are thrown in the ambulances and carried out to an unmarked burial places.

The aim of mass arrests and physical abuses in the public places and detention centers, while people are watching, is to scare everybody off. I myself know of few cases where the arrests took place because of age or physical appearance. They had been released after 10 hours of beating and verbal abuse with the hope of sending the message out. This is not their sole tactic. They are picking the most militant and active youths who were involved in street fight in and around the Basiji centers and state institutions out of the pictures taken by surveillance cameras, in an attempt to eradicate them from mass uprising. In most recent days, those who were shouting slogans from their roof tops are being picked and taken to detention centers. As had been mentioned earlier, they are attempting, before the start of school year when they most probably face with problem from teachers and students alike, do away with a few hundred people by the way of physical termination. It is also probable that schools will be half open. Secretary of education in a recent announcement mentioned that 300,000 eligible students for A.C.T. test did not come forward for their ID card, nor did they participate in the national exams. Who were these people? Why didn't they take part in the exams? Some say it was a form of protest and others say they had lost their interest to take the test and had no heart and mind for it. A few hundreds could have also been fugitive. Another news from the secretary was that this year only 20% of usual 40% entry permit allocating to the Islamists revolutionaries and Basijis will be allowed, which means (he is signaling) that there is more rooms for every body else. This was said at the time when it was understood that such allocations no longer exists. It is feasible that the plan is to fill the universities with Basijis to crush the student movements. It is of utmost importance that our comrades in Diaspora massively campaign on issue of disappearance. It is expected that this policy, just like the one in Latin America, be used against the students. Coup d'état doesn't even show any mercy for its own. To be aware of where they are standing, in regard to their internal conflicts, a retired prominent element of the ministry of information, now active member of Rafsanjani or Moussavi's camp, had sent a letter of complaints to Zarghami (the head of Iran's radio-television). He was kidnapped, beaten for a few hours and released. If they behave in such manners towards their own, can you imagine what they would do with students and youngsters who rose against them?

**It is an urgent situation, don't waist time!**