

Toomaj Salehi Rearrested for “Disturbing Public Opinion”! Protest Iran’s Ruthless Persecution of this People’s Artist!

International Emergency Campaign to Free Iran’s Political Prisoners Now (IEC)



On November 30, the popular Iranian rapper Toomaj Salehi and two companions were suddenly accosted on the street by plainclothes agents who beat them with the butts of their Kalashnikov rifles and dragged them off to an unknown location.

Toomaj had been out of prison pending appeal of his sham trial for only 12 days. Three days before this renewed assault by the theocratic thugs, he had posted an emotional and lengthy video thanking his supporters for their tireless struggle to free not just him but other political prisoners.

Iran judiciary’s Mizan news agency stated that Toomaj was arrested and accused of “publishing false information and disturbing public opinion”. The “false information”, according to his lawyer, refers to Toomaj’s formal lawsuit against the state for torture. In his recent video, Toomaj detailed the torture which broke his hands and leg, including the injection of a drug into his neck, which other political prisoners told him was likely an amphetamine to prevent him from passing out, so he continues to experience pain from the torture! Toomaj still suffers pain from the broken bones due to the torture, so there is abundant medical proof they had done this to him.

On the accusation of “disturbing public opinion”, it is hard to find a charge more self-exposing on the part of Iran’s officialdom. This is a regime who holds on to power through draconian repression amid recurring outbreaks, and an Islamic fundamentalist, fanatical social base. The Islamic Republic of Iran has been posing as supposedly anti-Zionist and anti-US-imperialist. They are vulnerable to public opinion inside and outside of Iran being disturbed as to having their legitimacy questioned or weakened. So: YES – LET’S DISTURB PUBLIC OPINION and get Toomaj’s stand and his music, and the fight to free all Iran’s political prisoners out into the world!

Make use of the IEC’s Toomaj resource page, including playlist of English-subtitled Toomaj music videos, at bit.ly/FreeToomaj.



“Thank you for your spirit of support, not just of me but of whomever needed support. The hero is all of you” -- Toomaj

You did not get tired...
You did not forget those who are
still in prison.

Even when I was in captivity in the security section, where it is almost impossible to talk to your relatives... a little news of the support you are giving to me and others was very, very welcoming and heartening news, and was giving us a new energy.

--Toomaj Salehi, Nov. 26, 2023

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