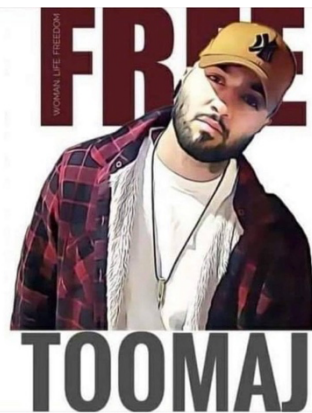


Toomaj Salehi Hit with Serious New Charges Protest Iran's Ruthless Persecution of this People's Artist!

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



On January 21, 2024, the popular Iranian rapper Toomaj Salehi, already imprisoned for most of the last year and a half, was indicted on 10 charges, including the new charges of "assisting group armed rebellion" that carries a possible death sentence, and "assembly and collusion against national security".

His lawyer noted the absurdity of charging Toomaj with assisting group rebellion when there is not even a single co-defendant let alone a group, and that no weapons were found on him.

In November 2023, Toomaj was released on bail pending appeal of his sham trial, and had posted a video thanking his supporters for their tireless struggle to free not just him but other political prisoners. In the 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.

Toomaj was violently re-arrested just three days after posting the video and accused of "publishing false information and disturbing public opinion".

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