



SHADI SADR, Iran

Shadi Sadr is a lawyer who has successfully had convictions of several women sentenced to death overturned. She is also a journalist and activist campaigning for women's rights.



WOMEN IN IRAN

Women in Iran face widespread discrimination under the law. They are denied equal rights in marriage, divorce, child custody, inheritance and compensation for injury. Evidence given by a woman in court is considered only worth half that given by a man. Although the legal age for marriage of girls is 13, fathers can apply for permission for their daughters to be married at a younger age.

EQUALITY FOR ALL

Shadi Sadr, was director of Raahi, a legal advice centre for women, until it was closed down by the authorities in March 2006. Later that year, she helped set-up Women's Field, a group of women's rights activists who have launched several campaigns, including the "Stop Stoning Forever" Campaign. This cruel punishment is still carried out in Iran.

She also founded Zanan-e Iran (Women of Iran) the first website dedicated to the work of Iranian women's rights activists and has written extensively about Iranian women and their legal rights.

LIVING IN EXILE

Women are increasingly challenging the discrimination they face. But their efforts are viewed with suspicion by the authorities who have launched a campaign of intimidation and repression against them. Shadi Sadr has been arrested and held in detention on at least two occasions, most recently in July 2009 and has now been forced to live in exile because of her work.

Despite leaving the country, she continues to campaign for women's rights from outside Iran.

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