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Fear of Torture

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IRAN

Hengameh Amini (f), aged 41

Amnesty International fears that Hengameh Amini, who is believed to be in incommunicado detention in Evin Prison, may be subjected to torture. Hengameh Amini, whose mother is the well-known singer Marziah, was reportedly arrested about three weeks ago, apparently in connection with her mother's decision to join the opposition group the National Council of Resistance.

Marziah started singing some 50 years ago, but after the Iranian revolution in 1979 she stopped, as women were barred from performing in public. In August 1994 she left Iran and made statements outside the country that she had joined the National Council of Resistance. She is believed to be now living in France.

Hengameh Amini is reportedly not involved in politics. She is married, with a 17-year-old daughter. She had previously studied in France.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- calling for Hengameh Amini to be given immediate access to a lawyer of her own choosing, to family members, and to independent medical care if necessary;
- seeking assurances that she is being humanely treated;
- seeking information about any charges that have been brought against her, her exact whereabouts, and any information regarding her trial;
- calling for her to be immediately and unconditionally released if she is not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

APPEALS TO

1) His Excellency Hojjatoleslam
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and to diplomatic representatives of Iran accredited to your country

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 December 1994.