

URGENT ACTION

STUDENT PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Prisoner of conscience Milad Asadi was released from Evin Prison in Tehran on 27 August 2011 where he had been serving a seven year prison sentence. His release followed a pardon by the Supreme Leader.

Milad Asadi, aged about 24, was a student of electrical engineering at Khajeh Nasir University at the time of his arrest on 1 December 2009. He was also a leading member of the Office for the Consolidation of Unity, a national student body which has been prominent in demanding political reform and an end to human rights violations in recent years. He was arrested shortly before mass demonstrations against the government took place on university campuses on 7 December 2009, Students Day in Iran, which each year marks the anniversary of the police killing three students in 1953.

Milad Asadi was held for weeks in solitary confinement in a small cell of two square metres. He was sentenced to seven years in prison in May 2010 by Branch 28 of the Revolutionary Court on charges which included “insulting Iran’s leaders” and “acting against national security”.

Milad Asadi was released from Evin Prison on 27 August 2011 along with around 100 other prisoners pardoned by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei ahead of the Eid al-Fitr celebrations marking the end of the Islamic month of Ramadan.

No further action is required. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.

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