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UA 157/08 **Arbitrary arrest/fear of torture or other ill-treatment**

IRAN **Nahid Kalhor (f), aged 21, student**

Student Nahid Kalhor was arrested on 1 June by officers of the Ministry of Intelligence (*Ettela'at*). She is at risk of torture and other ill-treatment. Her whereabouts are unknown, and she has had no contact with her family or lawyers.

In the morning of 1 June Nahid Kalhor received a phone call telling her to go to the *Ettela'at* offices in Qom, the city southwest of Iran where she is studying. The caller did not identify himself and threatened that her family would be arrested if she did not go to the *Ettela'at* offices. She only told her brother and together they went to the *Ettela'at* offices where she was arrested, apparently in relation to her alleged contact with opposition parties outside Iran.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Persian, English, Arabic or your own language:

- calling on the authorities to ensure that Nahid Kalhor is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment, and to allow her immediate access to a lawyer of her own choosing, and any medical treatment she may require;
- asking why exactly she was arrested; what charges, if any, have been brought against her; and when any trial will begin;
- calling on the authorities to release her unless she is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence and given a prompt and fair trial.

APPEALS TO:

Head of the Judiciary

Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi
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Email: info@dadgostary-tehran.ir (In the subject line write: **FAO Ayatollah Shahroudi**)

Salutation: Your Excellency

Minister of Intelligence

Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejeie
Ministry of Intelligence, Second Negarestan Street
Pasdaran Avenue, Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Salutation: Your Excellency

COPIES TO:

Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
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Salutation: Your Excellency

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 16 July 2008.