

# FREE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER SHARIFEH MOHAMMADI!



Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

Human rights defender **Sharifeh Mohammadi**, 45, is at risk of execution in Lakan prison, Rasht, Gilan province, after Branch Two of the Revolutionary Court of Rasht sentenced her to death for “armed rebellion against the state” (baghi), in a decision issued to her lawyers on 13 February. In October 2024, Branch 39 of the Supreme Court had overturned her conviction for “armed rebellion against the state” (baghi) and death sentence, and remanded her case to a lower court for further review. On 19 December 2024, Sharifeh Mohammadi was tried again during a 30-minute session in a grossly unfair. Her lawyers’ request for Sharifeh Mohammadi to attend trial in person was rejected by the court and she connected from prison via video conference for 20 minutes.

I urge you to immediately halt any plans to execute Sharifeh Mohammadi, quash her conviction and death sentence and release her immediately and unconditionally, as she is held solely for her peaceful human rights activism. Pending her release, provide her with adequate healthcare and regular visits from family and lawyers; protect her from further torture and other ill-treatment; and order an independent, effective and impartial investigation into her torture allegations, bringing anyone suspected of criminal responsibility to justice in fair trials and without resort to the death penalty. Also, immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Sincerely,

Head of judiciary,  
Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,  
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