



## VIGIL TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN AND TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF DETAINED IRANIAN-AMERICANS



THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY  
BEEN ENGAGED IN A WIDESPREAD CRACK-  
DOWN ON CIVIL SOCIETY IN IRAN

In May the government of Iran arrested four Iranian-Americans: prominent U.S. scholars **Haleh Esfandiari** and **Kian Tajbakhsh**, journalist **Parnaz Azima** and activist **Ali Shakeri**. Esfandiari, Tajbakhsh and Shakeri remain in detention without being able to see family, lawyers, or the ICRC. All four face serious charges stemming from their efforts to promote an Iranian-American dialogue and scholarly work and could be sentenced to long prison terms.

**JOIN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE AMERICAN ISLAMIC CONGRESS,  
HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, THE NEAR EASTERN STUDIES DEPARTMENT  
AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, AND VITAL VOICES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP  
AS WE CALL FOR THE RELEASE AND DROPPING OF UNFOUNDED  
CHARGES AGAINST THE DETAINED IRANIAN-AMERICANS**

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE **SHAUL BAKHASH**, HUSBAND OF  
HALEH ESFANDIARI, AND **ZAINAB AL-SUWAIJ** OF THE  
AMERICAN ISLAMIC CONGRESS

**WHERE:** Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza at 1st Avenue and 47th  
Street across from the United Nations Plaza

**WHEN:** Wednesday June 27, 12 noon to 1 pm

Feel free to bring signs calling for freedom for the detained  
activists. This is to be a non-political and non-partisan action  
advocating human rights

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