

# Dirty Mullahs in Iran

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They rape virgins inside prison in the name of Allah. They take the refuge of Shariah Law in molesting and raping male and female on a regular basis. According various confirmed reports the culture of rape inside prison was introduced by none but the very known 'Grand Mullah' of Iran - Ayatollah Khomeini.

Rape inside prison is nothing new in Islamic Iran. Mullahs and state authority patronize such barbaric acts by saying that anyone who would rape a female or male in the prison will get special rewards from Allah. Inspired by these sermons of the Mullahs, prison guards on a regular basis proceed to vaginally and anally rape females. Bottles of 'Coke' are even inserted into the private parts of females in prison. Youths and males in prison are regularly raped by the prison guards. Sometimes, batons and metal objects are inserted inside them.

During the 1980s, the rape of women political prisoners was prevalent, so prevalent as to make Ayatollah Montazeri, who was Khomeini's deputy at the time, write to Khomeini in a letter dated October 7, 1986: "Did you know that young women are raped in some of the prisons of the Islamic Republic?"

In response, Ayatollah Khomeini wrote, "Yes! Such rapes are essential to prevent those anti Islam females from entering heaven. If they are executed as virgins, they will enter heaven. So, rapes are extremely important and done to prevent such elements from entering heaven."

Even recently, according to Iranian Parliamentary investigation committee, protestors, jailed after the disputed presidential elections, were raped in prison. Defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mehdi Karroubi said in a letter to powerful cleric Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, "A number of detainees said that some female detainees have been raped savagely. Young boys held in detention have also been raped savagely."

Karroubi's "confidential letter" was delivered on July 29 to Rafsanjani in his capacity as head of the Assembly of Experts, the powerful body which selects and supervises the activities of the supreme leader.

A police statement issued on August 6, 2009 confirmed that serious violations had taken place in Kahrizak prison. The authorities said they had jailed the head of the detention centre.

"The head of the centre has been sacked and jailed. Three policemen who beat detainees have been jailed as well," IRNA quoted Iran's police chief Esmail Ahmadi-Moghaddam as saying.

The June 12 election plunged Iran into its biggest internal crisis since the 1979 Islamic revolution, exposing deepening divisions in its ruling elite and setting off a wave of protests that left 26 people dead.

Protests gripped Tehran and other cities after the vote, which moderates say was rigged to secure the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

A Revolutionary Court on August 8, 2009 charged a French woman, two Iranians working for the British and French embassies in Tehran, and dozens of others with spying and assisting a Western plot to overthrow the system of clerical rule.

Under Iran's Islamic law, espionage and acting against national security are punishable by death.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner urged Iran to free 24-year-old French academic Clotilde Reiss, and rejected accusations against her of spying and helping a Western plot against Iran. "I want to clearly tell the Iranian authorities: these allegations are not true, Clotilde Reiss isn't guilty of anything," Kouchner said on LCI television.

"She did nothing but walk alongside protesters for one hour one time, and 1-1/2 hours another time. She did not submit a report, she sent a brief note to the director of the French Institute for Iranian Research, which is a cultural institute," he said, demanding she be freed.

The French embassy in Tehran was ready to give refuge to Iranian post-election protestors fleeing police, Kouchner said.

"What was said was true, if protestors who were being chased had sought refuge in the French embassy the instruction was to open the door," Kouchner was quoted as saying

in the *Le Parisien/Aujourd'hui*, France newspapers.

This is in our democratic tradition," he added.

U.S. national security adviser Jim Jones, speaking on American television, said the United States had urged Iran to release three American hikers who were detained there recently.

"We have sent strong messages that we would like these three young people released as soon as possible, and also others that they have in their custody as well," Jones told NBC's "Meet the Press." The Iranian government acknowledged on Sunday that it had the three Americans in its custody, he said.

There are, however, serious discrepancies in the law: The Islamist movement's "justice" and "liberation" excludes women, who are explicitly discriminated against. A few examples from the Islamic Republic:

In the courts, evidence of female witnesses is inadmissible unless accompanied by that of a male witness. Even then, the value of a female witness is half that by the male [Article 33 and 99 of the Law of Retribution: *Hodoud* and *Ghesas*, Section 2 of Article 237].

The *diyeh* [blood money] for a Muslim woman in cases of manslaughter and murder is half that of a Muslim man. [Article 300, Law of Retribution]. If a male Muslim intentionally kills a Muslim women, he is subject to retribution [an eye for an eye] but only if the guardian of the murdered woman pays him half of the *diyeh* to the murderer to make up the deficiency [Article 6 of Diyat, Article 209 Law of Retribution]. The blood money payable to the murderer amounts to 50 camels or 100 cows or the equivalent [Article 3, Diyat].

A husband can kill his adulterous wife without punishment while a woman is punishable by death for a similar crime.

Before the law, women are not a complete person: their testimony is only half that of a man. These absurd efforts to place arbitrary and discriminatory values on women has serious repercussions on how women are thought of and treated by society.

Extramarital sex is prohibited under Islamic law. To this extent Islam recognises rape as a crime. However rape taking place within the home and prisons is not considered rape and is therefore legal.

The Koran [Nesa, 34:34] ascribes to men dominance over, but also responsibility for the women under their care. Women have to be given *nafagheh* [upkeep money], but in return must submit to their husband's will. If a woman disobeys her husband's will, he is instructed to sleep in a separate bed and to talk with his wife. If she continues to thwart his desires, he should hit her. The moment she stops disobeying, the punishment and sanctions for misbehaviour should stop. The Koran thus tells a man to respect his wife's rights, while also instructing him to abuse her.

Moreover women are sex objects. A man is permitted four "ordinary" wives and as many "temporary wives" [concubines] as he wishes. A Muslim woman cannot marry a non-Muslim [Article 1059 of the Civil Law] but a Muslim man can marry a non-Muslim.

According to Islamic law the executing a virgin woman to death is prohibited. This reflects the objectification of women. In prison, if a virgin woman is to be executed, she is first "married" [raped] by one of the guards before execution. Afterwards the guard goes to the woman's family and declares that she is their son-in-law. It is totally distinct from the process of obtaining confession or to humiliate the prisoner. The prison guards are simply obeying Islamic law.

Nadereh was educated in France and had been in touch with opposition groups against the Shah. On the eve of the revolution she returned to Iran to take part in the anti-dictatorial movement against the Shah. For Naderh, like other Iranian intellectuals, it was vital to be present in this decisive historic struggle. During the revolution she worked for a socialist organisation.

She was arrested three years after the revolution. Although others accused of her alleged crime normally receive a few years imprisonment, she was executed after a few month in prison.

In prison her interrogator took a fancy to her. She had more than once complained of her interrogators' advances towards her. When her case went to court, which consisted of one mullah as a judge, and no jury, the interrogator accused Nadereh of attempting

to escape during her interrogation. The mullah accepted this obviously false charge and sentenced her to death. Both the mullah as the interrogator knew full well that this also gave the interrogator permission to rape Nadereh. The interrogator got what he wanted and fulfilled his 'religious obligation'. Thousands of young women were executed in Iranian prisons, while most of them were raped under Islamic law.

The Iranian Political Prisoner's Action Committee has published a list of 1,400 females, who were raped before execution by the prison guards. Many of them were below the age of seventeen.

Demonstrators against the regime in Iran are faced with the death penalty. this includes demonstrators who are well under eighteen years of age. Women who demonstrate against the government in Iran are risking more than we can imagine. But Iran makes justice run through the twisted labyrinth of Shaaria law as it is interpreted by Iran's corrupt theocracy.

How twisted is it? Consider that according to the *Jerusalem Post*, girls who are virgins may not be executed, no matter what their crimes. So how do you execute a girl who is a virgin? Very simple. You have a prison guard marry her. When he consummates his "marriage" to the condemned, then she can be executed the following morning. The *Jerusalem Post* reports a conversation with a member of the Basij militia as follows.

"When he was 16," my mother took me to a Basiji station and begged them to take me under their wing because I had no one and nothing foreseeable in my future. My father was martyred during the war in Iraq and she did not want me to get hooked on drugs and become a street thug. I had no choice," he said.

He said he had been a highly regarded member of the force, and had so "impressed my superiors" that, at 18, "I was given the 'honor' to temporarily marry young girls before they were sentenced to death."

In the Islamic Republic it is illegal to execute a young woman, regardless of her crime, if she is a virgin, he explained. Therefore a "wedding" ceremony is conducted the night before the execution: The young girl is forced to have sexual intercourse with a prison guard - essentially raped by her "husband."

"I regret that, even though the marriages were legal," he said.

Why the regret, if the marriages were "legal?"

"Because," he went on, "I could tell that the girls were more afraid of their 'wedding' night than of the execution that awaited them in the morning. And they would always fight back, so we would have to put sleeping pills in their food. By morning the girls would have an empty expression; it seemed like they were ready or wanted to die.

"I remember hearing them cry and scream after [the rape] was over," he said. "I will never forget how this one girl crawled at her own face and neck with her finger nails afterwards. She had deep scratches all over her."

The individual who spoke with the reporter was himself later arrested. What was his crime? Knowing what was in store for a female detainee, he had set her free, rather than subjecting her to a legalized rape and execution. Apparently there is a decency among common folk that seems to elude their spiritual leaders. Even the "professional husband" employed by the Ahmadinejad regime suffered pangs of conscience.

The article in the Jerusalem Post also describes Basij members abusing their authority to go on "wilding" sprees which include robbery, violence and sexual abuse.

The image of Islam is disgraced by the latest revelations to come from Iran. The supposed 'theocracy' in Iran is nothing but a pack of gangsters that should be denounced and fought - - for their violence and their fatuous fatwas. Factions of the clergy in Iran should speak out against the atrocities committed in the name of Islam: Silence is complicity. What started out as a revolt against a stolen election will become a revolt against corrupt theocracy.

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