



The KMMK-G calls on the UN Special Rapporteur for Iran to urge Iranian authorities the immediate and unconditional release of Ms. Zara Mohammadi, a volunteer teacher in Kurdish language, from Sina/Sanandaj, arrested at her home on 23 May 2019



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According to information that the Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G) has received, Ms. Zara Mohammadi, a Kurdish language teacher, was arrested at her home on 23 May 2019, by Iranian security agents who confiscated her phone and computer. Ms. Mohammadi has been arrested along with her two colleagues, Edris Minbari and Rebwar Minbari, due to their volunteer activities in teaching Kurdish children writing and reading in their mother tongue. On 25 May, both Minbari and Minbari have been released, however Ms. Mohammadi was held incommunicado for a few days. She has been then transferred to a prison in Sina where she is currently detained.

Ms. Zara Mohammedi, 29 years-old, is an inhabitant of Sina/Sanandaj, an Iranian Kurdish city. She holds a Master's Degree in Geopolitical field from Birjand University in Iran. Mohammedi, in cooperation with Nozhin Council in Sanandaj city and the villages around it, taught hundreds of Kurdish children reading and writing in their mother tongue, while the Iranian authorities continue to impose restrictions on learning the Kurdish language.

The right to the use and education in mother tongue is a fundamental human right and guaranteed by many International treaties and agreements such the UN Minorities Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly in December 1992, the Hague Recommendations Regarding the Education Rights of National Minorities (1996), the Oslo Recommendations Regarding the Education Rights of National Minorities (1998), Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (1995) contain same linguistic rights



with different formulations. And the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages Charter.

The detention of Ms. Zara Mohammadi is an obvious violation of the above-mentioned treaties and the Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva while strongly condemns her detention, calls on the Special Rapporteur for Iran Dr. Javaid Rehman to make a public statement and urge the Iranian authorities the immediate and unconditional release of Ms. Mohammadi.

The Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G)

The Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G) aims to promote democracy, respect for human rights and social development in and beyond Kurdistan of Iran. To that purpose, the Association commits itself to struggle against any form of discrimination towards ethnic and religious minorities within the region, defend political prisoners, fight for the abolition of death penalty, and promote women's and children's rights. In addition, the KMMK-G intends to increase public awareness of the situation of human rights in all Kurdish regions and to promote the rights and the integration of the Kurds wherever they live.

Established in Geneva in 2006, the KMMK-G constitutes a bridge between the Kurdish civil society and the United Nations Agencies and NGOs and participates actively in all the sessions of the Human Rights Council, the ESCR and the CPR Committee, the UPR and the UN Forum on minority issues and present them reports on the situation of Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran (www.kmmk-ge.org), (<http://www.kmmk-ge.org/?p=426&lang=en>). Moreover, the Association gets frequently in contact with various United Nations organs in order to submit reports on the situation of human rights in Kurdistan of Iran.

The KMMK-G is therefore a recognized source of information. Its reports are published on the website of the United Nations Human Rights Council and High Commissioner of Human Rights. The Association publishes often articles in Kurdish and Iranian media.

The KMMK-G is also active within the Geneva and Swiss communities. Indeed, Swiss political parties regularly consult the Association about the Kurdish issue and immigrant's integration. Further moreover, the KMMK-G supports the Kurdish Diaspora living in exile by organising conferences, cultural events and language courses.