

Iranian authorities are subjecting 53-year-old **Narges Mohammadi**, imprisoned human rights defender and 2023 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, to torture and other ill-treatment by deliberately denying her access to adequate healthcare, including for a serious heart condition.

Since late August 2024, authorities have blocked her transfer to a hospital outside prison for an urgent and very overdue angiography for her heart. A prior angiography from 17 March 2024 showed that the main artery of Narges Mohammadi's heart, which required a stent in 2021, had encountered issues and required very close monitoring. This close monitoring including doctors stating that she needed another angiography carried out in late August 2024. To date, the authorities have intentionally prevented Narges Mohammadi's transfer to hospital for this angiography to be performed.

In mid-October 2024, a doctor from outside of prison who identified himself as a cardiologist came to examine Narges Mohammadi and told her that he was making an emergency referral for her transfer to hospital outside of prison for an urgent angiography. Despite this and efforts by her lawyers and family to arrange medical care for Narges Mohammadi, authorities continue to deny her the ongoing specialized health care not available in prison required for her heart condition.

Additionally, Iranian authorities are denying Narges Mohammadi health care for a benign mass doctors discovered in her right breast in early July 2024, which doctors said at the time required ongoing monitoring and care.

In October 2023, a specialist doctor prescribed 10 sessions of physiotherapy to treat Narges Mohammadi's ongoing back pain, but not of these sessions were not provide. According to her family, her back remains in great pain and discomfort.

According to her family, prison officials claimed to Narges Mohammadi that "higher security sources" are denying her access to the health care she urgently requires. Under Iran's Prison regulations, prison and prosecution officials have the authority to decide on transfers to hospital and ignore medical advice.

Iranian authorities must immediately and unconditionally release Narges Mohammadi as she is a prisoner of conscience detained solely for her peaceful human rights activism, quash her unjust convictions and sentences, and drop any new charges against her related to the peaceful exercise of her rights. Pending her release, she must be provided with adequate specialized healthcare, including for treatment unavailable in prison, and protected her from further torture and other ill-treatment. A prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigation into her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment must be conducted, with those suspected of criminal responsibility brought to justice in fair trials.

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