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Iran: Sahar Tabar

“Sahar Tabar appears to have been detained solely in connection with her posts on Instagram. If this is indeed the case, she should be immediately and unconditionally released. Sharing photos on social media apps is not a crime,” said Philip Luther, MENA Research and Advocacy Director at Amnesty International.

“This is not the first time the Iranian authorities have targeted popular Instagram users with large followings for their peaceful posts. The Iranian authorities must stop criminalizing the actions of people expressing themselves peacefully via social media and ensure the right to freedom of expression is respected, protected and fulfilled. Arresting and prosecuting anyone simply for posting photographs of themselves online is an outrageous assault on the right to freedom of expression.”

Additional background:

According to the Iranian news agency Tasnim, Sahar Tabar – whose real name was cited as “Fatmeh Kh.” – has been accused of crimes including “insulting Islamic sanctities”, “insulting the Islamic hijab” and “promoting violence”, as well as corrupting youth.

Kogruppe Iran: Weitere Informationen zu Sahar Tabar finden Sie in vielen Medien.