

**Statement of the Central Committee
of the Tudeh Party of Iran
on the death of Hoda Saber:**



***Another Tragedy Perpetrated by the
Mercenaries of the Dictatorship***

According to the latest published reports, Hoda Saber, journalist and one of the religious activists who went on hunger strike along with Amir Khosrow Dalirsaani-one of the other freedom fighters and political prisoners in Iran- to protest against the death of Haleh Sahabi, died earlier today of cardiac arrest. The death of Hoda Saber is yet another tragedy perpetrated by the judicial-security apparatus of the theocratic regime in Iran. The inhuman conduct of the prison guards and authorities towards the detained activists and campaigners, once again depicts the deeply anti-people character of a regime which has turned Iran into a large prison for millions of the citizens of our homeland.

Like numerous other freedom fighters, Hoda Saber was arrested on several occasions in recent years and sent to the torture chambers of the regime. He was arrested once again last August following the election coup of the Supreme Leader and the suppression apparatus of the theocratic regime. After the death of Haleh Sahabi, Hoda went on hunger strike as a protest action against the crimes of the mercenaries of the regime. In a message to the people of Iran, he said: "In protest against the tragedy of Wednesday June 1st and the assault leading to the death of the eldest daughter of Mr. Sahabi, who was motherly and sisterly serving the people and the victims of the events of the past two years, we two members of the ideological-political National- Religious- group will go on wet strike as of the evening of June the 2nd in ward 350 of Evin Prison without any personal demands, and will only take water, tea, sugar and salt." According to the released reports, the specialist doctors deemed the negligence of the prison authorities to transfer Hoda Saber to hospital as the main cause of his death. According to the same reports, the judiciary officials and the officers of the Intelligence Ministry have refused to turn over the body of Hoda Saber to his family.

Tudeh Party of Iran once again strongly denounces and condemns the criminal act of the mercenaries of the theocratic regime in Iran and the suppression apparatus ruling our homeland. Expressing our deepest sympathy and solidarity with the comrades of Hoda Saber and his family, we call upon all the freedom-loving and humanitarian forces across the world to protest against the crimes committed in the prisons of the Iranian regime. The efforts for immediate and

unconditional release of all the political prisoners must be doubled. The regime of ignorance and felony should be stopped from perpetrating more tragedies.

Long live the honoured memory of Hoda Saber and all the martyrs of the struggle for democracy and human rights in our homeland!
Shame on the ruling criminals!

The Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran
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