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### **CSRI Condemns the Execution of 16-Year-Old by Mullah's Regime in Iran**

Brutal Iranian regime committed another crime and executed, Atefeh Sahaleh, a 16 years old girl on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 in the town of Neka in Province of Mazandaran, northern Iran. She was accused of committing "acts incompatible with chastity and was sentenced to be hanged in public for she had a "sharp tongue" according to the religious judge, Haji Rezaii, who sentenced her to death and put the noose around her neck himself.

Atefeh Sahaleh had no access to a lawyer during the trial. Later on some individuals stole the corpse of the poor victim from her grave. Her family has filed a complaint to start the investigation.

Iranian official has confirmed the hanging of the girl. The Tehran-based daily Etemad quoted on Wednesday an official of the judiciary involved in the case, who confirmed that Atefeh Sahaleh was hanged in Neka last Monday.

The Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran (CSRI) strongly condemns this act of barbarism and urges the International community and all human right organizations to keep the Iranian regime accountable for murdering an innocent teenage girl. CSRI calls upon the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare the grounds for the condemnation of the Iranian regime in the upcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly for flagrant violations of human rights and to appoint a special representative to pursue the human rights situation in Iran.

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