

Iranian-Kurdish woman [Zeynab Jalalian](#) has dedicated her life to empowering women and girls. For her advocacy, Zaynab has spent the last 15 years behind bars, where she is currently serving a life prison sentence.

In Iran, millions of women and girls face discrimination, daily harassment, and violence. For decades, brave women like Zeynab have risked their lives challenging these horrific injustices, and calling for a future where the human rights of women and girls are upheld.

Zeynab was an advocate for women and girls with the Party for Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK). Her involvement was aimed at the empowerment of women belonging to the Kurdish minority. Today, Zeynab languishes in a prison cell thousands of kilometers away from her family, making it difficult for her elderly parents to visit her. In detention, she has been subject to beatings and threats of sexual violence. Interrogators from the ministry of intelligence have told her that unless she makes "confessions" and works with them, they will continue to deny her access to healthcare and keep her far away from her family.



Zaynab's health is deteriorating - she has trouble breathing, and is currently at risk of losing her eyesight due to a worsening eye condition that her family believe are a result of her injuries from torture.

TAKE ACTION: Write or Email

Head of judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei

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Send this message to the head of the Judiciary in Iran

Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei, (or Leader Khamenei)

Your Excellency,

I call on you to immediately release Zeynab Jalalian by implementing the recommendation of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which calls for her to be released immediately.

Pending her release, Zeynab Jalalian must be provided with adequate health care, including transfer to outside facilities for treatment unavailable in prison, protected from further torture and other ill-treatment and transferred to a prison closer to her family home. I call on you to order a prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigation into allegations of torture and other ill-treatment against her, bringing to justice anyone found responsible.

I will be watching this case closely.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name], [city, country]