

Sample letter submitted by Angie Hougas for Saeed Shirzad Urgent Action

Leader of the Islamic Republic
Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
The Office of the Supreme Leader
Islamic Republic Street
End of Shahid Keshvar Doust Street
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran
Email: info_leader@leader.ir

RE: **SAEED SHIRZAD**

Dear Your Excellency:

I write to you regarding 27-year-old **SAEED SHIRZAD**. He is a member of Society for Defending Street and Working Children.

SAEED SHIRZAD was detained 2 June 2014. He spent over two months in solitary confinement in Tehran's Evin Prison. **SAEED SHIRZAD** has not had access to his family. His lawyer has not been allowed to meet him in prison or even access his court file. Under pressure, he make a video-taped "confession".

No formal indictment against **SAEED SHIRZAD** has been issued.

- **SAEED SHIRZAD** is a prisoner of conscience, held solely for his peaceful human rights activism. Therefore, **SAEED SHIRZAD** must be **released immediately and unconditionally**.
- **SAEED SHIRZAD** is to be protected from all forms of torture and other ill-treatment, including he no longer be held in solitary confinement or coerced to make a "confession";
- UN Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners which require the separation of the different categories of prisoners must be adhered to and ensure **SAEED SHIRZAD's** right to the assistance of a lawyer of his choosing at all stages;.

Thank you,
Angie Hougas

Copy to: Iranian Interests Section
2209 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington DC 20007 USA
Email: info@daftar.org