

TAKE ACTION: Please cut and paste this letter onto your personal or Institutional letterhead calling for the immediate release from prison of journalist Kaveh Javanmard.

31 May 2007

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic

His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei,
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Excellency,

I wish to add my name to this appeal from PEN Canada, the Canadian centre of the international writers' organization, International PEN. PEN Canada is writing to protest the imprisonment of journalist **Kaveh Javanmard**.

On 17 May 2007 a two year prison sentence was handed down to Kaveh Javanmard, a journalist for the Iranian weekly *Krafto*. According to PEN Canada, officials from the Ministry of Intelligence arrested him, at his home in Sanandej on 18 December 2006. He was held incommunicado in pre-trial detention at Sanandej prison, where he was feared to be at risk of ill-treatment. The authorities have reportedly targeted other staff members of *Krafto* in recent weeks. Javanmard's arrest came during a wave of arrests, bans and acts of intimidation against the media following a visit to the Kurdish north by the President and the Culture Minister in September 2006. Other journalists have since been arrested, including Adnan Hassanpour who was arrested on 25 January 2007 and is still held incommunicado. PEN Canada is deeply concerned about an apparent pattern of repression against journalists and human rights activists in Iranian Kurdistan, which has been ongoing since unrest broke out in the Kurdish areas of Iran in July 2005, and was violently suppressed by the authorities.

Kaveh Javanmard will reportedly serve his sentence at a prison in the town of Maragheh, 300 miles from his family home. He was reportedly denied legal representation and was tried in secret. The charges against him remain unknown.

PEN Canada protests the two-year prison sentence handed down to Iranian Kurdish journalist Kaveh Javanmard on 17 May 2007. The charges against him have not been made known, although he is believed to be held for his legitimate professional activities as a journalist. PEN Canada is calling for his immediate and unconditional release in accordance with Article 19 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which Iran is a signatory. PEN Canada is also seeking reassurances of his well being from the Iranian government.

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

Appeals to:

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