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Two Baha'i Citizens Arrested on Charges of Propaganda against the Regime

- 1** Two Baha'i Citizens Arrested on Charges of Propaganda against the Regime
- 2** Witness Statements of LGBT Citizens Victims of Sexual Violence and Blackmail

- Two Baha'i citizens named Neva Khalousi and Nika Khalousi were arrested in Mashhad, Khorasan-e Khazavi Province, on March 30, 2014.
- Intelligence officers apprehended Neva Khalousi at her house on March 30, 2014. On the very same day, her sister, Nika Khalousi was also arrested.
- The two sisters were sentenced to prison terms by a revolutionary court in Mashhad on charges of propaganda against the regime and affiliation with Baha'i institutions.
- Nika Khalousi was sentenced to a six-year term of imprisonment while her sister Neva was sentenced to a 4.5-year prison term.
- Source: Human Rights News Agency

<https://hra-news.org/fa/religious-minorities/> /مَشْهُد-سِن-اَكِن-بِه-اَي-خِوَاهَر-دُو-حَكْم-اِجْرَاي

“When you have someone who witnesses you in the act of sexual intercourse, particularly when it comes to homosexuality and so forth, you can be sentenced to death.” – Radman

Witness Statements of LGBT Citizens Victims of Sexual Violence and Blackmail

- *Iran Human Rights Documentation Center* published the witness statements of the members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community who had to flee Iran under pressure from Iranian authorities and their families.
- Ako is a gay Kurdish citizen from Mahabad, East Azerbaijan Province. He was raped, tortured and blackmailed by a member of the Revolutionary Guard for being gay.
- Radman is a gay citizen from Shiraz, Fars Province. He was blackmailed by a local cleric who saw him engage in sexual intercourse with another man.
- Source: Iran Human Rights Documentation Center ****English source****

http://www.iranhrdc.org/english/publications/witness-testimony/1000000451-witness-statement-of-ako.html#.U0FrNMZk_Sg

http://www.iranhrdc.org/english/publications/witness-testimony/1000000449-witness-statement-of-radman.html#.U0FrQsZk_Sg