



Weekly Report

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Iran

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"She [Setayesh Asadi] was told that religious minorities do not have a right to higher education"

A Baha'i Citizen Was Denied Access to Higher Education

- Setayesh Asadi, a Baha'i citizen, was expelled from the University of Mazandaran, Mazandaran Province, on religious grounds.
- Source: Human Rights Activists News Agency

<https://hra-news.org/fa/religious-minorities/مآزن دران-در-به‌ای‌ی-دانش‌جوی-یک-اخراج>

Two Sunni Citizens Arrested in Ahvaz

- Two Sunni citizens were arrested by Iranian authorities in Ahvaz, Khuzestan Province.
- Hadi Beit Sheikh Ahmad was arrested by security forces on March 6, 2014. Jafar Cheldavi was arrested by Intelligence officers on March 9, 2014.
- HRANA reported that these two arrests were linked to the mass arrest of 20 civilians during a religious meeting on February 25, 2014.
- Sources: Human Rights Activists News Agency

<https://hra-news.org/fa/religious-minorities/اهواز-در-سن-ت8C%80%E2%اهل-نوکی‌ش-یک-بازداشت>

<https://hra-news.org/fa/religious-minorities/باز‌دانش-اهواز-در-دی‌گر-سن-ت8C%80%E2%اهل-نوکی‌ش-یک>

Iranian Opposition Leader Warns of Crack Down on Arab Minority

- The Arab minority has been subjected to disproportionate exclusion from economic, social and political developments, along with systematically imposed Persianization, policies aimed at changing the ethnic makeup of Khuzestan province and Arab communities.
- Recent cases of discrimination against ethnic Arabs are not isolated incidents devoid of institutionalized marginalization.
- The mass arbitrary arrests of Arab human rights and political activists strongly indicate that the Islamic Republic has stepped up its crack down on the Arab ethnic minority.
- Source: Huffington Post ***English source***

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/majid-rafizadeh/human-rights-irans-crack-_b_4923699.html