

Death of Mahsa Amini

Mahsa (Zhina) Amini (Persian: مهسا امینی, Kurdish: مه‌ه‌سا ئه‌مینی; 2000 in Saqqez^[3] – 16 September 2022 in Tehran^[4]), also known as **Jina Amini** (Kurdish: ژینا ئه‌مینی),^[5] was an Iranian woman who was arrested and tortured by the Guidance Patrol of the Iranian government, a special police squad in charge of public implementation of Iran's hijab regulations, for not wearing her hijab properly. She then went into heart failure and died after two days in a coma.^[6] She has become a symbol of violence against women in Iranian society and has gained public fame for this reason.^{[7][8][9]}

Mahsa (Zhina) Amini	
	مهسا امینی
Born	2000 Saqqez ,Kurdistan Iran
Died	16 September 2022 (aged 21–22) Tehran , Iran
Resting place	Saqqez
Known for	Death in custody after arrest by Guidance Patrol for dress code violation ^{[1][2]}

Biography

Mahsa Amini was an 22-year-old Iranian citizen originally from [Saqqez](#) in [Kurdistan province](#). She has a brother named Kiaresh who was with her at the time of her arrest.^{[10][11][12]}

Detention and death

Amini was arrested by Morality Police officers at around 6 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, 14 September, near Shahid Haqqani metro station located on Shahid Haqqani highway in [Tehran](#) while she was with her brother, Kiaresh Amini. He was told she would be taken to the detention center to undergo a "briefing class" and released in an hour. Instead, she was taken to Kasra Hospital by ambulance.^{[13][14][15]}

For two days, Amini was in a coma in Kasra Hospital in Tehran, which aroused the feelings of the general public and once again provoked people's protest against the Guidance Patrol and the law on hijabs.^[16] She died at the intensive care unit on 16 September.^{[17][4][18]}

Evidence of violence

First, her brother, Kiaresh, noticed the bruises on her head and legs. Then the women who were detained with her testified that she was severely beaten for resisting the insults and curses of the officers who arrested her. Also, a number of doctors testified that Mehsa Amini suffered a

brain injury based on the clinical symptoms, including bleeding from the ears and bruises under the eyes.^[19] Also, broadcasting various videos of the violent method of arresting women by Mortality police officers in the cyber space, indicates the violent treatment of the police against women.^{[20][21]}

Protests

A series of protests have broken out after her death, the most violent one took place in [Saqqez](#), her hometown.^[22] Some shouted slogans such as “Jin - Jiyan - Azadi: Women, Life, Freedom” and “death to the dictator”.^{[23][24]} These demonstrations were suppressed by Iran's special police forces.^[23] Protests also took place outside the Kasra Hospital in Tehran, some of whom were arrested by the security forces, who also made use of pepper spray against them.^[23]

Three days after the arrest of Mahsa Amini, further protests have resulted in 30 injuries among protestors.^[25] Three days after her death, street protests continue in various cities, and during this time, the #MahsaAmini hashtag has become one of the most repeated hashtags on Persian Twitter. The number of tweets and retweets of these hashtags exceeded two million by Sunday, 27 September.^{[26][27]}

Reactions

[Amnesty International](#) requested a criminal investigation into the suspicious death of Mehsa Amini in Iran. According to this organization, "all responsible officers and officials" in this case must be brought to justice and "the conditions leading to her suspicious death, which include torture and other ill-treatment in the detention center, must be investigated criminally".^{[14][28][29]}

[Human Rights Watch](#) also called the death of Mehsa Amini "cruel" and wrote: "Iranian authorities should cancel the mandatory hijab law and remove or amend other laws that deprive women of their independence and rights."^{[30][31]}

[Center for Human Rights in Iran](#): Mahsa Amini considered as another victim of the Islamic Republic's war against women and requested that violence against women in Iran should be strongly condemned all over the world in order to prevent such preventable tragedies.^[32]

[Javaid Rehman, United Nations Special Rapporteur](#) also expressed his regret for the behavior of the Islamic Republic of Mehsa Amini and added: "This incident is a sign of widespread violation of human rights in Iran".^[33]

Iran's [Ayatollah Bayat-Zanjani](#) said on September 17 that the Guidance Patrol is “not only an illegal and anti-Islamic body, but also illogical. No part of our country’s laws assigns any mission or responsibility to this vigilante force,” and accused it of committing “repression and immoral acts.”^[34] In a separate statement, another ayatollah, [Mohaqeq Damad](#), echoed that sentiment: “The establishment of the force for promotion of virtues and prevention of vice is in fact meant to monitor the rulers’ actions, not to crack down on the citizens’ freedoms and is a deviation from Islamic teachings.”^[35]

See also

- [2017–2019 Iranian protests against compulsory hijab](#)
- *Rage Against the Veil*
- [Zahra Bani Yaghoub](#)
- [Zahra Kazemi](#)
- [Killing of Neda Agha-Soltan](#)
- [Taraneh Mousavi](#)
- [Homa Darabi](#)
- [Human rights in Iran](#)

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