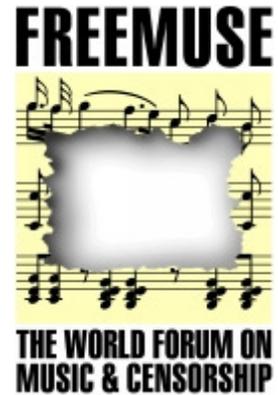


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Excellencies,

Iran has an ancient, globally recognized culture and has over centuries produced excellent artists of world standard. Artists are carriers of tradition, but often break new ground essential to the development of a society.

Freemuse is an international organisation advocating freedom of expression for musicians and composers – recognising international UN conventions of freedom of expression and human rights.

We are deeply concerned about the persecution and censorship of many artists in your society. We would particularly request your attention to the detention of singer Arya (Mohammad) Aramnejad.

According to our information he was detained because of his musical activities. His songs may be critical of your government, but according to international conventions he has the rights to express even controversial ideas freely.

We understand that Arya Aramnejad was arrested 8th November 2011. He has earlier reported to a court that under a previous arrest he was “mocked, humiliated and insulted” and that prison guards had threatened to hang him. He equally reported that he was beaten severely when he asked for a doctor. We understand that under his new arrest he may be experiencing the same inhumane conditions.

According to our sources Arya Aramnejad has a genetic heart condition. We have also learned that he is not represented by any lawyer.

We are calling for his immediate and unconditional release in accordance with Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran is a signatory.

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We would also like to put your attention to the The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

- Article 5 “ No one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment”
- Article 9 “ No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention”

We would also like to remind the Iranian authorities that the UN requires governments to apply minimum rules for treatment of Prisoners. These include

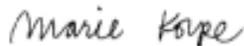
- Access to legal counsel
- Availability of medical care
- Family visitation privileges
- Freedom from unnecessarily cruel treatment and punishment
- Adequate leisure, rest, diet and space
- The right to receive and send mail

Freemuse has recently been engaged in a similar case of a singer, who was imprisoned in Cameroon for criticizing the government. A petition was filed with the UN Commission on Arbitrary Detention, which recently published its opinion requesting the government of Cameroon to pay compensation to the singer and guarantee his security.

Our understanding is that the imprisonment of Arya Aramnejad has several similarities to the case from Cameroon.

We welcome your quick response and dialogue

Yours sincerely



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