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Statement Condemning the Unjust Sentences Against Teachers in Bushehr

The Islamic regime has once again shown that it fears chalk and the blackboard. Reza Amani-Far, Asghar Hajeb and Roghayeh Torabpour, three board members of the Bushehr Teachers' Trade Association, have been sentenced to a combined twelve years and six months in prison and permanent dismissal from public service. Their only "crime" was defending teachers' rights. Reza Amani-Far has been sentenced to ten years and one day in prison. He has been detained since Farvardin (March–April) and, despite suffering from kidney disease, has been denied appropriate medical care.

These sentences are not isolated cases. Following the uprising in Dey (December–January), at least sixty teachers have been arrested, imprisoned or sentenced. A government that calls teachers a threat to "national security" is, in effect, admitting that its survival depends on ignorance and silence.

We condemn these sentences and declare that the regime bears direct responsibility for Reza Amani-Far's life. An imprisoned teacher is the sign of a regime that must go—and will go.

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