

Jailed Iranian Activist Narges Mohammadi Wins Nobel Peace Prize 2023

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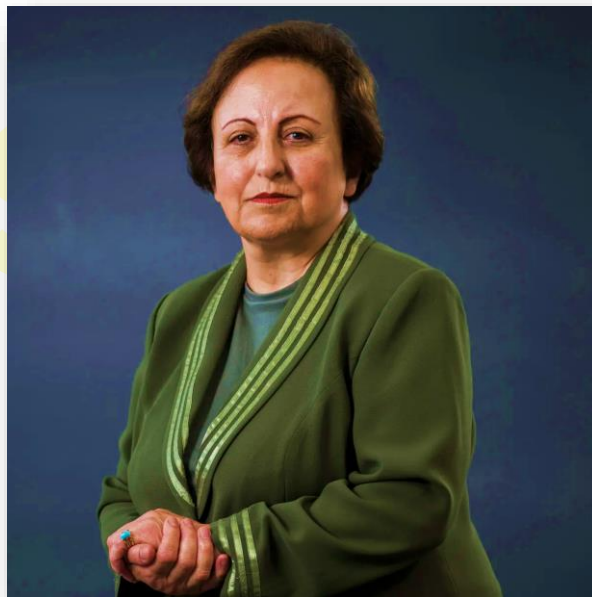
- Jailed Iranian Activist **Narges Mohammadi** Was Awarded The Nobel Peace Prize For Her Extensive Efforts To **Promote Human Rights And Freedom For All**. The 51-Year-Old Is The **Deputy Director Of The Defenders Of Human Rights Center** And Currently Remains Lodged In Tehran's Evin Prison.
- She Has Been Imprisoned 13 Times And Convicted Five Times A Cumulative **Prison Sentence Of 31 Years**. Mohammadi's Most Recent Incarceration Began After She Attended A **Memorial For Mahsa Amini**. The 22-year-old's Death In Police Custody Had Sparked A Massive Wave Of Outrage.



Who Is Narges Mohammadi?

- She Holds A **Degree In Physics** And Started Her **Career As An Engineer**. Mohammadi Emerged As An Advocate For Equality And Women's Rights During Her Academic Years, Writing For The Student Newspaper.
- Narges Mohammadi **Worked As A Journalist For Several Reformist Publications** And Campaigned For The Abolition Of The Death Penalty, Women's Rights And The Right To Protest.

- Over The Years She Has Written Many Articles Arguing For Social Reforms In Iran And Published An Essay Collection, The Reforms, The Strategy, And The Tactics. Her Book '**White Torture: Interviews With Iranian Women Prisoners**' Also Won An Award At The International Film Festival And Human Rights' Forum.
- Mohammadi Was **Arrested For The First Time In 2011** And Sentenced To Many Years Of Imprisonment For Her Efforts To Assist Incarcerated Activists And Their Families.
- She Married Fellow Activist And Scribe **Taghi Rahmani In 1999** Just Before The Latter Was Arrested For The First Time. The Duo Share Twin Children Who Currently Live In France.
- Mohammadi Is The 19th Woman To Ever Win The Nobel Peace Prize And The **Second Iranian Woman To Win The Award** After Human Rights Activist **Shirin Ebadi In 2003**.



- The Iranian Writer Joined The Ebadi-led Defenders Of **Human Rights Center In 2003** And Eventually Became The Organisation's Vice President. The Group Is A Member Of The International Federation For Human Rights.
- Mohammadi Has Received Various Awards Over The Years From **The Alexander Langer Award In 2009** To The **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize** And The **Olof Palme Prize Earlier In 2023**. The Award Has Also Given Fresh Impetus To Calls For Mohammadi's Release From Prison.