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URGENT, VERY URGENT:

Nasrin Sotoudeh's life is in real Danger

There are examples of hunger strikers
dying after ~50 days of strike.
(Today is Nasrin's 40th day of hunger strike)



Nasrin Sotoudeh (Persian: نسرين ستوده, also spelled **Sotoodeh**) is a human rights lawyer in Iran. She has represented imprisoned Iranian opposition activists and politicians following the disputed June 2009 Iranian presidential elections as well as prisoners sentenced to death for crimes committed when they were minors. Her clients have included journalist Isa Saharkhiz, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi, and Heshmat Tabarzadi, the head of the banned opposition group Democratic Front of Iran.

Sotoudeh was arrested in September 2010 on charges of spreading propaganda and conspiring to harm state security and was imprisoned in solitary confinement in Evin Prison.

In January 2011, Iranian authorities sentenced Sotoudeh to 11 years in prison, in addition to barring her from practicing law and from leaving the country for 20 years. An appeals court later reduced Sotoudeh's prison sentence to six years, and her ban from working as a lawyer to ten years.

On 17 October 2012, she began a hunger strike that still keeps that. And now, her life is in danger.