

Dear Mr Raisi,

Yasaman Aryani and her mother, Monireh Arabshahi, were sentenced to a shocking 16 years in prison for campaigning against discriminatory forced veiling laws. They were arrested in April 2019 in relation to a video that showed them without headscarves on a women-only train handing out flowers on International Women's Day. This brave act, where Yasaman spoke of her hope for a future when all women in Iran would have the freedom to choose what to wear, was shared in a video that went viral on social media.

I urge you to release Yasaman Aryani and her mother Monireh Arabshahi, immediately and unconditionally as they are prisoners of conscience, jailed solely for their human rights work. Until they are released, please ensure they have regular contact with a lawyer of their choosing. I also urge you to stop criminalizing the work of women's rights defenders and abolish forced veiling laws.

Yours sincerely

親愛的 Raisi 先生，

亞絲曼·阿莉亞尼 (Yasaman Aryani) 和她的母親娜瑞·阿瑞比莎伊 (Monireh Arabshahi)，因觸犯歧視性的強制頭巾法而被判 16 年刑期，令人震驚。母女兩人於 2019 年 4 月因為一部影片遭到逮捕；影片中，她們於國際婦女節當天到女性專用車廂分送花朵，且在過程中沒有佩戴頭巾。這項勇敢舉動被拍攝上傳之後，立刻在社群媒體上流傳開來；亞絲曼也想藉由這項行動表達，期望未來所有伊朗女性都能擁有選擇穿著的自由。

我在此敦促您立即無條件釋放亞絲曼·阿莉亞尼以及她的母親娜瑞·阿瑞比莎伊；她們是良心犯，只因從事人權工作就遭到監禁。在她們獲釋前，請確保她們能和自選律師定期接觸。我也敦促您停止將女權捍衛者工作視為犯罪，並廢除強制頭巾法。

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