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Transfer of Female Political Prisoners from Qarchak, Varamin Prison to Evin Prison

Shabnam Madadzadeh, one of the female political prisoners, was transferred to Qarchak Prison.

According to websites close to the protestors in Iran, a number of female political prisoners who had been transferred to Qarchak, Varamin Prison were sent to Evin Prison in recent weeks.

Earlier, the transfer of nine female political prisoners from Rajaei-Shahr Prison to Qarchak, Varamin Prison sparked protests by the families of these prisoners and human rights activists.

The families wrote a letter to the Islamic Human Rights Commission at the time expressing concerns over a "humanitarian catastrophe" in the prison. In parts of their letter, referring to the detention of "about 600 women on various charges" in Qarchak Prison, the families reported the severe beating and inadequate feeding of the prisoners by prison officials.

These nine inmates included Shabnam Madadzadeh, Maryam Hajilouie, Maryam Akbari Monfared, Masoumeh Yavari, Kobra Banazadeh, Motahhareh Bahrami, Mahvash Sabet, Fariba Kamalabadi and Reihaneh Haj Ibrahim.

After transferring the group to Qarchak Varamin Prison, Gholam-Hosein Esmaili, the head of Iran's Prisons and Security Services, told the Fars News Agency that all female prisoners in Tehran Province would be held at Qarchak Varamin Prison.

At the same time, all the female political prisoners in Evin Prison were also gathered in a ward and told that they would be transferred to the Qarchak Prison in Varamin in the near future.

But a few days ago, Nasrin Sotoudeh, a female inmate at Evin prison, told her husband that prison officials had told them that their transfer to Qarchak Varamin had been cancelled.

The reason for removing female political prisoners from Qarchak Varamin Prison and transferring them to Evin Prison has not yet been announced.

Also, it is not clear whether the ordinary female prisoners who had been transferred to [Qarchak], Varamin Prison along with the female political prisoners will remain there or be transferred to other prisons.