

## **Mona Mahmoudnejad**

Born: 10 September 1965, Aden, Yemen

Executed by hanging in Shiraz on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1983

Mona Mahmoudnejad was 4 years old when her parents returned to Iran. They settled first in Tabriz and then Shiraz. She was a teacher of Baha'i children's classes.

Mona Mahmoudnejad was arrested on the evening of 23 October 1982, together with her father. She was imprisoned first at the Sepah Detention Centre and then transferred to Adelabad prison on 28 November 1982, together with five other Bahá'í women. In January 1983 her mother, Farkhondeh Mahmoudnejad, was instructed by the authorities to present 500,000 tumans for her release. Upon doing so the money was taken and she too was arrested and imprisoned in Adelabad prison. Five months later, on 13 June 1983, Farkhondeh was suddenly released. Mona was executed five days later, on 18 June 1983, together with nine other women, Nosrat Ghufrani Yaldaie, Ezzat-Janami Eshraghi, Roya Eshraghi, Tahereh Arjomandi Siyavushi, Zarrin Moghimi-Abyaneh, Shahin (Shirin) Dalvand, Akhtar Sabet, Simin Saberi and Mahshid Niroumand. They were executed by hanging in Chowgan-Square in Shiraz. Their bodies were not returned to their families; they were possibly buried in the Baha'i cemetery of Shiraz by the authorities.

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