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Urgent call to Action: Unlawful arrest, rape, and kidnapping of Armita Abbassi

Armita is a 20-year-old Iranian girl who was arrested during the recent and ongoing demonstrations in Iran on or around the 10th of October 2022

The Islamic Republic security forces admitted her to the Imam Ali Hospital in the city of Karaj on 18/10/2022. A medical staff at the hospital, who wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, has informed her relatives that she has all the forensic signs and symptoms of rape.

The Islamic Republic security forces ordered the attending physician to record the rape as having taken place before her arrest.

The same security forces decided to take Armita away yet again, just before her desperate family was able to make it to the hospital.

Armita's family has claimed that a security agent has advised them to consider participating in a state television interview to claim that they themselves took their daughter to the hospital as she was suffering from a stomach bug causing bloody diarrhoea.

The family refused and unfortunately, under pressure, the hospital recorded the case as bloody diarrhoea.

Armita's whereabouts are unknown and we fear for her safety and well-being.

We ask for your immediate and urgent attention and action in helping with her unconditional release and safe return to her parents.

Yours Sincerely,

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