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Children First, International Campaign For children's Rights

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Amnesty International intervenes to save Vahid from having his eyes gouged out

Following the campaign launched by the Children First (CF) and the continued efforts of the CF's campaigners Nahid Riazi, Nasrin Parvaz and Soleyman Ghasemian, the case of Vahid has been taken up by the Amnesty International and has been given an Urgent Action status.

Vahid, a 28 year old Iranian man, at the age 16 during an altercation with another boy of same age caused his blindness by throwing acid over him. Vahid was tried before an Islamic court and was given "Ghasas" sentence (Islamic retribution of an eye for an eye). Vahid was sentenced to have his eyes gouged out. After 12 years of agonising attempts by his family and friends to overturn his sentence the high court has now upheld the sentence and has instructed that Vahid's eyes be removed surgically rather than by pouring acid over his face.

We must not allow this inhumane act to take place. We call on all concerned individuals and organisations to join our campaign and act to save Vahid from enduring this despicable kind of punishment.

Children First

Please send your letters of protests to the following addresses and send us a copy as well.

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