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Iranian Narges Mohammadi wins 2023 Nobel

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Jailed Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting women'

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Narges Mohammadi was picked over 350 other nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 351 people were nominated for this year's prize
- The winner receives 11 million krona (\$990,000, €939,000)
- The Nobel Peace Prize is the only one announced by Norway, the others are by Sweden

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NYT: Mohammadi 'more hopeful' after Nobel win

Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi said in a statement to the *New York Times* (NYT) on Friday that global support and recognition of her human rights advocacy makes her "more resolved, more responsible, more passionate and more hopeful."

"Standing alongside the brave mothers of Iran," she added, "I will continue to fight against the relentless discrimination, tyranny and gender-based oppression by the oppressive religious government until the liberation of women."

"I also hope this recognition makes Iranians protesting for change stronger and more organized. Victory is near," Mohammadi said, according to an NYT post on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter.

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Iranian political analyst and former TV host Sima Sedat, who interviewed Narges Mohammadi numerous times, is "on the ground in Iran, in the heart of the country, and in the heart of the earth."

"I remember once I was interviewing her and she was accompanying another political prisoner into Elvin prison. I asked her 'Are you scared of them?' and she said: 'Yes. I'm not scared of them.'"

Reacting to the Nobel Peace Prize announcement, Sedat said the award "does send a clear signal to the Islamic Republic of Iran."

"They try to show that everything is normal in Iranian women's lives but it's not. This international recognition of human rights activists gives hope to Iranian women. At the moment there are thousands of Iranian women in jail."

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UN urges Iran to free Nobel winner Mohammadi

The United Nations called on Tehran to free Narges Mohammadi and all human rights defenders jailed by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The UN human rights office was reacting after imprisoned Mohammadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

"The women of Iran have been an inspiration for the world," the UN human rights office told AFP news agency.

"Their courage and determination in the face of reprisals, intimidation, violence and detention has been remarkable. They are not afraid of what they do not wear, and face increasingly stringent legal, social and economic measures against them."

"Narges Mohammadi's case is emblematic of the huge risks that women take to advocate for the rights of all Iranian women and human rights defenders jailed in Iran," the statement said.

Mohammadi, 51, a journalist and activist, has spent much of the past two decades in and out of prison for her campaigns against the death penalty and the death penalty.

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Iranian reaction to Mohammadi's Nobel Peace Prize win

A semi-official Iranian news agency said jailed women's rights advocate Narges Mohammadi had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "despite her opposition to Iran's national security."

"Narges Mohammadi received her prize from the Westerners," the Fars news agency reported, adding that she "has been a threat to the national security."

Iranian authorities have yet to comment on the award.

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Germany pays tribute to Mohammadi

[German Chancellor Olaf Scholz](#) tweeted his congratulations to Narges Mohammadi on her Nobel Prize win.

The chancellor wrote the following on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter:

"Arrested 13 times. Sentenced to a total of 31 years in prison. My respect goes to this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner for her courage and her fight for the rights of Iranian women: Narges Mohammadi."

[German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock](#) said the award demonstrates the crucial role of women in the fight for freedom:

She said Mohammadi's win "shows women's power for freedom", adding her "fearless voice cannot be locked up, the future of Iran is its women", in a post on X.

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Mohammadi's family hails 'historic' Nobel award

Narges Mohammadi's family has described the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to her as a "historic and profound moment," regretting that she could not share this "extraordinary moment."

Her family said on her official Instagram page, which they maintain while she is behind bars, that the honor belongs to all women and girls of Iran who have captivated the world with their bravery in fighting for freedom and equality.

"This prestigious recognition serves as an enduring testament to the Narges Mohammadi's tireless civic and peaceful struggle for Iran," the family said.

"Regrettably, Narges is not with us to share this extraordinary moment ... We cannot witness her joyous reaction to this award due to her unjust imprisonment," the statement added.

"As Narges always says: Victory is not easy, but it's certain."

Mohammadi's husband Taghi Rahmani gave an interview to Reuters news agency later Friday:

"This Nobel Prize will embolden Narges' fight for human rights, but more importantly, this is, in fact, a prize for the Iranian people," he said from his home in Paris.

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What did the Nobel committee say about Mohammadi?

Mohammadi was honored "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights," said Reiss-Andersen, the head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo.

"Her brave struggle has come with tremendous personal costs. Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times, and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes," Reiss-Andersen said in the jury's citation.

"The impact of the prize is not for the Nobel committee to decide upon. We hope that it is an encouragement to continue the work in whichever form this movement finds to be fitting," she added.

Speaking to reporters after the announcement, Reiss-Andersen called for Mohammadi's release.

"If the Iranian authorities make the right decision, they will release her. So she can be present to receive this honor, which is what we primarily hope for," she said.

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Who is Narges Mohammadi?

She is the 19th woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the second Iranian woman, after human rights activist Shirin Ebadi won the award in 2003.

Iranian campaigner Narges Mohammadi has for decades campaigned on the most sensitive issues in the Islamic Republic of Iran. She has opposed pillars of the clerical system including capital punishment and the obligatory hijab, and defiantly stood up to the regime's repression.

She has not seen her children for eight years, has spent most of her recent life in prison and acknowledges there is no end in sight. First arrested 22 years ago, the 51-year-old has spent much of the past two decades in and out of jail over her unyielding stance. She has most recently been incarcerated since November 2021.

Born in 1972 in Zanjan, in the northwest of Iran, Mohammadi studied physics before becoming an engineer. But she then launched a new career in journalism, working for newspapers that were at the time part of the reform movement. In the 2000s, she joined the Center for Human Rights Defenders, founded by the Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi, Notable for particular for the abolition of the death penalty.

In her book "White Torture", Mohammadi denounced prisoners' conditions of detention, in particular the use of solitary confinement, which she also suffered.

Regular updates about the situation in prison are posted on her Instagram account run by her family.

Mohammadi told AFP in September she was currently serving a combined sentence of 10 years and nine months and had five cases against her linked to her activities in jail alone.

Amnesty International describes her as a prisoner of conscience who has been arbitrarily detained.

While she could only witness from behind bars the protests that broke out following the death in September last year of a young Iranian woman arrested for violating Iran's strict dress rules for women — she says the movement made clear the levels of dissatisfaction.

Mohammadi and fellow inmates staged a symbolic protest in the yard of Evin prison by burning their headscarves.

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Iranian Narges Mohammadi wins 2023 Nobel Peace Prize

Narges Mohammadi is the winner of the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced Friday.

"The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize to Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all," the committee said in its citation.

Mohammadi is one of [Iran's leading human rights activists](#), who has campaigned for women's rights and the abolition of the death penalty.

She is currently serving [multiple sentences](#) in Tehran's Evin Prison amounting to about 12 years imprisonment, according to the Front Line Defenders rights organization, one of the many periods she has held behind bars.

Charges include spreading propaganda against the state.

Mohammadi's award comes after a wave of protests that swept Iran after the death in custody a year ago of a young Iranian Kurd, Jina Mahsa Amini, arrested for violating Iran's strict dress rules for women.

Mohammadi was picked from 351 candidates this year for the world's most significant peace prize.

They included 259 individuals and 92 organizations.

Mohammadi joins the ranks of Mother Teresa, former US President Jimmy Carter and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines as winners of the world's most famous peace prize.

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Last year, the Nobel prize went to human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, the Russian human rights organization Center for Civil Liberties.

The decision was seen as a strong rebuke to Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Belarusian counterpart and

This year, the field was said to be wide open, with women's rights campaigners, climate activists or international among the possible winners.

The Peace Prize is the only one of the Nobel prizes to be awarded in Oslo, rather than Stockholm.

This year, the prizes are worth 11 million krona (\$990,000) in each category.

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Last 10 Nobel winners

One of last year's winners Ales Bialiatski received a 10-year jail sentence in Belarus in March

Here is a list of the 10 most recent winners of the Nobel Peace Prize:

2022: Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), Memorial (Russia) and the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine).

2021: Maria Ressa (Philippines/United States) and Dmitry Muratov (Russia)

2020: The UN World Food Programme (WFP)

2019: Abiy Ahmed Ali (Ethiopia)

2018: Denis Mukwege (DR Congo) and Nadia Murad (Iraq)

2017: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

2016: Juan Manuel Santos (Colombia)

2015: The National Dialogue Quartet (Tunisia)

2014: Kailash Satyarthi (India) and Malala Yousafzai (Pakistan)

2013: The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

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Peace Prize wraps up week of accolades

Nobel Prize for Medicine winners Katalin Kariko (L) and Drew Weissman

Over the past week, the medicine, physics, chemistry and literature prizes have been announced in Sweden.

The Nobel Committee awarded writer [Jon Fosse the prize in literature](#).

[The chemistry prize](#) went to Mounqi Bawendi of MIT, Louis Brus of Columbia University, and Alexei Ekimov of Ni Katalin Kariko.

Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman won [the Nobel Prize in medicine](#). The pair developed the technology that led

[The physics prize](#) went to French-Swedish physicist Anne L'Huillier, French scientist Pierre Agostini and Hungarian

The final prize in economics is to be announced on Monday.

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