

IRAN: THE KILLING OF NEDA AGHA SOLTAN

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Your Excellency,

The death on 20 June 2009 of student Neda Agha Soltan was captured on video and widely seen on the internet. On that fateful day she got out of a car with friends in Tehran near a peaceful demonstration. She was shot in the chest and died minutes later. A Basij member was disarmed at the scene by bystanders. His identity papers were taken and posted on the internet. However, he has never been brought to justice.

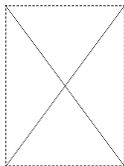
According to official figures, at least 42 other people have been killed during the protests that followed the disputed presidential election in June. Amnesty International believes that the true number of those killed is significantly higher.

I urge you to:

- Launch full, independent and impartial investigations into Neda Agha Soltan's death and other killings and human rights violations allegedly committed by security forces, including the Basij, following the June 2009 election.
- Facilitate as a matter of urgency the visits of UN human rights experts, particularly the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions.

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