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Susanne Mittag MdB: „Maryam Abbasi Nikoo must be released!“

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Susanne Mittag, member of the Bundestag, takes over the political sponsorship of Maryam Abbasi Nikoo, who is facing the death penalty in Iran.

Susanne Mittag makes it clear: "Even if the offences in Iran are no longer reported on a daily basis, we MPs are doing everything we can to release people who are fighting for their freedom. That is why I have taken on the political sponsorship of Maryam Abbasi Nikoo, in order to save Maryam's life and the lives of many other prisoners in Iran. Maryam Abbasi Nikoo must be released immediately!"

On 23 June 2023, the Revolutionary Guard Intelligence Corps (IRGC) broke into Maryam's house in Isfahan in the middle of the night. They actually wanted to arrest her 17-year-old daughter Bita, who had protested against the poison attacks on girls' schools in March 2023. She had been imprisoned for this before and was then released on bail. Bita was not at home this time, so the regime forces took her mother Maryam and brought her to Isfahan prison.

Her charges stem from social media activities, for which the death penalty can be imposed for, among other things, "insulting the prophet and blasphemy". She leaves behind two children who have since been unaware of their mother's current situation.

She is denied a lawyer of her own choosing. Instead, a compulsory lawyer appointed by the regime itself is forced upon her.

Mittag continues: "I would like to expressly protest against this procedure, because it lacks the principles of the rule of law! Furthermore, I strongly condemn the Iranian government's continued use of the death penalty as a means of oppression. Universal human rights must not continue to be disregarded in Iran."