

Iranian Lawyer Held in Prison for Over Four Months Without Clear Charges

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A lawyer has been detained for more than four months in Tabriz Prison without clear legal status or family contact, according to a human rights organization.

Abolfazl Ranjbari has been held for 138 days since his arrest by security forces on May 4, the Human Rights Activists News Agency reported.

After two months of interrogation at a Ministry of Intelligence detention center in Tabriz, the lawyer was transferred to the quarantine ward of Tabriz Prison.

“So far, no opportunity has been given for him to post bail,” a source said. “Mr. Ranjbari has also been denied contact and visits with his family and relatives.”

The Tabriz Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor’s Office has reviewed his case and sent it to the city’s court for trial, though no trial date has been announced.

Ranjbari, who is also a writer, was arrested without publicly disclosed charges.

His prolonged detention without bail or family contact follows a pattern of restrictions faced by lawyers and civil society activists in Iran.

Iranian authorities have increasingly targeted members of the legal profession, particularly those who represent political prisoners or take on human rights cases.

Several prominent lawyers have faced prosecution, imprisonment, or restrictions on their practice in recent years.