



# Mission for Establishment of Human Rights in Iran (MEHR IRAN)

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## The Trial of Islamic Regime of Iran

February 2, 2007

The Federal District Court, Washington D.C.

**Defendants (defaulted):**

1. Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani (Former President)
2. Ali Aakbar Fallahian Khuzestani
3. Islamic Republic of Iran

**Plaintiff:** Gholam Nikbin

**Lead Council:** Dr. William F. Pepper  
**Case Number:** 04 CV00008

**Time & Date:** 9:30 AM, February 2, 2007

**Place:** Judge John Bates Courtroom, the Federal District Court,  
Washington D.C

**Contact Person:** Mohammad Parvin. He will be present at the trial session as an expert witness.

**Background:**

In September 2003, after several years of hard work, MEHR Iran announced the filing of a lawsuit against the Islamic Regime of Iran (IRI), the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, and Ali Akbar Fallahian Khuzestani. The announcement was made at a conference at the FURAMA Hotel in Los Angeles. This conference was organized by MEHR to commemorate the 1988 massacre of political prisoners in Iran.

The lawsuit filed by the San Francisco-based Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA), charged that agents of the Islamic Regime of Iran tortured the plaintiff, Gholam Nikbin, 59, who served three years in jail for his conversion to the Mormon faith and for permitting dancing at his wedding. Nikbin was whipped with an electric cable on his bare soles, flogged with a leather whip and hung upside-down during interrogation and punishment by Iran's security forces in 1990. The torture damaged his kidneys and made walking difficult.

Nikbin told hundreds of Iranian Americans gathered at MEHR conference that he hoped his lawsuit would make his homeland "ashamed, and they will hear my voice". When asked whether he was not afraid of the terrible consequences of suing the Islamic Regime of Iran, Nikbin said to hundreds of audiences:

"I do not care about my life. I want the whole world to hear my voice and know what they did to me. I am still suffering from what they did to me. I do not want this to happen to another Iranian. I want to free my country from these terrorists."

More background information may be obtained at: [http://mehr.org/press\\_release.htm](http://mehr.org/press_release.htm)