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Press freedom violations recounted in real time (from 1st January 2013)

4 January 2013

04.01.2013- Netizen begins serving two-year jail term, journalist freed

Reporters Without Borders has learned that **Sayeed Haeri**, a netizen and member of the Human Rights Reporters Committee, was arrested on 12 December after responding to a summons to Tehran's Evin prison and has begun serving a two-year jail sentence on a charge of anti-government propaganda.

Originally arrested on 20 December 2009, he was released conditionally on 11 March 2010 on bail of 500 million toman (500,000 euros). In September 2010, a Tehran revolutionary court sentenced him to two and a half years in prison and 74 lashes. An appeal court reduced the sentence to two years in prison six months later.

Two other members of the Human Rights Reporters Committee are already in prison. They are **Shiva Nazar Ahari**, who was arrested on 8 September 2012, and **Sayeed Jalali Far**, who was arrested on 30 July 2011. Ahari is serving a four-year sentence while Far is serving a three-year sentence.

Reporters Without Borders has also learned that **Reza Ansari Rad**, a journalist who worked for several reformist news outlets, was released on 15 December after being deemed to have completed a one-year sentence on a charge of anti-government propaganda.

Imposed in 2010, the sentence was upheld by a Tehran appeal court in March 2012 and Rad began serving it on 4 May.

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