

Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani Headed Back to Iranian Court

The Iranian pastor who has spent more than 1,000 days in prison for his faith in Christ is headed back to court. Iranian authorities are demanding **Youcef Nadarkhani** face a judge in Iran on Sept. 8 to answer for “charges brought against him.”

According to the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), it’s unclear if the charges are new or are connected to his apostasy conviction. Nadarkhani was convicted and sentenced to death for essentially becoming a Christian. When Iranian officials demanded that he recant his faith in Jesus Christ or die, he responded, “I cannot.” He has been illegally imprisoned and separated from his wife and two boys since 2009.

The ACLJ has obtained a copy of the official Iranian court summons demanding his appearance.

What is clear is that his new court date will come after more 1,060 days spent in prison for nothing but his faith in Jesus Christ—an imprisonment that violates Iran’s own constitution.

The ACLJ is continuing to work with contacts in Iran, the U.S. State Department and foreign diplomats to pressure Iran for the release of this persecuted pastor. The “Tweet for Youcef” campaign continues to grow, now reaching more than 2.8 million Twitter accounts around the world with daily information and updates about Nadarkhani.

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