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Arrests of Iranian journalists since 14th of June

14 June:

Somayeh Tohidloo, who also keeps a blog (<http://smt0.ir>)

Ahmad Zeydabadi

Kivan Samimi Behbani

Abdolreza Tajik

Mahssa Amrabad

Behzad Basho, a cartoonist

Khalil Mir Asharafi, a TV producer

15 June:

Mohamad Atryanfar, the publisher of several newspapers including *Hamshary*, *Shargh* and *Shahrvand Emrouz*, who has reportedly been taken to the security wing of Tehran's Evin prison.

Saeed Hajjarian, the former editor of the newspaper *Sobh-e-Emrouz*, who was arrested at his Tehran home on the night of 15 June despite being badly handicapped.

Mojtaba Pormohssen, writes for several pro-reform newspapers, hosts a programme on radio Zamaneh and edits the newspaper Gilan Emroz. He was transferred to Lakan prison in Rasht.

16 June:

Mohammad Ali Abtahi, also known as the "Blogging Mullah," who was arrested at his Tehran home. His blog: <http://www.webneveshteha.com/>.

Hamideh Mahhozi

Amanolah Shojai, who is also a blogger

Hossin Shkahi, who works for the weekly Paygam Jonob

Mashalah Hidarzadeh

17 June:

Saide Lylaz, a business reporter for the newspaper Sarmayeh, who had been very critical of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's policies. He was arrested at his Tehran home.

Rohollah Shassavar, a journalist based in the city of Mashad.

Aldolfatah Soltani, a lawyer who represents many imprisoned journalists and who is a member of the Human Rights Defenders Centre, was also arrested on **16 June** on the orders of the Tehran revolutionary court and was reportedly taken to Evin prison's security wing.