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Iranian Christians Montazemi and Dibaj Released on Bail

MASHAD, Iran—Iranian Christians Amir Montazemi and Fereshteh Dibaj were released on bail Thursday, October 5, 2006. They were arrested by secret police on September 26, 2006. Their case remains open at this time.

Fereshteh's brother, Issa Dibaj, spoke to the couple in Mashad, and said they were treated well by the authorities while in prison. Issa reports that the couple expresses their deepest gratitude to all those working on their behalf. They will be reunited with their six-year-old daughter Christine soon.

Fereshteh is the daughter of the Rev. Mehdi Dibaj, who was killed for his faith in the summer of 1994.

She and her husband, Amir, were taken into custody by the secret police and detained at a station owned by the Revolutionary Guard. No reason was given to Fereshteh and Amir's family as to why they were arrested.

Iranian Christians have faced increasing pressure and harassment by the Iranian government.

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