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ABOUT ME

Monday, April 9, 5:10 p.m.

I can't believe it. It's so sad. The seven Bahá'í leaders in Iran who were put in prison will be in their *fifth year* in jail. They're called the "Yaran," meaning "Friends." And they have 16 more years in jail ahead of them! And for what? Just because of their spiritual beliefs?



The Yaran

19 COMMENTS

Tuesday, April 10, 10:00 p.m.

More injustice in Iran! Bahá'ís aren't allowed to go to college. I just read that professors had been teaching Bahá'ís on their own. But a bunch of their houses were raided. Teachers and staff got arrested. Eight are still in jail! How can the government punish people just for teaching in their homes? I want to *help!* Time to e-mail my Bahá'í friend, Diana.

23 COMMENTS

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 a.m.

Woke up early and went to a website Diana told me about: *Education Under Fire*. The goal is for 25,000 people to send messages asking Iran's leaders to end the persecution. I just wish everyone could see that it's okay to be different—here, in Iran, and everywhere. I told Mom and Dad, and we *all* sent ours. Told Frieda, Eric, and Aziz, too!

27 COMMENTS

Thursday, April 12, 7:15 p.m.

Just talked to Aziz. Those bullies are after him again, just because his dad's a Muslim. I wonder if they know his mom is Christian? Aziz kept his cool and talked to his teacher instead of getting upset. Right on, Aziz!

29 COMMENTS

Friday, April 13, 10:30 p.m.

I talked to our social studies teacher, and he agreed to show the *Education Under Fire* DVD in class. It might help everyone stand up for fairness and diversity in our school, too. What do you think? Are you with me?

45 COMMENTS

Monday, April 23, 8:30 p.m.

Wow! Today, we showed *Education Under Fire* at school. Lots of kids wanted to help—even one of the bullies who picked on Aziz.



Aziz, Frieda, and Eric in class

33 COMMENTS

Thursday, May 3, 9:45 p.m.

Tonight, *Education Under Fire* reached its goal! 25,000 people sent messages to the leaders of Iran. Wow! We *do* make a difference.

63 COMMENTS



Hi! My name is Josie. I love investigating mysteries. I also really like writing, so my family helped me set up this blog for my case notes and other thoughts. If you have cool ideas about where I can look for clues, please share. Or just say hey and tell me what you love to do.

I'm a writer for my school's newspaper. My dream is to be a lawyer or journalist. For me, tracking down the truth is like a treasure hunt!

MY FAVORITE THINGS

- > Hanging out with friends
- > Solving mysteries big and small
- > Exploring cultures and religions. Love to travel.
- > Writing, tae kwon do, soccer, baseball, science, reading, and singing
- > Animals, especially birds, dolphins, and gorillas