

I owe this to the children of Iran... Don't you...??

It was a hot day in Toronto, He opened the window went to the garden in the backyard. His dad and I watched him trough the window. What he is up to; his dad wondered. I do not know, his mother replied.

Pulled out a piece of stick that was holding our flower stem straight, then went to the other side of the backyard pulled a similar stick from the other flower pot. The sticks are not that long about 25 Centimeters. He did not destroy the flowers. Came to the patio door; asked for permission.

Mom; can I make my own banner, if we are going to Zahra Kazemi tribute tomorrow?
Now I know what he is up to his dad said.

He is only 8 years of age, took two pieces of paper from his notebook glued them together that is wide enough to look like a banner.

He got his coloring pencils, painted the top green and the bottom red, it was almost 50-centimeter long paper, took him enough time to color the entire top and bottom of this sheet.

In the middle, without having a model, he drew golden Lion and Sun. then glued the two ends of this sheet to the sticks that he got from the backyard.

It was a hot and very sticky day, on July 18, 2003; over 150 adults are demonstrating in front of Ontario Queens Park, in support of Stephen Hachemi and Zahra <Ziba> Kazemi, the Canadian-Iranian photojournalist who died in the hands of Ayatollahs in the Islamic Republic, on July 12, 2003.



Arshia, brought his flag-banner, holding up for two hours during the demonstration. He yelled, "Stephen we support you," he yelled "No Justice, No Peace," he also yelled "What do we want, FREEDOM, When do we want it, NOW" along with the other adults.

His action brought tears to my eyes. I could not hold my breath; I went to his mom and asked if I can develop his story.

Zahra Kazemi is one of tens of thousands who died in cold blood. We do not want to jeopardize his family's life... therefore, his last name will remain unexposed to protect other children of Iran.

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Arshia is, gifted child, he is number one at school and he is our future...I could see intelligence in his eyes. He did not have to do this.

You... where have you been... we did not see you there...you that voted to have Islamic Regime in power... Don't you owe to your children?

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