

Akbar Ganji



Akbar Ganji, born 1959, is an Iranian journalist and writer. Initially a supporter of the 1979 revolution, he later became a critic of the regime. After participating in a [Heinrich Böll Stiftung](#) conference on Iran in Berlin in February 2000, Ganji was accused of endangering national security and was thrown in jail. He went on a hunger strike for more than 80 days in 2005, in the lead-up to presidential elections and was finally released from jail in March 2006. Having been named honorary citizen of many European cities and awarded distinctions for his writing and civil courage, he is now on tour in Europe.

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