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A protest against the closure of the magazine KARNAMEH

The Editor of KARNAMEH has informed us that following an edict from the censors of the Islamic Republic, the journal has been forced to cease publication.

KARNAMEH is a widely acclaimed journal for Iranian and worldwide culture and literature. It was founded by the celebrated novelist HOOSHANG GOLSHIRI. It had 49 regular monthly issues over the past seven years and its closure is a serious blow to the Iranian literary scene. It is in clear contravention to the principles of freedom of thought and expression.

We protest against this arbitrary act of the censors and demand the restitution to the right of publication to the editor.

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