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Introduction

During the recent riots, the United States and certain western countries have used all their capacity and tools to advance their political interests by instrumentalizing the media to the maximum.

To that end, the western media have even deviated from their professional principles and policies and diminished their credibility. The outlets that somehow consider themselves “reliable” and “authoritative” and have a history of several decades now resort to publishing reports that run entirely counter to their claims. In the current propaganda campaign, it seems that western media outlets do not place a premium on “media credibility” and easily sacrifice it in order to pursue their objectives. In the meantime, the U.S.-owned CNN, which has stolen its opponents’ thunder in propagating undocumented news and generating fake statistics, has on several occasions disseminated counterfeit reports, the content analysis of which shows that this so-called authoritative and reliable media outlet has embarked on spreading falsehoods and making contradictory claims. A review of reports churned out by CNN has unmasked the fact that it considers itself an “authoritative” media outlet, confirming outrageous claims made by other outlets and people. For instance, as far as the case of Nika Shakarami is concerned, CNN has published false, fictitious, undocumented, and baseless claims and accusations against the Islamic Republic of Iran. It was expected that CNN would stop spreading lies and refrain from making hateful and provocative remarks after its lies about Nika Shakarami were exposed. However, the recent spurious claims and accusations made by CNN concerning the rape of and sexual violence against protestors arrested in Iran are indicative of the fact that credibility and authority do not have the slightest importance for this media outlet and that following a political and anti-human rights policy to incite and encourage the Iranian people to riot is primarily essential for this network.

CNN’s new scheme & continued production of false reports

CNN published a new report for the second time after its initial report on Nika Shakarami. The latest report was published on 21 November 2022 and alleged “harassment and sexual assault” of detainees in Iran. The new report can be examined

from various dimensions, and the detailed investigations having been already conducted reveal the existing contradictions.

CNN calls its new report “special” and a so-called “investigative” one; however, the requirements of a special and investigative report are not seen therein. That is because, in an investigative report, citations and references are made to institutions, organizations, authorities, or solid and corroborative documents. But the report in question lacks any trace of such references and citations.

Throughout the report, CNN has cited only “witnesses” and “sources” and has refused to mention names under the pretext of protecting their “security.” When a source is referred to in a report, the credibility of the report is naturally achieved when people or entities other than the producer can verify the claims or when the documents and evidence are strong enough to dispel any doubts.

Now the question is: is it possible for an individual and an institution other than CNN to examine the so-called evidence? It is only possible to review the evidence at CNN’s headquarters! The media outlet begins its report story-like, quoting people who are by no means clear who they are. There is no name of a person and no reference to an authoritative institution in the report.

In part of the report, the American news channel refers to alleged videos that “purportedly” show the sexual harassment of “protesting women” in the streets!

At the end of the report, CNN admits that it relied on “sources and survivors in Iran risked their freedoms and security to report the sexual violence.” This is CNN’s only explanation of the evidence based upon which it wrote the report!

Allegations concerning sexual violence against Armita Abbasi

But the main point of CNN’s new report revolves around Armita Abbasi’s case. The report alleges Armita Abbasi has faced sexual violence, and CNN, which considers itself an “authority,” “confirmed” the allegation. Recently, allegations regarding a girl named “Armita Abbasi” were published on social media, suggesting that after a week of detention, she was transferred to a hospital in Karaj, where it was found that she had been raped.

According to the investigations, Abbasi stated during her arrest that she had a problem with her bowels. Subsequently, following a judicial order, she was sent to Imam Ali Hospital in Karaj for treatment. After conducting medical examinations, it

was found that the foregoing person had digestive problems related to hemorrhoids in the past and that she does not suffer from any particular issues at the moment.

According to the medical documents of Armita Abbasi, the aforesaid was transferred to Imam Ali Hospital, which is affiliated with the University of Medical Sciences of Alborz Province, in Karaj on 17 October 2022 and was admitted to the emergency department at 21:13. The attending physician, in the consultation sheet, has mentioned hematochezia, which had started three days prior to admittance and repeated for five times. Therefore, the patient was admitted to the isolation room.

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CONSULTATION REQUEST SHEET

شماره پرونده: [Redacted] Visit No: [Redacted]

Attending Physician: [Redacted] پزشک معالج:	Ward: [Redacted] بخش:	Name: [Redacted] نام:	Family Name: [Redacted] نام خانوادگی:
Date of Admission: [Redacted] تاریخ پذیرش:	Room: [Redacted] اتاق:	Date of Birth: [Redacted] تاریخ تولد:	Father Name: [Redacted] نام پدر:
Date of Request: [Redacted] تاریخ درخواست:	Bed: [Redacted] تخت:	Consultation Requested With: [Redacted] درخواست مشاوره با:	
Time: [Redacted] ساعت درخواست:	Requestive Physician: [Redacted] نام پزشک درخواست کننده:		
Kind of Consultation: [Redacted] نوع مشاوره:	Non emergency <input type="checkbox"/> غیر اورژانسی Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> اورژانسی		
Primary Diagnosis: [Redacted] تشخیص اولیه:			
Subject of Consultation & Clinical Notes: [Redacted] گزارشات کلینیکی و موضوع مشاوره:			
Consultant Physician's Observation & Notes: [Redacted] مشاهدات و نظریات پزشک مشاور (خلاصه نظریات، تشخیص و توصیهها):			
Date: [Redacted] تاریخ: Consultant Physician Name & Signature: [Redacted] نام پزشک مشاور و امضاء:			

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The hospital report shows that the patient complained about weakness, lethargy, and fatigue during the examination. Moreover, she had a runny nose, dry mouth, palpitations, and pain in the lower abdomen and back since a few days before her referral to the hospital.

During hospitalization at Imam Ali Hospital, the patient admitted that she had a history of hemorrhoids prior to her arrest. Then, the doctor examined the patient from the relevant area, and no blood was observed.

In the consultation with the general surgeon during the examination, the foregoing person's abdomen was soft, and there were no symptoms of acute abdomen. The attending physician was suggested to notify the surgeon in case of active gastrointestinal bleeding, severe abdominal pain, blood pressure, and cardiac rhythm disturbances.

No abnormal results were reported during medical examinations and consultation with the gynecologist. Furthermore, the previous history of hemorrhoids was mentioned in the consultation with the forensic specialist stationed at the hospital. During the examination, the patient was alert and had normal vital signs. There were also no signs of injury, and she did not complain of any form of harassment.

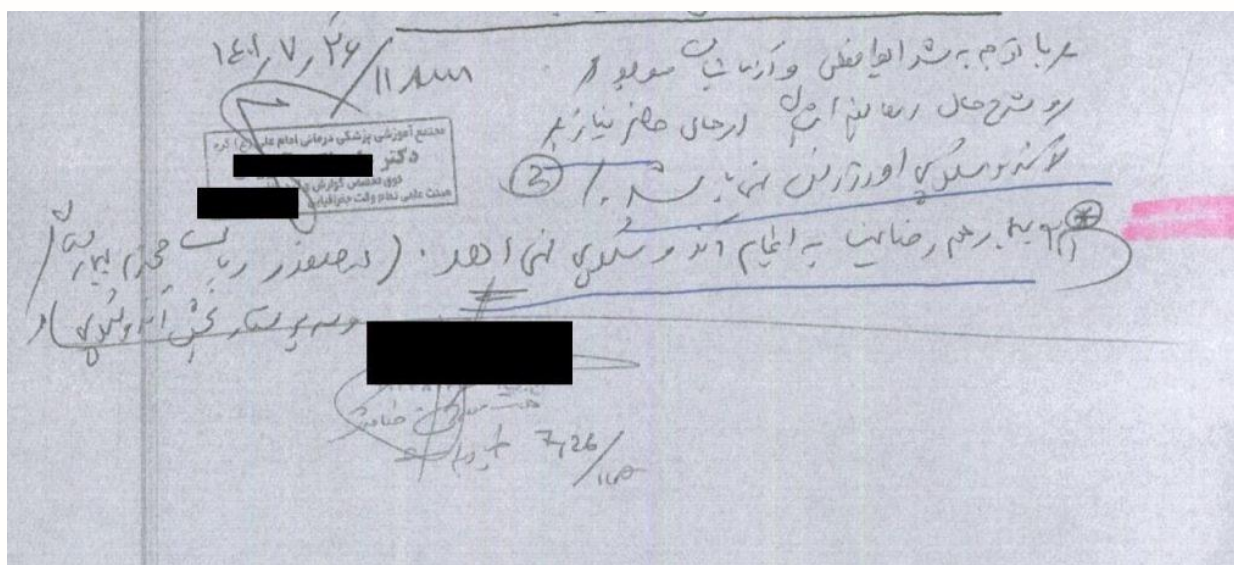
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Abdominal and pelvic ultrasound results show no abnormalities in the liver, gall bladder, bile ducts, pancreas, spleen, kidneys, and uterine appendages. The patient's ECG also did not show any particular abnormalities.

As per the nursing report, the patient and her companions did not want to stay in the hospital, and she refused to undergo an endoscopy. She was discharged from the hospital at her will and in good general condition.



During the visits and examinations by internal medicine specialists, gastroenterology subspecialists, surgeons, gynecologists, and forensic medicine specialists working in the hospital, the patient did not express any complaints other than the aforementioned issues. This fact has been recorded in writing in her treatment files. Moreover, the aforesaid doctors reported no abnormal signs and effects during physical examinations.

An organized action orchestrated by the highest levels of American society

Such accusations cannot be attributed to a single institution or media outlet. There seems to be an organized network behind this propaganda campaign, which originates from the highest levels of State institutions in one or more countries.

Right after the publication of CNN's alleged report on the sexual abuse of detainees in Iran, American officials from the highest levels highlighted and addressed this issue in a coordinated manner.

Ned Price, the U.S. State Department's spokesperson, immediately reacted to the report and once again leveled such accusations against Iran without providing any evidence. Then, Robert Malley, the U.S. Special Envoy for Iran, tweeted about the report in question. He supported CNN's alleged report without providing any credible evidence and repeated the accusations against Iran.

These reactions are emblematic of an already-written scenario in which the CNN report was a part.

