

French lecturer, embassy staffers put to trial in Iran

AFP, Tehran

A French lecturer and two Iranian employees of the British and French embassies were in the dock yesterday alongside others detained during protests over the re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, sparking anger in London and surprise in Paris.

Clotilde Reiss, who turned 24 in Tehran's notorious Evin prison on July 31, was arrested on July 1 as she tried to fly home.

Flanked by a policewoman on Saturday, she wore blue jeans, a dark coat and a colourful headscarf as she sat in the front row of defendants.

"She is accused of collecting information and provoking rioters," the official IRNA news agency reported. Fellow defendant Nazak Afshar, from the French embassy's cultural section, was detained on Thursday.

Iran's state television said both played an "active role in the unrest by giving information to foreign embassies."

IRNA said Reiss had reported on post-election protests in the central city of Isfahan to the French embassy.

"I have written a one-page report and submitted it to... the cultural department of

the French embassy," it quoted her as telling the judge.

"I was planning to leave Iran, but I took part in rallies of June 15 and 17 in Tehran and took photographs and film. I did this out of curiosity and to be aware of the political situation. I wanted to know what was happening."

Reiss denied preparing a technical report on Iran's controversial nuclear programme.

Afshar told the court that she and other staffers had been told to shelter protesters if required, IRNA said.

"In the event that confrontations occurred in front of the cultural department of the embassy, we were told to offer refuge to protesters if they asked."

Also in the dock was British embassy local staffer Hossein Rassam who was detained during the post-vote violence in Tehran along with eight embassy colleagues. They were later freed, while he was released on bail.

IRNA said he has been accused of spying.

"Based on the order of British embassy, the local staff were asked to be present in the riots along with Tom Burn and Paul Blemey

(eds: spellings as transliterated from Persian)," Rassam said of two British diplomats expelled by Iran in June.

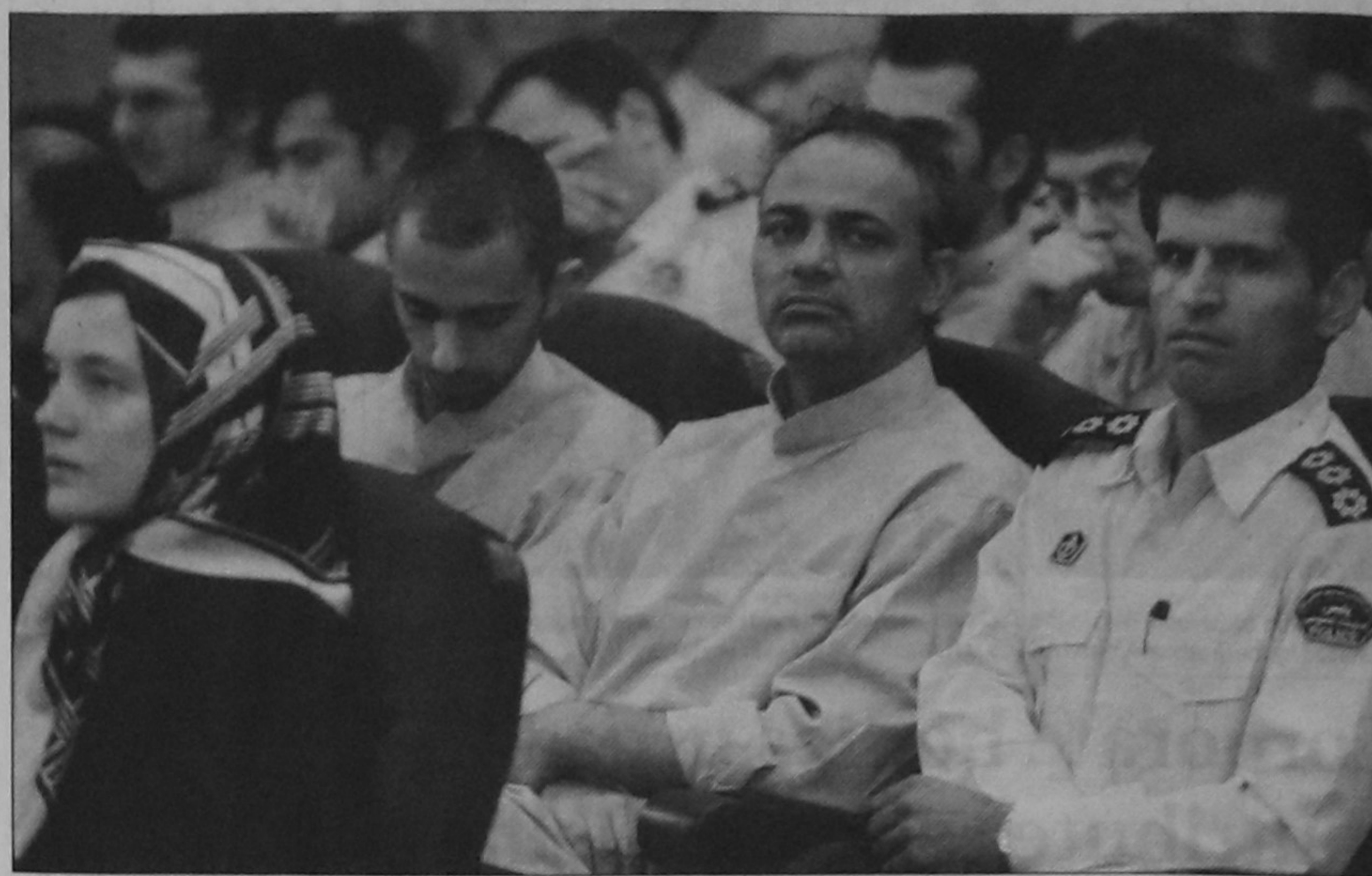
"You along with Arash Momenian were given the duty of meeting representatives of political groups, ethnic and religious minorities, and student groups and to relay the news of Iran's riots to London," IRNA quoted the prosecutor as telling the court.

The judge said the allegation merited a charge of espionage.

"Based on the charges read out by the Tehran prosecution, you are accused of spying for foreigners," the judge was quoted as saying by IRNA, which identified him by only the single name Salavati.

Rassam was quoted as telling the court: "The victory of Mr. Ahmadinejad was shocking for the British embassy, and in our first report to London we stressed claims made by one candidate about fraud" in the election.

He told the court that British diplomats, including the two expelled later, had attended protests in Tehran and that "the ambassador along with the charge d'affaires took part in witnessing a rally of Mousavi supporters."



Detained French lecturer Clotilde Reiss (L) and Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi (2nd R) attend a second hearing at a revolutionary court in Tehran yesterday. Reiss was in the dock with Iranian protesters being tried in Tehran for opposing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election.

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Demonstrators carrying banners and placards featuring the image of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a march towards the Myanmar embassy in Tokyo yesterday. About one thousand Myanmar residents in Japan as well as their Japanese supporters stage the demonstration demanding the release of Suu Kyi.

Myanmar on alert for protest anniversary

AP, Yangon

Pro-junta thugs and truckloads of riot police patrolling Myanmar's commercial capital yesterday kept potential demonstrators off the streets on the 21st anniversary of pro-democracy protests that triggered one of the country's bloodiest uprisings.

The anniversary comes days before a Myanmar court rules on whether democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi should be jailed for five years for violating terms of her house arrest. The Nobel laureate came to prominence during the demonstrations and remains the country's most popular politician.

The verdict scheduled for Tuesday has already been delayed over possible fears by the junta that pro-democracy groups would take to the streets on the anniversary if a guilty ruling was handed down.

Mehsud was on drip when caught by drone attack: NY Times

PTI, AFP, New York

The hellfire missiles fired by the CIA drones caught the Pakistan Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud, helpless, as the militant commander, a diabetic was on a drip infusion for his kidney ailment.

Mehsud was lying on the roof top of the house of his father-in-law, Maulvi Ikramuddin while his wife and a relative a doctor were tending to him in the village of Zanghara in his stronghold of South Waziristan, the New York Times reported.

The paper said Ikramuddin's brother, a medical practitioner was treating him, quoting two Taliban fighters reached by telephone on Friday.

NYT said Pakistani secu-

rity officials had viewed American video of the attack, apparently from pictures sent by surveillance cameras on board the drones.

"He was clearly visible with his wife," the paper quoted a senior security official as saying, who had seen the video. "His torso remained, while half his body was blown up," the official told the paper in the first vivid account of the attack to reach the media.

NYT claimed that as many as 12 people were confirmed to have been killed in the strike including Mehsud, his wife, his father-in-law, mother-in-law, an unidentified commander and his seven bodyguards.

Pakistan said Friday it believed Mehsud, the charismatic commander of the Pakistani Taliban, had been killed in a US drone attack in a major blow for the Islamist militants.



Dhaka Ahsania Mission

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR 500 KVA SUB-STATION WORK

Dhaka Ahsania Mission hereby invites Sealed Tenders from renowned Manufacturers or Sole distributors of manufacturer to "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 500 Kva Sub-station including other related works" for the head office building of Dhaka Ahsania Mission at House # 19, Road # 12 (New), Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

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Director
Engineering Division

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IPO as originally envisaged	5.00%	1,492,100		1,492,100
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Employee Quota out of Additional Issue - Not more than	0.50%			157,500
Balance green shoe dilution to the public- Not less than	4.50%			1,500,400
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In view of the introduction of the Green Shoe Dilution, for the first time in Bangladeshi financial markets, and the response received to the IPO so far, the subscription list for Resident Bangladesh subscribers shall be kept open for two more working days i.e., 9th and 10th August, 2009. The subscription will now close at the close of working hours on Monday August 10, 2009.



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- All the related documents & the form could also be sent through e-mail to procurement.bc@undp.org
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- The last date of submission is August 30, 2009.

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