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- The Guardian Iran: http://www.theguardian.com/world/iran
- Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA): https://hra-news.org/en/
- Iran Press Watch: http://www.iranpresswatch.org/ (collects reports of persecution of Baha'is in Iran)
- IranWire: http://en.iranwire.com/
- The New York Times Iran:
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- Rooz Online: http://www.roozonline.com/english.html
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5.2 Iranian media

- Fars News Agency: http://en.farsnews.com/
- Iran Daily: http://www.iran-daily.com/
- Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA): http://www.irna.ir/en/
- Iranian Students News Agency (ISNA): http://isna.ir/isna/Default.aspx?Lang=E
- Press TV: http://www.presstv.ir/
- Tasnim News Agency: http://www.tasnimnews.com/en
- Tehran Times: http://www.tehrantimes.com/

5.3 Foreign-based Iranian NGOs

- Center for Human Rights in Iran (formerly International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran): http://www.iranhumanrights.org/
- Iran Human Rights: http://iranhr.net/ (primarily includes articles on executions in Iran)

• Iran Human Rights Documentation Center: http://www.iranhrdc.org/english/

5.4 International NGOs with an Iranian focus

- Amnesty International Iran: https://www.amnesty.org/en/search/?country=38533
- Article 19 Azad Tribune: http://www.article19.org/pages/en/azad-tribune.html
- Baha'i World News Service: http://news.bahai.org/
- Human Rights Watch Iran: http://www.hrw.org/middle-eastn-africa/iran
- Small Media: http://smallmedia.org.uk/

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- UNHCR Refworld Iran: http://www.refworld.org/country/irn.html
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