

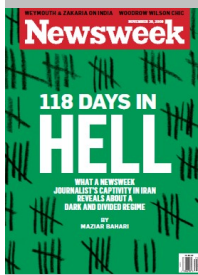
FAREED'S BRIEFING BOOK

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MAZIAR BAHARI

Maziar Bahari

Maziar Bahari is an award-winning filmmaker and *Newsweek* journalist. He was arrested, along with hundreds of others, during the protests that followed Iran's disputed election. After months of solitary confinement, the end of his ordeal came in October when he was released on bail of 3 billion reals, equal to 300,000 American dollars. He flew back to his home in London just days before his wife Paola gave birth to their first child, a girl.



His most recent article is this week's *Newsweek* cover story (available soon).

[Maziar Bahari Topics Page - USATODAY.com](#) (a collection of all USATODAY.com coverage of Maziar Bahari, including articles, videos, photos, and quotes.)

[Maziar Bahari - The New York Times](#)

Past Mentions on GPS:

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[WHAT IN THE WORLD: IRAN'S TRIALS AND ERRORS](#)



More Articles:

['Everyone Has Forgotten You:' Maziar Bahari's ordeal inside Tehran's Evin Prison.](#) *Newsweek* web exclusive, Oct 22



Read more about his release here at [Free Maziar Bahari.org](#)



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- [Amnesty International](#)
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- [Committee to Protect Journalists](#) Defending journalists worldwide
- [Index on Censorship](#) Britain's leading organization promoting freedom of expression.
- [International Pen](#) Promoting literature, defending freedom of expression
- [Liberal Party of Canada](#)
- [New Democratic Party of Canada](#)
- [United Nations High Commission for Refugees](#) Monitoring press freedom violations.

Book:



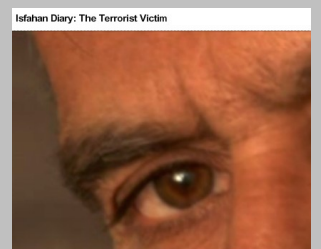
[Transit Tehran: Young Iran and Its Inspirations](#)

Films:

A selection of Bahari's clips for the BBC has been posted on the [BBC Panorama](#) website.

2009: [Isfahan Diary: The Terrorist Victim](#)

A terrorist group tried to assassinate Zeinolabedin Hassanzadeh after the Iranian revolution. Now, he sees a double standard in the West's approach to its war on terror (for *Newsweek*).



2009: [Qum Diary: The Cleric](#)

Seyyed Ebrahim Lajvardi manages the day-to-day operations of some of Iran's holiest (Web) sites (for *Newsweek*).



2008: [Online Ayatollah](#)

Ayatollah Sanei shares his office and his family meal with film maker Maziar Bahari, revealing a traditional holy man offering very modern advice (produced for Al Jazeera English).

Here are a few of Maziar's past articles:

[Who's Behind Tehran's Violence?](#), *Newsweek*, 17 June 2009

[Blood in Tehran](#), *Newsweek*, 15 June 2009

['It's a Coup d'Etat'](#), *Newsweek*, 13 June 2009

[Votes And Voices In Iran](#), *Newsweek*, 12 June 2009

[Iran's President Bush](#), *Newsweek*, 3 June 2009

[Iran's Next President](#), *Newsweek*, 23 May 2009

[Quarks and the Koran](#), *Newsweek*, 23 May 2009

[Mohammad Khatami: 'The Country Can be Run Better'](#), *Newsweek*, 23 May 2009

[Talking To Tehran](#), *Newsweek*, 16 February 2009
[Inside Iran](#), *New Statesman*, 11 September 2008
["The shah's plan was to build bombs"](#), *New Statesman*, 11 September 2008
[For U.S., History May Repeat Itself](#), *Post Global*, 2 July 2008
[An Iranian Dissects U.S.-Iran Talks](#), *Post Global*, 24 November 2006
[Sweating out the truth in Iran](#), *International Herald Tribune*, August 24, 2006

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[GPS VIDEO: Hillary Clinton on Iran and Maziar](#)

US Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#) and Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper called publicly for Bahari's release:

[Clinton: U.S. Backs Efforts to Free NEWSWEEK's Maziar Bahari](#) *Newsweek*

The Daily Show Reference:



Maziar and Fareed briefly discuss a "Daily Show" sketch that premiered a week before Maziar's arrest. Maziar says the guards were asking him about this particular sketch in which "Daily Show" correspondent Jason Jones, the correspondent for the "Daily Show," pretends to be a spy who doesn't know anything about the Middle East.

Here are the videos mentioned:

[June 17 Video Clip](#)

[Jun 22, 2009](#)

MAZIAR NEWS TIMELINE

JUNE:

[June 18: Updates on Iran's Disputed Election](#) *New York Times* Jun 18, 2009

[Canada and Newsweek Seek Release of Reporter Detained in Iran](#) *New York Times* Jun 23, 2009

JULY:

[Newsweek reporter in Iran reportedly 'confesses' - CNN.com](#) Jul 1, 2009

[Maziar Bahari's Mother Calls for His Release | Newsweek International...](#) *Newsweek* Jul 4, 2009

AUGUST:

[Newsweek Steps Up Effort to Free Reporter in Iran](#) *New York Times* Aug 3, 2009

[Iranian court says 'confessions' prove Western plot](#) *Times Online* Aug 10, 2009

SEPTEMBER:

[Jailed Canadian touted for peace prize - Toronto Star](#) September 9

[Editorial - Free Maziar Bahari - NYTimes.com](#) Sep 9, 2009

OCTOBER:

[Iran Releases Foreign Newsweek Reporter on Bail](#) *New York Times* - Oct 17, 2009

[Newsweek Reporter Maziar Bahari Released in Iran | Newsweek ...](#) *Newsweek* Oct 17, 2009

NOVEMBER: (Since his release)

[Iran: Some Journalists Freed, Many Still In Prison](#) *Payvand* Nov. 2, 2009

[Iran detains journalist for French news agency](#) *AP* Nov. 5, 2009

[Over 100 protestors arrested on Wednesday](#) *Tehran Times* Nov. 7, 2009

[Iran releases 3 journalists jailed during rallies](#) *AP* Nov. 7, 2009

[Iran media says foreign journalists released from custody](#) *Washington Post* Nov. 7, 2009

[Iran accuses US hikers of spying after straying across border](#) *Guardian.co.uk* Nov. 9, 2009

[Iran sentences 5 to death in postelection turmoil](#) *AP* Nov. 17, 2009

[Verdict issued for Iran post-vote detainees](#) *Tehran Times* Nov. 21, 2009

MANMOHAN SINGH

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

Dr. Manmohan Singh is India's fourteenth Prime Minister. Born into rural poverty, he attended major universities such as Punjab University, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Oxford. Trained as an economist, Singh quickly rose to become finance minister, head of the Central Bank before becoming Prime Minister of the world's largest democracy.

He was sworn in as Prime Minister on 22nd May after the 2004 general elections and took the oath of office for a second term on May 22, 2009. He is the first Indian Prime Minister since [Jawaharlal Nehru](#) to return to power after completing a full five-year term. In his political career, Dr. Singh has been a Member of India's Upper House of Parliament (the Rajya Sabha), Leader of the Opposition, Secretary General of the South Commission in Geneva, Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance, and Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. In 1964 he wrote a book entitled "India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth" which was an early critique of India's inward-oriented trade policy.

Singh was India's Finance Minister between 1991 and 1996, a five year period that has been called the turning point in the economic history of independent India. His role in ushering in a comprehensive policy of economic reforms is now recognized worldwide.



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SINGH'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON

By all accounts Prime Minister Singh and President Obama have forged a good personal relationship, but Singh's upcoming visit to Washington is about more than just personalities. It is the first official state visit of the Obama presidency. It should be an occasion to celebrate and solidify the alliance between the world's largest democracy and the world's oldest democracy. But in fact, so far the Obama presidency has been marked by a series of fumbles and

miscues in its relations with New Delhi.

[PREVIEW-India PM heads to US in test of ties with Obama](#) *Reuters*

[WSJDEBATE: Have India-US Relations Changed Since Obama Came to Power?](#) *WSJ*

[Obama's first state dinner guest: India](#) *Washington Post (blog)*

[Economic ties likely to take centrestage at Manmohan-Obama summit](#) *Economic Times*

[US envoy says US-India ties strong](#) *USA Today*

[India, US Preparing to Finalize Strategic Partnership Framework](#) *VOA*

[US-India Relations on the Eve of Singh's Visit](#) *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*

[A New Era in US-Indian Partnership](#) *US Department of State*

[India PM heads to US in test of ties with Obama](#) *Washington Post*

[ANALYSIS-U.S. weighs India ties over Pakistan fears](#) *Reuters*

[Agenda In America](#) *Times of India*

THE ECONOMY:

[Singh commits India to financial reform](#) *CNN*

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- India's prime minister vows deep financial reform in nation's economy
- PM signals "winding down" of stimulus measures in 2010
- Comments seen as effort to dispel investor anxiety over previous reforms

[Pressing Reform for India](#) *WSJ*

PRESIDENT BUSH:

Fareed mentions that when the former President was in New Delhi recently, Prime Minister Singh hosted him for a meal.



[Indian PM hosts 'great friend' Bush](#) *AFP*

[Bush India's great friend: PM](#) *Economic Times*

[Manmohan Singh and I share the same values: Bush](#) *Hindustan Times*

AFGHANISTAN:

To better understand [India-Afghanistan Relations click here](#) *CFR*

"A transformation of Pakistan-Afghanistan ties can only take place in an overall context of improved Pakistani-Indian relations ... that enhances Pakistani confidence in its regional position." - Pakistan Policy Working Group [report](#)



RESERVE CURRENCY:

Fareed mentions that the Russian government and the Chinese government might be hinting or suggesting that they might prefer the world without the dollar as the reserve currency. Here are some background news sources:

[Russia Won't Diversify Currency Reserves, Kostin Says](#) *Bloomberg*

[Can China dump the dollar?](#) *MarketWatch*

[US Dollar May Lose Reserve Status in 20-30 Years](#) *Bloomberg*

CHINA:

Fareed mentions that "over the last few months there have been a series of small events, incidents on the north western border. Statements by the Chinese and articles in the other government sponsored newspapers suggest some friction. Plus, Fareed points out, there remains the fact that China has sorted out about 15 major border disputes in the last decade. The one major border dispute it has not sorted out is with India. Singh acknowledges that it is "a complicated problem" but that they are making progress.

['Pakistan has nothing to fear from India'](#) *Washington Post*

[India quietly bolsters disputed China border](#) *Reuters*

[Pak-China collaboration does not alarm India: Centre](#) *Press Trust of India*

[India adds troops on Chinese border](#) *Global Times*



CHINA/US RELATIONSHIP:

Fareed asks if Singh is worried after President Obama and President Hu issued a statement last week in which they spoke of China's role in contributing to peace & security in south Asia. Singh says it does not worry him at all and that as far as South Asia is concerned, they are "capable of resolving all outstanding issues bilaterally and do not need outside intervention to bring about peace and stability."

[President Obama delivers joint press statement with President Hu Jintao of China](#) *Washington Post*

[Playing Nice With China](#) *Forbes*

[India bristles at closer Sino-US ties](#) *People's Daily Online*

[In Obama Interview, Signs of China's Heavy Hand](#) *New York Times*

[Arena Digest: Obama in China](#) *Politico*

[Obama's Asia Trip: The Deference Debate](#) *TIME*

AfPak:

Singh brings up something Secretary Clinton said recently regarding the location of the Quetta Shura. Here is more on the relations between Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and the US.



[Can the West salvage Karzai's reputation?](#) *Reuters Blogs*

[White House backs Clinton's Pakistan remarks](#) *The Associated Press*

[Q+A: India, U.S. seek to move "beyond cliches" on ties](#) *Reuters*

[Clinton favors Pak-India dialogue on Kashmir](#) *Dawn*

Kashmir:

Fareed asks Singh about Kashmir and the leader of the Hurriyat, a moderate separatist movement in Kashmir, who says that he has been invited to China by a Chinese NGO. Here is more on that story:

[Moderate Hurriyat divided over 'quiet' talks](#) *Thaindian*

[Kashmiri separatist denies start of 'quiet dialogue'](#) *AFP*

[Ready for sincere talks: Hurriyat](#) *Times of India*

[Talks between separatists of India-controlled Kashmir, New Delhi start](#) *Xinhua*

[Moderate separatist leaders of India-controlled Kashmir hold talks with New Delhi](#) *People's Daily Online*

IAEA:

Singh says that India's "stand is that Iran is a signatory to the UN treaty. It has the obligation to abide by all that is required as the signatory to the UN treaty. It has also all the rights that go with peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and ours was a principle stand which was based on these two principles."

More on IAEA below:

[An enriching possibility](#) *Financial Express*

['Iran hopes President Obama can deliver on his promises'](#) *Tehran Times*



IRAN:

['Iran hopes President Obama can deliver on his promises'](#) *Tehran Times*

[The elephant in India and Iran's room](#) *Asia Times Online*

[Door open for India on gas pipeline: Iran minister](#) *Economic Times*