



# SOORA - BREAKING THE SILENCE

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## SYNOPSIS

In Iran, men can legally abuse, coerce, humiliate, rule over and speak on behalf of women. Five female activists run a one-year campaign. Their goal is to pass a law that makes domestic violence a crime. In Iran, men can legally abuse, coerce, humiliate, rule over and speak on behalf of women. Women need their husband's or father's permission to travel, work or get a divorce. Violence against women, especially within a marriage or the family, is not considered a crime, thus women cannot turn to the police or anyone else for help. Banafsheh, Sedigheh, Zahra, Jelveh and Mina – five fearless feminists – founded an NGO called "SOORA". Its goal is to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence and eventually to pass a law that makes domestic violence a crime. Our five protagonists take us along on their campaign tour through Iran, where we learn about its diverse traditions and about how male dominance is enforced by law. SOORA provides legal advice, information...

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