

# 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 “SOO-RA”. 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. SOO-RA provides legal advice, information...

## FESTIVALS

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## CAST AND CREW

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