

# DEAR ELNAZ

A Documentary in memory of PS752



CANADA/ UK/ IRAN

83 minutes

Directed by:  
DP & Creative Director:  
Producer:

**ANONYMOUS**  
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**JAVAD SOLEIMANI**

### **Short Synopsis:**

Like a trauma therapist, the camera accompanies Javad Soleimani whose wife, Elnaz Nabiyyi, was killed aboard flight PS752 after missile attacks by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Javad's personal and political memories are interwoven as the camera crew and his friends follow him through the complex labyrinth of healing and mourning. Javad's fury and sorrow is gradually geared towards a loud cry for justice.

### **Long Synopsis:**

On January 8th, the Ukrainian Airlines flight PS752 was shot down by the Iranian regime with at least two missiles. All 176 passengers and crew lost their lives. Javad Soleimani lost the love of his life, his wife and his best friend, Elnaz Nabiyyi, on that flight. He and Elnaz had moved to Canada less than two years prior to this tragedy to pursue a PhD at the University of Alberta.

From the very beginning, the Iranian regime tried to lie to the whole world about the real reasons for this heinous crime. The Iranian authorities quickly concluded that the plane crash was merely due to technical defects. Iran was finally forced to accept responsibility for firing upon a civilian aircraft under international pressure.

In this documentary, the camera's role as an observer gradually evolves into Javad's primary channel for seeking justice. The audience is invited into Javad's political and personal memories as his friends and the film crew accompany him through a process of mourning and healing. Javad's anger and sorrow of losing Elnaz gradually shifts towards a loud cry for justice.

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## ELNAZ NABIYI

Elnaz was born in 1989, in Zanjan, Iran. She was a demure, gracious, creative, altruistic girl; always with a smile on her face.

Elnaz graduated from Farzanegan high school administered under the “National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents”. She was a member of Young Mathematicians Association in Tehran and managed to reach the finals of the Iranian Physics Olympiad. She was educated. She had gotten an excellent rank in the national entrance exam to university and entered Sharif University of Technology, one of the best engineering universities in Iran. She was successful all the way.

Elnaz was always exploring. She had even participated in religious courses in Iran but she had not found an answer to her questions, so she left. She said she couldn't take it to be a complicit in oppression and tyranny. No matter who carried out the oppression, if the religious people were involved, she didn't want to seem to be a part of it. She then received her Master's Degree in MBA at Sharif University and then a doctorate program was waiting for her in Canada. She was a PhD student at the University of Alberta when flight PS752 was downed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps on January 8th, 2020. In August 2020, Elnaz was granted a posthumous degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Operations Management and Information Systems for her academic achievements and dedication to pursuing advanced studies by the University of Alberta.





## JAVAD SOLEIMANI

Producer

Javad Soleimani is the surviving husband of Elnaz Nabiyi. He was born in 1990 in Kerman, Iran. He studied Electrical Engineering at Iran University of Technology and continued to Sharif University where he received an MBA and met Elnaz. They relocated to Edmonton together in 2018 where he currently is a graduate student at the University of Alberta.

Soleimani is a founding member of the association of families of victims of Flight PS752. The missions of their Association are to unite the grieving families, keep the memories of the passengers alive, and most importantly seek justice. They are determined to uncover the truth and find out why a commercial flight was shot down by IRGC's missiles. We will staunchly seek justice until the culprits, perpetrators, and commanders of this atrocious crime are identified and brought to justice before an impartial and independent court.



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## **ANONYMOUS**

Director

is an internationally acclaimed artist and filmmaker. Her provocative, revolutionary and radical films were recently the subject of retrospectives at the BFI, London, the DFI, Denmark, Oldenburg International Film Festival, Germany, Cyprus Film Festival and Nottingham Contemporary UK. Her films have screened at festivals around the world and have received numerous awards.

## **ANONYMOUS**

Director of Photography & Creative Director

is an artist working in video installation and film. His practice is research-driven and usually exists at the intersections of political economy, critical architecture and human geography. Through a delicate examination of the violences and intimacies that occur at the boundaries of lived experience and constructed histories, he uncovers the minutiae of power that regiments the world around us. He holds a graduate degree in visual studies and human geography from University of Toronto's school of Architecture, Landscape and Urban planning.































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