



His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon,
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New York, NY 10017

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Your Excellency:

Topic: Deterioration of the conditions of political prisoners in Iran

My compatriots and I are greatly concerned about the ever-increasing violation of human rights in Iran. Various Iranian political groups and women are targets of the clerical regime. On numerous occasions I have issued statements to the press and sent urgent letters to The Secretary-General of the United Nations stressing the dire conditions of my compatriots who have been maimed and tortured in prisons. I wish to draw your attention in particular to the case of the following individuals:

Mr. Mohammad Reza Ali Zamani
Mr. Arash Rahmanpour
Mr. Nasser Abdulhosseini
Mr. Hamed Rohi Nejad
Mr. Davood Fardbache Mir Ardebili

These persons are all political prisoners who have been sentenced to death, and are awaiting imminent execution. Sadly, there are many others whose detentions and even executions are unbeknownst to world media and governments.

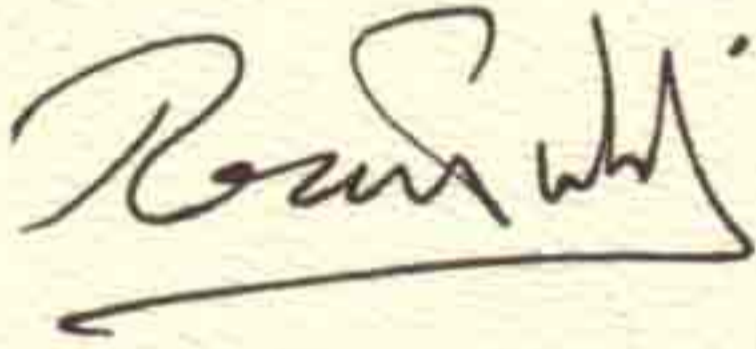
Many if not all the political prisoners in Iran are brutalized and held in solitary confinement in spite of the specific objections of the United Nations. Unfortunately the clerical regime of Iran has so far ignored these warnings as well as all the urgent appeals made by international human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. Despite all these threats, our compatriots in Iran continue to fight for their freedom at the risk of imprisonment, torture, disappearance and death. I salute their courage and dedication and demand your good offices to do all that you can to put an end to these violations.

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As we are all aware human rights and fundamental freedoms are one of the sacred basic purposes of the UN Charter. Thus, I urgently request your Excellency's personal intervention on behalf of all political prisoners in Iran, and to put as much pressure as possible on the clerical regime to immediately stop such practices and free all political prisoners without delay.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reza Pahlavi', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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