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Please forward to Head of the Judiciary

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my concern about the case of four human rights defenders who appear to have been targeted by the authorities solely for their peaceful human rights activities. **Atena Daemi**, **Arash Sadeghi** and **Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee** are currently serving lengthy prison sentences in Tehran's Evin prison and are prisoners of conscience. **Omid Alishenas** was a prisoner of conscience serving a seven-year imprisonment sentence until he was given conditional release on 15 July 2017. He may, however, be recalled to prison to finish serving his sentence.

Atena Daemi and Omid Alishenas were sentenced on the basis of trumped-up national security charges, whereas husband and wife Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee were convicted of spurious charges including "spreading propaganda against the system" and "insulting Islamic sanctities" respectively.

I therefore urge you to release Atena Daemi, Arash Sadeghi, and Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee immediately and unconditionally, as they are prisoners of conscience, imprisoned solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly including through their human rights work. Please ensure that the conviction and sentence of Omid Alishenas is quashed and his release is made unconditional. May I also respectfully ask you to make sure that, pending their release, Atena Daemi and Arash Sadehi are granted access to the ongoing specialized medical care they need outside prison. Lastly, I would like to urge you to ensure a prompt and independent investigation into the torture allegations of Atena Daemi and Arash Sadehi, bringing anyone found responsible to justice in proceedings that meet international fair trial standards.

Yours faithfully

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