



Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien har till uppgift att främja vetenskaperna och stärka deras inflytande i samhället.  
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has as its aim to promote the sciences and strengthen their influence in society.

Stockholm 1 June 2018

Elisabeth Rachlew /ch

His Excellency Ayatollah  
Sayed 'Ali Khamenei  
Supreme Leader of the Islamic  
Republic of Iran  
The Office of the Supreme Leader  
Islamic Republic Street – End of  
Shadid Keshvar Doust Street  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

The Human Rights Committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, the Swedish Academy and the Young Academy of Sweden seeks your assistance concerning the case of Narges Mohammadi, an Iranian engineer, physicist, and human rights defender who is currently serving a 16-year sentence in Tehran's Evin Prison on charges related to her peaceful human rights activities.

In addition to her scientific work, Ms. Mohammadi is a distinguished human rights defender, known and respected globally for her efforts to promote and protect the rights of women, prisoners of conscience, minority communities, and other vulnerable groups. She has been held in Evin Prison since May 2015, when she was taken into custody to serve the remainder of a previously imposed sentence related to her human rights work. She had been released earlier due to her ill-health. At the time of her rearrest, Ms. Mohammadi also faced several new security-related charges brought after she resumed her human rights activities following her release. In May 2016, she was convicted and sentenced to 16 years in prison by the Tehran Islamic Revolutionary Court.

We are concerned that Ms. Mohammadi appears to be incarcerated for exercising her constitutional and internationally protected rights. Our concern is heightened by reports that her conditions of confinement have been difficult. We understand that she has been subjected to periods of solitary confinement and has on a number of occasions been denied medical care for a serious neurological disorder that causes her to suffer seizures. Ms. Mohammadi is also separated from her two young children.

Given the information above, we respectfully request your help in securing Ms. Mohammadi's release from prison. In the interim, we ask you to ensure that her conditions of confinement conform with the U.N. Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), in particular that she is allowed to communicate regularly with her family and provided with regular access to adequate medical care.

Thank you, Your Excellency, for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rachlew

*Professor, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee*



KUNGL.  
VETENSKAPS-  
AKADEMIEN

THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

---

Copy: His Excellency Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
His Excellency Gholam Ali Khoshroo, Permanent Representative of the Islamic  
Republic of Iran to the United Nations  
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Stockholm, Sweden  
The Embassy of Sweden in Iran



Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien har till uppgift att främja vetenskaperna och stärka deras inflytande i samhället.  
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has as its aim to promote the sciences and strengthen their influence in society.

Stockholm 1 June 2018

Elisabeth Rachlew /ch

His Excellency Ayatollah  
Sadegh Larijani  
Head of the Judiciary  
c/o Public Relations Office  
Number 4, Dead end of 1 Azizi  
Above Pasteur Intersection,  
Vali Asr Street  
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

The Human Rights Committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, the Swedish Academy and the Young Academy of Sweden seeks your assistance concerning the case of Narges Mohammadi, an Iranian engineer, physicist, and human rights defender who is currently serving a 16-year sentence in Tehran's Evin Prison on charges related to her peaceful human rights activities.

In addition to her scientific work, Ms. Mohammadi is a distinguished human rights defender, known and respected globally for her efforts to promote and protect the rights of women, prisoners of conscience, minority communities, and other vulnerable groups. She has been held in Evin Prison since May 2015, when she was taken into custody to serve the remainder of a previously imposed sentence related to her human rights work. She had been released earlier due to her ill-health. At the time of her rearrest, Ms. Mohammadi also faced several new security-related charges brought after she resumed her human rights activities following her release. In May 2016, she was convicted and sentenced to 16 years in prison by the Tehran Islamic Revolutionary Court.

We are concerned that Ms. Mohammadi appears to be incarcerated for exercising her constitutional and internationally protected rights. Our concern is heightened by reports that her conditions of confinement have been difficult. We understand that she has been subjected to periods of solitary confinement and has on a number of occasions been denied medical care for a serious neurological disorder that causes her to suffer seizures. Ms. Mohammadi is also separated from her two young children.

Given the information above, we respectfully request your help in securing Ms. Mohammadi's release from prison. In the interim, we ask you to ensure that her conditions of confinement conform with the U.N. Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), in particular that she is allowed to communicate regularly with her family and provided with regular access to adequate medical care.

Thank you, Your Excellency, for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Rachlew

*Professor, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee*



KUNGL.  
VETENSKAPS-  
AKADEMIEN

THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

---

Copy: His Excellency Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
His Excellency Gholam Ali Khoshroo, Permanent Representative of the Islamic  
Republic of Iran to the United Nations  
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Stockholm, Sweden  
The Embassy of Sweden in Iran