

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF SWEDEN'S
SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY ACADEMIES

Stockholm 25 November 2020
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His Excellency Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei
Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran
c/o His Excellency Majid Takht Ravanchi
Permanent Representative of the
Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations
Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic
of Iran to the United Nations
622 Third Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Your Excellency,

We, the Human Rights Committee of Sweden's Scientific and Literary Academies, write respectfully to seek our most urgent assistance with the situation of Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali, an imprisoned Iranian-Swedish disaster medicine specialist and a Swedish academic colleague of ours. According to reliable reports, Dr. Djalali has been informed by government authorities that orders have been given for his immediate transfer to solitary confinement and that his execution is imminent.

Dr. Djalali—a dual Iranian-Swedish citizen—was arrested in April 2016 while visiting Iran, at the invitation of the University of Tehran and Shiraz University, to take part in a series of workshops about best practices in disaster medicine. In October 2017, following proceedings that failed to meet international fair trial standards, he was convicted of allegedly committing espionage for a hostile government and sentenced to death by Iran's Revolutionary Court. Reliable reports indicate that Dr. Djalali was coerced under extreme duress to make false confessions that we understand were used as evidence in his prosecution. We further understand that the Supreme Court upheld the death sentence handed down to him in proceedings that were secret, denying his lawyer and family the opportunity to file documents in his defense. Dr. Djalali's subsequent appeal to the Iranian Supreme Court to review his conviction and death sentence was rejected earlier this year.

Given the alarming developments above, we respectfully request your help in ensuring that any orders to execute Dr. Djalali are halted. We further urge that, in view of the due process irregularities in his case and his already lengthy imprisonment, he be released as a matter of urgency.

We thank you in advance, Your Excellency, for your attention to this extremely alarming, urgent and important matter.

Respectfully yours,

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