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BLOGGER ON SICK LEAVE CALLED BACK TO PRISON

Your Excellency

I am writing you for the well-being of **Hossein Ronaghi Maleki** who was allowed out of Tehran's Evin Prison on 17 June 2015, on medical leave, to receive urgent specialized medical care. He was told on 29 June, however, that he must return to prison. He has only one functioning kidney and needs constant specialized medical care, which he cannot get in prison.

He was arrested in 2009 and sentenced to 15 years in prison because of the membership of the internet group *Iran Proxy* and the articles he posted on his blog. After his arrest, **Hossein Ronaghi Maleki** was held in solitary confinement for over a year, during which he has said he was tortured and otherwise ill-treated, which possibly contributed to his poor health.

I remind you that his conviction and sentence must be quashed as they stem from peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression and association.

That is why I call on you to

- allow **Hossein Ronaghi Maleki** to remain free and have urgent specialized medical care in hospital outside prison.
- ensure that his allegations of torture and other ill-treatment while in solitary confinement are independently and impartially investigated.

Yours sincerely,

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