

# PETITION

To the Head of the Judiciary  
Ayatollah Sadeqh Larijani  
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Your Excellency,

we are concerned at the denial of adequate medical care to many political prisoners in Iran's prisons, although Iran has reasonable regulations in this respect. There is evidence that in many cases this denial is a deliberate punitive act by the judiciary.

Common practices that threaten the health and lives of prisoners include:

- deliberately delaying or refusing urgent or specialized medical care;
- downplaying or dismissing the seriousness of prisoners' medical problems;
- withholding essential medication;
- refusing to release critically ill prisoners for medical treatment;
- forcing prisoners who have been granted medical leave to interrupt their treatment and return to prison.

These practices together with harsh prison conditions such as lack of heating in cold weather, overcrowding, inadequate food and poor sanitation, have put many prisoners in Iran at risk of irreparable damage to their health.

We respectfully remind you that the provision of timely and adequate medical care is a key human right. The UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners state that "prisoners should enjoy the same standards of health care that are available in the community".

Political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, including **Afif Naimi, Afshin Sohrabzadeh, Alireza Rasouli, Hossein Ronaghi Maleki, Jaber Sakhravi, Narges Mohammadi, Abdolfattah Soltani, Omid Kokabee, Sayed Hossein Kazemeyni Boroujerdi, Saeed Hosseinzadeh and Zeynab Jalalian**, are among those in urgent need of medical care outside prison.

We therefore urge you to:

- ensure that the above-mentioned prisoners are immediately given access to adequate medical care outside prison;
- ensure that medical decisions concerning the need for care outside prison are only taken by the responsible health care professionals;
- ensure that all individuals in custody receive adequate health care without discrimination.

Yours respectfully,

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