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Prosecutor General of Tehran Ali Alghasi Mehr
Office of the Prosecutor
Corner (Nabsh-e) of 15 Khordad Square
Tehran, Iran

Dear Mr. Alghasi Mehr:

As a member of Amnesty International Group 11 in New York City, I am writing to you concerning the welfare of Sanaz Alahyari and Amirhossein Mohammadifar, journalists and human rights activists who have been detained since January 2019 in Tehran's Evin prison, along with journalist Amir Amirgholi, solely in connection with their reporting on the protests at Haft Tappeh sugar cane company in Khuzestan province over grievances concerning unpaid wages and poor conditions there.

Sanaz Alahyari and Amirhossein Mohammadifar began a hunger strike on July 4 in protest at their continued detention. In addition, Sanaz Alahyari, who was earlier subjected to solitary confinement, has been suffering from a variety of illnesses including severe shaking in her hands and legs. Her family's requests to the prosecution and prison authorities for transfer to a medical centre outside the prison have gone unheeded.

Amirhossein Mohammadifar, meanwhile, was beaten on July 14 by several prisoners convicted of violent crimes. Under UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, authorities are obliged to keep prisoners who are violent or threatening away from other prisoners and divide prisoners into different classes depending on their criminal record and the legal reason for their detention. The Iranian authorities are clearly failing to abide by these rules and are thereby accountable for Amirhossein Mohammadifar's ill-treatment.

I strongly urge you to release Sanaz Alahyari, Amirhossein Mohammadifar and their colleague Amir Amirgholi immediately and unconditionally as they are prisoners of conscience detained solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression in reporting on the protests at Haft Tappeh.

Sincerely yours,

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