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Head of Judiciary, Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje
c/o H.E. Majid Takht Ravanchi
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Dear Mr Mohseni-Eje,

I am an Amnesty International activist and I am writing to you concerning **Zeynab Jalalian**, a member of Iran's Kurdish minority who is currently serving a life sentence in prison following a grossly unfair trial in December 2008. The trial lasted only a few minutes and failed to meet international standards for proving that she had been linked to armed separatists or terror activity. Before the trial Zeynab Jalalian was held for eight months with no access to a lawyer, and she claims that she was physically tortured and threatened with rape.

In June, 2020 Zeynab Jalalian tested positive for COVID-19 at the prison's medical clinic where she was taken after suffering from severe shortness of breath. She had been on hunger strike for six days over the authorities' refusal to transfer her to a medical centre for COVID-19 related treatment. After her hospitalization, which took place only after Zeynab's case was publicized in Iran, she was forcibly disappeared and her family could not locate her whereabouts.

Zeynab Jalalian has been suffering from heart, intestinal, and kidney problems as well as an oral thrush condition. She is also at risk of losing her eyesight due to a condition for which she has been denied surgery.

I urge you to ensure that Zeynab Jalalian is immediately provided with specialized medical care for health conditions that she has in an appropriate medical facility outside prison. I call on you to order a prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigation into her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, bringing to justice anyone found responsible in fair trials and without recourse to the death penalty. It is essential to protect her and implement the recommendation of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention from April 2016, which calls for Zeynab Jalalian to be released immediately and accords an enforceable right to compensation.

Yours sincerely,

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