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Honourable Justice Mohseni-Eje,

I am an activist with Amnesty International writing to express my grave concern for the wellbeing, right to life, and right to a fair trial of **HEIDAR GHORBANI**.

Mr. Ghorbani currently stands convicted of crimes including *baghi*, murder, and affiliation with the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran, he has unequivocally denied these accusations in totality save a forced confession which was extracted under tremendous psychological and degrading physical duress.

The courts have already acknowledged that Mr. Ghorbani was not armed, and the investigator of his case stated that there were no grounds for the charge of *baghi*. His forced confession was aired on Press TV well before his trial took place denying him presumed innocence. Mr. Ghorbani was not allowed to speak with his legal representation until the time of his trial, even then his attorney was denied full discovery.

When Mr. Ghorbani's home was raided by ten ministry of intelligence agents at the time of his arrest, there was no warrant presented.

Mr. Ghorbani was forcibly disappeared, held in solitary confinement, and his family was unable to ascertain information as to whether he was even alive for months. He claims that he was tortured into making any of the confessions that were broadcast and that same admission of guilt was later used to seal his fate. Even one of these facts would present beyond a reasonable doubt that fair trial violations have occurred, all of them in tandem most certainly merit a retrial as per Article 477 of Iran's Code of Criminal Procedure.

As of August 2021, a second request for judicial review has been denied, and a third has been filed which is currently pending.

Surely even the slightest doubt would merit further inquiry and retrial to prevent the loss of an innocent life, given the facts listed above Justice Mohseni-Eje, I urge you to immediately halt the execution of Heidar Ghorbani, rescind his previous convictions and grant him his request for a *fair* retrial, and to investigate his allegations of torture.

**Respectfully,**

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