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Honorable Justice Mohseni-Eje'i,

I am an activist with Amnesty International writing to call for the immediate and unconditional release of renowned human rights activist NARGES MOHAMMADI.

Narges was detained on the 16th of November 2021, while attending a peaceful memorial service for Ebrahim Ketabdar. She has made tremendous contributions to civil rights in Iran during her work to abolish the death penalty and service as the vice president of the Centre for Human Rights Defenders in Iran, an organization headed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi. When Shirin Ebadi was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, she dedicated the accomplishment to none other than Narges for her tremendous courage.

At the time of her most recent arrest in Karaj, Narges was mercilessly beaten by members of VAJA. The current sentence condemning Narges to two and a half years in prison and eighty lashes is unconscionable and must be quashed immediately. Flogging constitutes torture and is in direct violation of Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) to which Iran is a signatory member.

She has already suffered four years of unjust imprisonment for her activism, in which time she was subjected to white torture and denied medical care. The numerous international awards and accolades she has received for her work, in addition to the global outcry over her past and current time as a prisoner of conscience, serve as a clear testimony to the inequitable treatment she has received.

NARGES MOHAMMADI must be allowed to live in security without further disturbance to her work or person. The plight she is facing is felt acutely by her, her family, the international community, and all the Iranians her life's work has touched.

Respectfully,

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