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Dear Sir,

Before their arrest in September 2014, **Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee** and **Arash Sadeghi** campaigned for human rights, including for political prisoners and freedom of expression, and against the death penalty. They were sentenced to long prison terms in unfair trials and, after interim releases on bail, have now been imprisoned again. In prison, they have been tortured and mistreated: while Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee was subjected to long interrogations while blindfolded and threatened with execution for "insulting Islam," Arash Sadeghi reported being beaten open-handed, kicked, punched in the head, and choked while in custody between September 2014 and March 2015.

Since a 71-day hunger strike, Arash Sadeghi has been suffering from numerous illnesses. As authorities repeatedly refused to transfer him to medical facilities outside of prison, his health deteriorated. When he was finally examined in hospital in May 2018, doctors found a bone tumor. Amnesty International considers the denial of cancer treatment and the suffering caused as torture.

Please release Arash Sadeghi and Golrokh Ebrahimi Iraee immediately and unconditionally, as they are *prisoners of conscience* imprisoned solely for their freedom of expression and human rights activism. Pending their release, ensure that they are protected from torture or other ill-treatment and that they are granted regular access to legal counsel, family members, and medical treatment. Please investigate the allegations of torture and hold those responsible accountable in fair trials.

Yours sincerely

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