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AN URGENT APPEAL TO SAVE THE LIVES OF SIX POLITICAL PRISONERS ON DEATH ROW IN IRAN

Rome, December 2, 2024.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Italian Federation for Human Rights, I am writing to express our serious concern about six political prisoners in Iran, who are at imminent risk of execution.

After months of torture, an Iranian revolutionary court in Tehran has ordered the death penalty for Abolhassan Montazer (65 years old, imprisoned multiple times and arrested again last January), Pouya Ghobadi (32 y. o., arrested in March), Vahid Bani-Amrian (32 y. o. arrested in January after previous imprisonments), Babak Alipour (33 y. o., arrested in January after previous imprisonments), Ali Akbar Daneshvarkar (57 y. o., arrested in January), and Mohammad Taghavi (58 y. o., imprisoned several times).

They have been charged of “collusion and conspiracy against national security,” “armed rebellion against the government,” “forming a group to disrupt national security,” “destruction of public property,” and “membership in the People’s Mojahedin Organization of Iran.”

While the Iranian revolutionary courts are notorious for not allowing fair trials nor any right to the defenders, the blatant political motivation of the sentences suggests us to appeal for an immediate action by the U. N. institutions to save the lives of these political prisoners.

Looking forward to receive positive information on this case, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President, Italian Federation for Human Rights

