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Immediate Action Required to Save the Lives of Six Political Prisoners in Iran

The Iranian regime's judiciary has sentenced six political prisoners to death following their arrests earlier this year.

Having faced months of torture and unlawful detention, Abolhassan Montazer, Ali Akbar Daneshvarkar, Babak Alipour, Mohammad Taghavi, Pouya Ghobadi and Vahid Bani-Amrian have now been sentenced to death, without any adequate due legal process and are at immediate risk of execution on charges of being supporters of the main Iranian opposition PMOI.

Their cases highlight the Iranian regime's ongoing crackdown on political dissidents and activists and the need for the UK government and its international counterparts to immediately act to save the lives of political prisoners in Iranian prisons.

The details of those on death row are:

Abolhassan Montazer (65), an architect and political activist
Ali Akbar Daneshvarkar (57), a civil engineer
Mohammad Taghavi (58), a political prisoner from the 1980s and 1990s
Babak Alipour (33), a law graduate
Pouya Ghobadi (32), an electrical engineer
Vahid Bani-Amrian (32), a graduate in management

Under the leadership of Ali Khamenei, the Iranian regime has escalated its brutal crackdown on dissidents. The regime's strategy includes executing activists and political prisoners in a desperate attempt to stifle resistance.

The regime's decision to sentence these six individuals to death underscores the systemic repression employed by Iran's authoritarian leadership. The Iranian authorities use such charges, including "conspiracy against the state" or "armed rebellion," as tools to eliminate any form of opposition, without any due legal process. These sentences are a clear indication of the regime's ongoing disregard for the rights and lives of its citizens.

This urgent situation requires a coordinated and immediate response from the UK government and the international community. The United Nations Security Council, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Council, and other relevant international bodies, must without delay take meaningful steps to prevent these executions. Furthermore, the UK government must work with the European Union and other world partners to increase pressure on the Iranian regime to halt the executions and demand the immediate release of all political prisoners.

The ongoing persecution of political prisoners, including these six individuals, must not be ignored. A firm and resolute global response is essential to hold the Iranian regime accountable for its actions and ensure the freedom of those imprisoned for their political beliefs and activism.

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