



Open letter to the attention of:

- ◆ H.E. Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, President of Iran
- ◆ Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei, Supreme Leader
- ◆ H.E. Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i, Head of judiciary

c/o Embassy of Iran to the United Nations in Geneva ([iran.unog@mfa.gov.ir](mailto:iran.unog@mfa.gov.ir))

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**URGENT – Support to Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali**

Your Excellency,

We are writing to you on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA), the global federation of National Medical Associations representing millions of physicians worldwide, acting for the advancement of good practice, medical ethics and medical accountability internationally.

We note that academic and doctor Ahmadreza Djalali, who has been missing since 24 June, has recently been reported alive and transferred to Evin Prison. The relief of knowing that he is alive does not in any way dispel our deep concern and indignation at our colleague's situation.

Dr Djalali is unanimously recognised as an emergency medicine specialist who was peacefully practising his profession. He has been arbitrarily detained in Iran since April 2016 and was sentenced to death for espionage following a grossly unfair trial before the Revolutionary Court in Tehran. Since his arrest, he has been deprived of his fundamental rights, subjected to solitary confinement, torture and ill-treatment.

We consider him to be a prisoner of conscience and call on you to release him immediately and unconditionally. Pending his release, Dr Djalali must be allowed to communicate with his family and lawyers, receive adequate medical care and be protected from further torture or other ill-treatment.

We also urge the Iranian authorities to adopt a moratorium on the death penalty as a first step towards its abolition.

We have already written to you several times in support of Dr. Djalali. We once again appeal to your humanity and sense of justice and urge you to take all necessary measures to respond to our requests without delay.

Your sincerely,

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President of the World Medical Association