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URGENT APPEAL: Act Now to Stop the Imminent Mass Execution of 13 Young Men in Isfahan, Iran

To: International Human Rights Organizations, Democratic Governments, and Global Human Rights Defenders

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We are writing to you with gravity and a sense of utmost urgency. The Islamic Republic of Iran's state-sponsored execution machinery has accelerated to an unprecedented pace, and the lives of thirteen young Iranian and Afghan individuals are currently hanging by a thread.

Following an incident on January 8th at Alikhani Square in Isfahan, security forces detained 59 individuals. Among them, thirteen young men, many of whom are teenagers, have been sentenced to death on highly fabricated and severe charges, including *Moharebeh*, meaning enmity against God, and *Fesad-fil-Arz*, meaning corruption on Earth.

On July 5th, the Supreme Court of Iran unjustly upheld these draconian death sentences. The cases have now been officially referred to the Isfahan Revolutionary Court's Enforcement Unit, which means their executions could be carried out at any moment.

We urgently call on the international community to raise its voice and intervene immediately to save the lives of these innocent youths:

List of Individuals Facing Imminent Execution:

1. **Alireza Sepahi** (24 years old), sentenced to death 4 times
2. **Abolfazl Sepahi** (23 years old, Alireza's brother), sentenced to death 3 times
3. **Ghaem Hosseini** (20 years old), sentenced to death 2 times
4. **Gol-Mohammad Mohammadi** (23 years old, Afghan citizen)
5. **Shervin Bagherian** (18 years old), sentenced to death 2 times
6. **Erfan Esfandiari** (18 years old)
7. **Amirhossein Safari** (27 years old)
8. **Amir Hossein Maleki** (19 years old)
9. **Ali Dashti** (19 years old)
10. **Abolfazl Ebrahimi** (18 years old)
11. **Alireza Raeisi** (21 years old)
12. **Amirhossein Ebrahimi Analoucheh** (19 years old), sentenced to death 2 times
13. **Sepehr Hoonjani** (17 years old, who was a minor at the time of arrest)

Systemic Violations of Human Rights and Due Process: These convictions are the result of systematically flawed trials that violate the core principles of international law and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran is a state party. The judicial process against these individuals has been marked by:

- **Forced Confessions:** Extracted under severe physical and psychological torture.
- **Lack of Fair Trial:** Denial of access to independent legal counsel and holding closed-door trials in Revolutionary Courts.
- **Targeting Minors:** The inclusion of Sepehr Hoonjani, who is 17 years old, and several 18-year-olds violates the absolute international ban on sentencing juvenile offenders to death.

Our Demands to the International Community:

The families of these young men are living in constant terror, waiting for a miracle. Their voices must be amplified by the global community. We urge your organisation and government to take immediate action through the following measures:

1. **Public Condemnation:** Issue strong, public diplomatic statements condemning these imminent executions and demanding that the Iranian judiciary halt all death sentences immediately.
2. **Diplomatic Intervention:** Summon Iranian ambassadors to demand an immediate stay of execution and a transparent judicial review with independent international observers.
3. **United Nations Action:** Urge the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, and the UN Fact-Finding Mission to launch an urgent inquiry into the Isfahan cases.
4. **Targeted Sanctions:** Apply diplomatic pressure and targeted human rights sanctions against the judges and officials of the Isfahan Revolutionary Court responsible for issuing and executing these death sentences.

Silence is interpreted by the Islamic Republic as a green light to continue its bloodshed. We must act collectively before it is too late. The international community has a moral and legal obligation to prevent this impending massacre.

We remain at your disposal to provide further details and documentation regarding these cases.

Sincerely,
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