

SCHOLARS AT RISK

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c/o H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee
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Re: Emadeddin Baghi

Your Excellency:

I write on behalf of the Scholars at Risk Network with regard to Emadeddin Baghi, a scholar, writer, investigative journalist and recent recipient of the prestigious Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders. We have written earlier on April 19th, June 25th and September 27th. We wish to express our grave concern again about Mr. Baghi's repeated imprisonment, most recently on December 5th, on charges seemingly based on his exercise of fundamental rights of free inquiry and free expression, conduct protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran is signatory.

We again respectfully urge you to intervene to ensure his well-being pending his earliest release, including ensuring regular access to legal counsel of his choosing, to family and to medical treatment. We are concerned by reports that he is currently being held without access to family, and that he continues to suffer from respiratory and heart conditions exacerbated by his repeated imprisonment and prosecution. We therefore further urge you to ensure that Mr. Baghi's case is addressed quickly and in a manner consistent with internationally recognized standards of due process and fair trial, in accordance with Iran's obligations under international law.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this important matter and look forward to your earliest reply as we continue to monitor Mr. Baghi's case.

Sincerely,



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