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Public Prosecutor Hamada al-Sawi
Office of the Public Prosecutor
Madinat al-Rehab
CAIRO
EGYPT

Dear Counsellor,

I am writing to express my concern about the arbitrary detention on 1 February of 29-year-old researcher and anthropology master's student Ahmed Samir Santawy. He was subjected to enforced disappearance until 6 February, when he was brought to the SSSP for questioning. Ahmed Samir Santawy said he was blindfolded and punched in the head and stomach.

His interrogators focused on his studies and involvement in an anti-government Facebook page. The prosecutor ordered his detention for 15 days pending investigations into charges of "membership in a terrorist group", "spreading false news" and "using a social media account to spread false news". The accusations were based on a Facebook post deemed critical of the authorities that Ahmed Samir Santawy denied authoring.

I therefore ask you to immediately and unconditionally release Ahmed Samir Santawy and open a prompt, independent, impartial, and effective investigation into his allegations of being forcibly disappeared and beaten.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Judiciary, Ebrahim Raisi
c/o Embassy of Iran to the European Union
Avenue Franklin Roosevelt No. 15
1050 Brussel,
BELGIUM

Dear Mr Raisi,

Since 29 April 2020, as prisons across Iran experienced outbreaks of COVID-19, Iranian Kurdish woman Zeynab Jalalian has been transferred to four different prisons across the country and, in violation of the absolute prohibition against torture and other ill-treatment, held in prolonged solitary confinement and deliberately denied access to adequate health care. The ministry of Intelligence is conditioning access to adequate health care, transfer to a prison closer to her family home in West Azerbaijan province and an end of reprisals against Jalalian and her family on her 'confessing' to wrongdoing and expressing remorse for her past political activities on camera, and agreeing to work with the ministry of Intelligence.

I call on you to immediately release Zeynab Jalalian by implementing the recommendation of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which calls for her to be released immediately and accorded an enforceable right to compensation. Pending her release, she must be provided with adequate health care, protected from further torture and other ill-treatment, and transferred to a prison closer to her family home.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

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Prime Minister Imran Khan
Prime Minister's Office
Constitution Avenue G-5/2
Islamabad,
PAKISTAN

Your Excellency Prime Minister Imran Khan,

I write to you out of extreme concern for the life and safety of human rights defender Muhammad Idris Khattak who was abducted by state authorities on 13 November 2019. No information about his whereabouts was shared with his family until seven months later when authorities admitted to having him in their custody. His family still do not know his current whereabouts.

You have previously shown your support for the families of enforced disappearances, even joined them during demonstrations. No one has been held accountable for what has happened to Idris and his family and his rights continue to be violated.

It is distressing to see that his case will be heard in a notoriously non-transparent military court, which he should not be tried in as a civilian. These concerns become all the more urgent given that he may be at risk of the death penalty. I therefore call on you to immediately disclose the whereabouts of Muhammad Idris Khattak, and to ensure that he is tried by an ordinary civilian court to rule on the lawfulness of his arrest or detention. He must be granted regular access to his lawyer and family immediately.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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