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MEDICAL LETTER-WRITING ACTION

AMPUTATION AND FLOGGING - IRAN

A joint sentence of amputation and flogging is reported to have been carried out on 10 April 1988 in Qom as a penalty for theft. This is reported to have been in addition to a sentence of imprisonment. The reasons for the severity of this sentence are not known. Please see the details attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Letters from medical professionals are requested to the addresses given below. Please write on professional headed paper in your personal professional capacity, without mention of AI. The larger medical groups are asked to send no more than 200 appeals. Letters should:

- . express concern at the report of amputation and flogging, noting that Mohammad Reza Zandi received this sentence in addition to a term of both imprisonment and exile
- . seek information on the nature of the offences committed
- . state that you hold amputation and flogging to be a form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment which violate international standards of human rights

ADDRESSES

Ayatollah Abdulkarim Musavi Ardebili
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Ministry of Justice
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