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TO: URGENT ACTION COORDINATORS  
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IRAN: MONIREH RAJAVI - FEAR OF EXECUTION

SINCE JULY, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS RECORDED THE NAMES OF HUNDREDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS OF MANY OPPOSITION FACTIONS, EXECUTED OR IN DANGER OF EXECUTION IN IRAN. AMONG THEM ARE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT, OR WHOSE TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT HAD EXPIRED WITHOUT THEIR BEING RELEASED, AND PRISONERS WHO HAD NEVER BEEN TRIED OR SENTENCED. THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOW RECEIVED REPORTS THAT MONIREH RAJAVI IS AMONG THOSE AT RISK OF EXECUTION.

MONIREH RAJAVI, AGED 37, IS THE SISTER OF MASSOUD RAJAVI, LEADER OF THE BANNED PEOPLE'S MOJAHEDINE ORGANIZATION OF IRAN (PMOI). FROM 1975-78, WHILE MASSOUD WAS A POLITICAL PRISONER UNDER THE SHAH'S REGIME MONIREH LIVED AND STUDIED IN THE UK, WHERE SHE WAS A MEMBER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. SHE AND HER HUSBAND RETURNED TO IRAN AND IN 1981 WERE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED WITH THEIR TWO SMALL CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN, NOW AGED SEVEN AND NINE, WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AND SENT TO LIVE WITH THEIR GRANDMOTHER.

IN 1985 MONIREH'S HUSBAND, ASGHAR, WAS EXECUTED. MONIREH HERSELF WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, BUT WAS NOT RELEASED WHEN THIS EXPIRED. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT SHE EVER USED OR ADVOCATED VIOLENCE, AND BELIEVES SHE MAY BE A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE HELD FOR HER NON-VIOLENT SUPPORT OF THE PMOI AND HER FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO ITS LEADER.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: TELEXES/TELEGRAMS/AIRMAIL LETTERS:

- URGING THAT ANY DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON MONIREH RAJAVI BE LIFTED, AND THAT IF SHE IS A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE HELD SOLELY FOR THE NON-VIOLENT EXPRESSION OF HER POLITICAL BELIEFS SHE BE IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED:
- URGING AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL EXECUTIONS, AND THE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN IRAN.

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT MENTION THE PMOI OR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN YOUR APPEALS, WHICH SHOULD BE IN A PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY.

APPEALS TO:

H.E. ALI AKBAR HASHEMI RAFSANJANI  
SPEAKER OF THE ISLAMIC  
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY  
MAJLES-E SHURA  
IMAM KHOMEINI AVENUE  
TEHRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

H.E. DR HASSAN EBRAHIM HABIBI  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
PARK-E SHAHR  
TEHRAN  
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

TELEGRAMS: SPEAKER, MAJLES-E

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214242 EXT IR

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. CHECK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL  
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