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Iran Sentences Employee of British Embassy

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[Iran](#) this week sentenced an Iranian employee of the British Embassy in Tehran, who was arrested after protests broke out over the country's disputed elections in June, to four years in prison on charges of fomenting violence during the unrest.

In a statement, the embassy denounced the sentence of Hossein Rassam, [a political analyst at the embassy](#), calling it "deeply concerning" and a sign of "further harassment of embassy staff for going about normal and legitimate duties."

The statement added that though the sentence could be appealed, it was considered "an attack against the entire diplomatic community in Iran."

Nazila Fathi reported from Toronto and Alan Cowell from Paris.

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