







Next | Inbox

____ inatical stachments

Download Attachments

Printable View - Full Headers

Flag This Message

Date: Fri, 10 May 2002 11:50:09 -0400

To:arichter@sorosny.org, SLazorchick@sorosny.org, aneier@sorosny.org

From: "Larry Siems" < lsiems@pen.org > | Block Address | Add to Address Book

Subject: Fwd: Siamak Pourzand - Urgent CC:ivy@pen.org, karmehri@yahoo.com

Hi Anthony, Susan, and Aryeh,

I just spoke with Mehrangiz Kar, who confirms the following report -- issued, I'm pretty sure, by her daughter in Canada.

Sounds like he's not in very good shape -- and still has not been transferred to a hospital.

I am hoping it might be possible to contact the Swiss in Tehran and have

them make official inquiries, intervene, press for medical attention, etc.

I'll be here in the office until about 1:45 today, but if you have any questions or need anything else, please feel free to contact Ivy Nevares at ivy@pen.org.

Thanks!

Larry

```
>X-Sender: pen.pencanada.ca@anansi.web.ca
>X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Light Version 3.0.6 (32)
>Date: Fri, 10 May 2002 11:18:47 -0400
>To: cathy@wipcpen.org, lsiems@pen.org, eugeneschoulqin@yahoo.se
>From: pen office <pen@pencanada.ca>
>Subject: Siamak Pourzand - Urgent
>
>Dear all,
> we received this very bad news today from the Pourzand family.
> regards,
> Julie
>
>May 10, 2002
```

SP00071

Yahoo! Mail Page 2 of 4

```
>URGENT: Siamak Pourzand had heart attack in the jail
>We are writing regarding Siamak Pourzand a 72 years Old Iranian
journalist.
>who: has: more: than 50 years valuable background in social works and
cultural
>activities.
>His last position was mamaging The Cultural Centre of Tehran. He has
>kidnapped on November 24th 2001 in front of his sister house in
Tehran at
>10.00pm by couple of unknown people. He has been kept in an unknown
>somewhere in Tehran for over 7 months up to now. After more than five
>months his court started to be process . During his court several news
>been published in hardliner newspapers against him. His sister who
visited
>him couple of times before his court was reporting about his pour
physical
>and physiological situation.
>The extremist group newspapers which were reporting about his court,
said
>that the defendant has confessed to his crimes and he has accepted
that he
>is absolutely quilty.
>There are many questions about his arrestment and the legal process of
>case which have never been answered. The original reason for his
arrestment
>is not clear yet. No body knows where they kept him for all last 7
months.
>He never had a chance to sign a contract with our family lawyer and
>court chose a lawyer for him who has never been in touch with us to
get
>more information and document. He has been forced to confess against
>himself under unbelievable physical and mental torture. They made him
>say that he doesn't have any defense.
>This is more than 7 months that all human right organizations are
working
>on his case to get news about his situation. After over 40 days the
>issued the sentence on his case and charged him for 8 years imprison.
>His lawyer says that Pourzand doesn't want to appeal on the court
decision.
>This is an important question that why he doesn't want to use his
>right. It is very clear that he is not allowed to ask for appeal.
>This is not a right time to analyze his legal rights and human rights.
>is very emergency situation that each single minute is important.
>The most urgent issue is his health situation now. He had a visit with
>sister last Friday. His health condition was terrible and he was
holding a
```

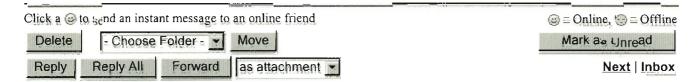
Yahoo! Mail Page 3 of 4

```
>big napkin in front of his mounts during the visit and it means that
>was something wrong that he had to hide it from his sister. He seems
>weak and nervous.
>These all made us worry because he was under serious medication for
>than 10 years because of his heart and blood pressure problems. During
>7 months nobody let us to provide him those necessary medicines. He
has
>been kept in an isolate cell for over 7 months now without the basic
>facilities.
> Unfortunately we got trustable news yesterday which said that during
>week he had heart attack. Also we heard that he couldn't get any kind
>health care services even in this emergency circumstance. Regarding
>heart problem background and all unfair and stressful situations that
>had during last 7 months and with considering his age, the situation
is
>very critical after this heart attack in the jail.
>Our request from all organization which is working on human right, is
>taking an urgent action about Pourzand scary condition. He needs
urgent
>medical services. We are pleased to accept any expenses for
transferring
>him to a hospital and all other medical coverage will be paid by his
>family. We are alerting that he is in an emergency situation and any
delay
>could be too late.
>Respectfully reminding that every single minute is important to
avoiding
>another tragedy happening in an unknown jail against an old journalist
who
>works with his love for improving the culture and expanding the
democracy
>in his society.
>Sincerely
>Pourzand's Family
>PENCANADA
>FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
>PEN Canada is committed to defending freedom of opinion and the
peaceable
>expression of such opinion, as guaranteed by Article 19 of the
Universal
>Declaration of Human Rights. It campaigns on behalf of writers around
the
>world persecuted for the expression of their thoughts. On the
national
>front, it supports the right to freedom of expression as enshrined in
>Section 2 (b) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
>Administrator
>PEN Canada
```

>24 Ryerson Ave. Ste.214 >Toronto, Ontario

>M5T 2P3

>Tel:(416) 703-8448 >Fax: (416) 703-3870



Yahoo! Personals = Where millions of singles meet

Address Book · Auctions · Autos · Briefease · Calendar · Careers · Chat · Classifieds · Finance · Games · Geocities · Greetings · Groups · Kids · Mail · Maps · Member Directory · Messenger · Mobile · Movies · Music · My Yahool · News · Pay Direct · People Search · Personals · Photos · Radio · Shopping · Sports · TV · Travel · Warehouse · Weather · Yellow Pages · mere...

Privacy Policy- Terms of Service
Copyright © 1994-2002 Yahoo! Inc. All rights reserved.