

To Ambassador Afsaneh Nadipour

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Dear Ambassador Afsaneh Nadipour,

I am sending you this letter because several concurred resources testify to an alarming rate of violence against health professionals in Iran related to the ongoing public protest. We have received reports of at least one physician killed by security forces.

Furthermore, The World Medical Association has informed us that, ambulances are being used for transporting security forces and that physicians are being coerced to falsify medical records and death certificates to cover up violence and torture.

The Danish Medical Association condemns such inappropriate violence by the security forces as well as the coercion of physicians and misuse of medical facilities. We are deeply concerned by these shocking practices impeding the provision of health care for those in need and failing to respect the basic principle of medical neutrality.

Most recently, I was horrified to be informed about the prosecution, maltreatment and sentencing to death of Dr. Hamid Ghareh Hasanlou and his wife. We strongly urge you and the Iranian government to ensure the immediately release of both and to guarantee that they and all other protesters are treated in accordance with their fundamental human rights and the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,

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