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Dear Jeremy,

26 June 2019

Last week, we had the opportunity to visit Richard Ratcliffe, the husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, outside the Iranian Embassy in London. Nazanin and Richard are both on hunger strike to protest Nazanin's appalling treatment by the Iranian regime. This hunger strike has now entered its second week, and it is clear that this situation cannot continue indefinitely.

We know that you and your officials in the Foreign Office are working incredibly hard to free Nazanin but we wanted to write to stress the difficulty of their ongoing plight. Only this weekend, Nazanin's daughter was denied permission to see her mother in prison. Iran's treatment of Nazanin and her family is nothing short of inhumane and unjustified.

It was a privilege to speak to Richard. Each one of us was humbled by his actions and determination to free his wife and reunite his family. **Richard's requests to the Iranian Embassy to end his and Nazanin's fasting are clear:**

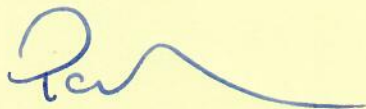
- 1. For Nazanin's immediate release**
- 2. For an immediate visit to Nazanin by the British Embassy to check on her health – after 3 years it is an outrage this continues to be blocked by Iran**
- 3. If no release is granted to her in the next few weeks, a visa for Richard to go to Iran.**

We would like to commend the tremendous work of Amnesty International, which continues to raise awareness of Nazanin's case and Iran's appalling human rights abuses. It is vital that we continue to support organisations such as Amnesty International, so they can continue to shine a light on human rights abuses in Iran and around the world, which would otherwise go unheard.

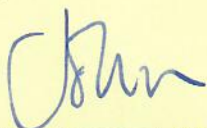
Each of us was moved by the tributes to Nazanin and vigil outside the Iranian Embassy. Countless individuals have been to visit Richard and show support for Nazanin and her family, and we would encourage others in Parliament and members of the Government to do the same. We believe that actions such as these outside the Iranian Embassy, small though they are, show our humanity in the face of Iran's shameless cruelty.

The United Kingdom is a proud beacon of democracy and a guardian of human rights. In this spirit, the Government must continue to redouble its efforts to end Nazanin and her family's suffering, which has gone on for too long.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in defending Nazanin and continuing work to free her.



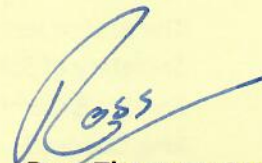
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