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H.E. Hamid Baeidinejad
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Dear Ambassador,

We write to you as UK Members of Parliament to request the immediate release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe from prison in Iran. As you will be aware, Nazanin and her husband 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.

Last week, we were able to visit Richard outside the Iranian Embassy. Each one of us was humbled by his actions and determination to free his wife and reunite his family. Whoever you are you could not fail to be moved by the tributes and vigil to Nazanin outside your embassy.

Iran's treatment of Nazanin and her family is nothing short of inhumane and unjustified. Only this weekend, Nazanin's daughter was denied permission to see her mother in prison. Whatever difference's the UK and Iran have regarding Nazanin's case we do not believe it is right nor necessary to deny Nazanin or her daughter their basic human rights. Nor do we believe that people in Iran would wish for a mother to be denied the right to see her child.

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.**

As Iran's Ambassador to the United Kingdom we would urge you to pass these requests onto the Government in Tehran. No one is benefitting from the ongoing hunger strike by Richard outside your embassy, or Nazanin in Iran. Indeed, the longer this continues the more damage it needlessly causes to individuals and Iran-UK relations.

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