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*In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's communication No. UA IRN 11/2020 dated 15 May 2020 concerning Messrs. **Hussein Silawi**, **Ali Khasreji** and **Nasser Khafajian**, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comment of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding those cases.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Comment by the  
High Council for Human Rights  
Of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Upon announcement by the Khuzestan Province Justice Administration, please be advised that Messrs **Hussein Silawi**, **Ali Khasreji** and their leader **Nasser Khafajian** were indicted on charges of agents of Mojaahed Neighborhood police station, orchestrating and commission of armed robbery of automobiles, possession of unauthorized war ammunitions and arms, show of force, threatening people with arms, breaching the peace and membership in hostile groups (ISIS). It should be noted that the case is still pending.

The aforementioned are currently in a regular prison and enjoying full health. They have never gone on strike and receive three meals per day. Mr. **Khafajian** was amongst the main instigators and leaders of Sepidar Prison riots, which prompted his transference to another prison directly overseen by the State Prisons and Security and Corrective Measures Organization. Hence:

1. Since the legal proceedings have not hitherto been completed, it is inadmissible to raise the issue of prescribing capital punishment or any other forms of punishment for the convicts.

2. They are held in a very specific location directly overseen by the State Prisons and Security and Corrective Measures Organization, which refutes the allegation of enforced disappearance.

3. With regards to the allegation of torture and abuse, it is hereby stated that Article 38 of the Constitution strictly prohibits any torture in Iran. Furthermore, Article 570, 578, 579 and 587 of Islamic Penal Code of the Islamic Republic of Iran as well as the single act of the Law of Honouring Legitimate Freedoms and Upholding Citizens' Rights have prescribed severe punishments for those who perpetrate torture or practice any forms of abuse. Additionally, in order to oversee the satisfactory enforcement of the said Act and pursuant to Article 15 of Executive Directive, the Central Board of Oversight – in association with Provincial Boards of Oversight – carry out the necessary inspections and oversight programs and deal with any violation or irregularity in a lawful manner. Hence, such an allegation is totally devoid of any standing.

With all privileges thereto pertaining.