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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 pursuant to the Note Verbale No 2025/594217 dated 29 October 2020 in response to the latter’s Communication No. AL IRN 19/2020 dated 5 August 2020 concerning Mr. Ali Younesi, has the honor to transmit, herewith, the additional comments of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran in that regard.

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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In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Additional comment

By

The High Council for Human Rights
Of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Regarding Mr. Ali Younesi

With reference to Letter entitled “Urgent Joint Request for Special Procedures on Mr. Ali Younesi”, as a complementary to the previous answer, the comment of the Tehran Prosecutor’s Office is provided as hereunder:

Accusations levelled against the aforesaid include: a) assembly and conspiracy against national security of the State through cooperation and association with the notorious Mujahedin-e Khalq terrorist Organization, b) launching propaganda campaign against the Establishment, c) spreading corruption on Earth by plotting to carry out a massive explosion in the capital Tehran with the purpose of acting against national security of the State.

The abovenamed was – for a duration of one year – under prosecution for acting against national security (plotting a bomb attack), and was – along with his partner in crime – arrested whilst possessing a handmade bomb. No evidence of battery and maltreatment of the aforesaid was produced upon his arrest. With respect to the nature of accusations attributed thereto, a lawyer was – pursuant to Article 48 of the Code of Criminal Procedure – appointed for the aforesaid, thereby facilitating his access to legal representation.

A character record sheet was also drawn up for the abovenamed and he was referred to a doctor for physiological and physical evaluations; the coroner’s report indicates that the aforesaid’s general conditions are medically acceptable. The abovenamed has – under no circumstances whatsoever – been under duress to make confessions. He was being temporarily held in Section 209 of the Evin Detention Centre; however, taking into consideration the aforesaid’s age and his
noncooperation with other inmates, he was transferred to a general population prison.

Questioning sessions were held in the presence of the aforesaid’s lawyer, with respect to the nature of actus reus (acting against national security of the State) attributed thereto. The aforementioned enjoys family visits pursuant to rules and regulations. The abovenamed was indicted and the case has been referred to the court for further investigations and pronouncing judgment.

With all rights and privileges appertaining thereto.