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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. AL IRN 8/2021 dated 15 March 2021 has the honor to transmit, herewith, the comment of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding Mr. Mohammad Mosaed, Mr. Davoud Mehradjam and Mr. Masoud Akhtarani.

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

Regarding Mr. Mohammad Mosaed, Mr. Davoud Mehradjam, and Mr. Massoud Akhtarani,

The latest situations appertaining to the cases of **Mohammad Mosaed**, **Davoud Mehradjam**, and **Massoud Akhtarani**, as per the announcement of the Tehran Justice Administration – are outlined as hereunder:

Mohammad Mosaed, son of Taqi – upon exhaustion of all legal procedures and formalities, and after hearing the pleadings of the defendant and the defense attorneys – has been sentenced to four years of incarceration and banned from membership in political groups and parties for two years for crimes attributed thereto including assembly and conspiracy for the purposes of acting against national security and spreading propaganda against the State.

The abovenamed, in defiance of orders issued by bailiffs, contributed to the dissemination of contemptuous and unsubstantiated information through several hostile media outlets and anti-Iranian elements, operating outside the country, in order to create the fake impression of a stifling crackdown, incite public sentiments and emotions, and paint a black image of the situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Constructive criticism shall, *absque dubio*, never entail punishment when it has distanced itself from humiliation and defamation, and is – instead – based on common sense and facts on the ground.

With respect to inquiries made thus far, no criminal record was found for Davoud Mehradjam and Massoud Akhtarani. Considering the existence of insufficient information about the aforementioned, it is currently impossible to verify and follow up on claims in the joint communication and allegations enumerated therein. The High Council for Human Rights shall make complementary investigations should the Special Procedures Mandate-Holders provide further information appertaining to the aforesaid.