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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 AL IRN 5 / 2026 dated 29 April 2026 enclosed with the Joint Communication from Special Procedures, has the honor to transmit herewith, comments from the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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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The Islamic Republic of Iran, while presenting its highest respect, would like to announce the following points for consideration regarding the allegations raised in the joint correspondence of April 29, 2026, by a number of UN Human Rights Council rapporteurs regarding Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh and Mr. Ahmadreza Haeri (with reference number AL IRN 5/2026):

1. Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh

- Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh, who has numerous judicial records, had made baseless and untrue accusations and claims by publishing numerous statements against the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the late Supreme Leader. In her statements, she has violated the regulations governing national security by supporting the coup of January 2026 and foreign interventions and aggressions in the country, as well as supporting activities aimed at regime change and overthrow.
- Pursuant to the aforementioned unlawful acts and by order of the judicial authority, Ms. Nasrin Sotoudeh was arrested on April 1, 2026, with due observance of the legal and religious principles. On May 13, 2026, she was released upon the issuance of a surety bond (Kafalat). The case has been referred to the court with an indictment for adjudication and the issuance of a judgment.
- Contrary to the allegations made, her family was aware of both her arrest and her whereabouts. The charge of "engaging in propaganda activities against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran" was formally communicated to her, and she subsequently informed her family of her arrest and the charges brought against her. Accordingly, the allegations that her family was unaware of her place of detention or that her whereabouts and status were unknown are inaccurate.
- The allegation that Ms. Sotoudeh was held in solitary confinement is unfounded. She was accommodated in a single-occupancy detention unit

of standard dimensions and equipped with the necessary sanitary facilities. It is reiterated that there is no facility in the detention centers or prisons of the Islamic Republic of Iran referred to as "solitary confinement" in the sense alleged. Pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedure, and only in exceptional circumstances upon the determination of the competent judicial authority, an accused person may be temporarily held in a separate suite equipped with ordinary welfare amenities for the purpose of preserving evidence or preventing collusion with other suspects. Such a measure is administrative and security in nature and does not, under any circumstances, constitute a punitive measure.

- Despite having committed multiple criminal offences and possessing prior criminal convictions, none of which had been fully enforced, Ms. Sotoudeh was released, as an act of Islamic mercy and clemency, without being required to post bail and solely upon the issuance of a surety bond (Kafalat).

2. Ahmadreza Haeri

- While claiming political and civil activism, but in reality with the aim of obtaining material benefits and in line with coordinating with the objectives of the Israeli intelligence services, Mr. Haeri was creating the conditions for the emergence of riots and insecurity in society, by calling on the public and trade groups to engage in strikes, gatherings, and unlawful actions. In numerous interviews with a satellite television network affiliated with the hostile and occupying regime of Israel, he, while fabricating falsehoods and with the aim of portraying Iran in a negative light, carried out extensive propaganda activities against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran. While appearing as a program analyst in an interview with the so-called Iran International television network, he/she alleged the existence of systematic corruption in the country, thereby providing material for hostile propaganda, and did not

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refrain from exploiting any opportunity to act against the national security of the country.

- In the view of Mr. Haeri's judicial case, under multiple charges, the competent court, while observing the principles of a fair trial, imposed multiple punishments; however pursuant to Article 134 of the Islamic Penal Code (execution of the most severe punishment), only his sentence of three years and six months' imprisonment is enforceable.
- Mr. Haeri was initially transferred to Evin Prison on May 10, 2023 to serve his sentence. However, in light of the existence of other pending criminal cases against him, the consolidation of those cases, and the issuance of a single judgment by the Judiciary of Alborz Province (Karaj), he was transferred to Qezel Hesar Prison in Karaj to serve the remainder of his term of imprisonment.
- Due to the necessity of conducting investigations and preventing collusion with other defendants, he, like Ms. Sotoudeh, was held for several days in a single-occupancy suite, equipped with standard facilities including a toilet and shower and considerably larger than the space required to accommodate one person in the general prison wards. He was subsequently returned to the general prison ward. Therefore, the claim that he was held in solitary confinement, implying that he was imprisoned in a confined space without access to the outside environment, is entirely unfounded.