

URGENT ACTION

FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED SWEDISH-IRANIAN AT RISK OF EXECUTION

Iranian authorities sentenced Swedish-Iranian academic, Ahmadreza Djalali, to death following a grossly unfair trial. Djalali remains enforced disappeared, and authorities are denying his family and lawyers information about his fate and whereabouts, raising fears that he is at grave risk of secret execution amid the ongoing execution crisis in Iran. Additionally, Ahmadreza Djalali has been denied access to adequate health care, even after suffering a heart attack in May 2025. This lack of medical attention further increases fears for his health and safety

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
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Head of judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei
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Send a copy of your letter to the address below
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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

Swedish-Iranian academic and medical doctor, **Ahmadreza Djalali**, arbitrarily detained in Iran since April 2016 and sentenced to death following a grossly unfair trial, is being subjected to enforced disappearance, a crime under international law. Since June 24, 2025, Iranian authorities have denied his family and lawyers information about this fate and whereabouts despite their repeated efforts to obtain information. This raises fear that he is at grave risk of secret execution amid an ongoing execution crisis. Ahmadreza Djalali last communicated with his family on June 23, 2025, when he briefly called after the Israeli military's [deliberate air strikes](#) on Tehran's Evin prison that day. After the air strikes, the authorities transferred about 180 men prisoners from Evin prison to the Greater Tehran Penitentiary. According to an informed source, he was amongst those transferred but was suddenly taken to an unknown location on June 24, 2025.

Throughout 2025, Ahmadreza Djalali's health deteriorated further, including following a heart attack in early May 2025, while authorities denied him access to adequate healthcare. In October 2017, a Revolutionary Court sentenced Ahmadreza Djalali to death for "corruption on earth" (efsad-e fel-arz) after a grossly unfair trial on unsubstantiated allegations of collaborating and communicating with Israel, which he has repeatedly denied.

I call on you to immediately disclose the fate and whereabouts of Ahmadreza Djalali, halt any plans to execute him, quash his conviction and death sentence, and immediately release him as his detention is rendered arbitrary due to the severe non-observance of his fair trial rights. Pending release, he must be provided prompt and ongoing access to his family, lawyers, adequate medical care and protected from further torture and other ill-treatment.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Since the Iranian authorities began subjecting **Ahmadreza Djalali** to enforced disappearance, his family and lawyers have repeatedly gone to multiple offices to obtain information about his fate and whereabouts but either told to go to a different office or told there is no information available. In mid-September 2025, according to an informed source, Evin prison officials said that he is not being held there and that only the prosecutor (dadsetan) on his case can make decisions on access to him.

In a letter written from prison in August 2017, Ahmadreza Djalali said that following arrest, he was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in order to force him to “confess” to being a spy, including threats to execute him, kill or otherwise harm his family. In the same letter, Ahmadreza Djalali wrote that he was held solely because of his refusal to use his academic ties in European institutions to spy for the Iranian authorities. Ahmadreza Djalali was sentenced to death for “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel-arz) in October 2017 after a grossly unfair trial before a Revolutionary Court which relied primarily on “confessions”. Amnesty International has repeatedly [held](#) that “corruption on earth” fails to meet requirements for clarity and precision needed in criminal law. Throughout Ahmadreza Djalali’s arbitrary detention, Iranian authorities [denied him](#) access to timely and adequate health care. In 2025, Ahmadreza Djalali’s health deteriorated further and on May 9, 2025, he suffered a heart attack and was not provided medical care until the prison medical clinic opened five hours later and then denied him the specialized care he required until May 10 following international interventions. Amnesty International has previously [warned](#) that Iranian authorities held Ahmadreza Djalali hostage and threatened to execute him to compel third parties to swap him for former Iranian officials convicted and/or on trial abroad. The circumstances of the pardon that the Swedish government provided Hamid Nouri, a former Iranian official convicted and sentenced in 2022 to life imprisonment for his role in the 1988 prison massacres in Iran, and his [return](#) to Iran from Sweden on June 15, 2024 confirmed Amnesty International’s earlier concerns that the Iranian authorities were holding Swedish nationals hostage to swap them for Hamid Nouri.

Ahmadreza Djalali is a medical doctor and academic who was living in Sweden and was also a visiting professor in disaster medicine at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels. From late November 2020 to early April 2021, Ministry of Intelligence agents tortured and otherwise ill-treated Ahmadreza Djalali while he was held incommunicado in prolonged solitary confinement in section 209. During this time, Ministry of Intelligence agents kept a bright light on in his cell 24 hours a day, which he said caused him great mental distress, and forced him to sleep on the floor on a thin blanket for over five months.

Since the Woman Life Freedom uprising in 2022, the authorities have weaponized [the death penalty](#) to instill fear among the population. After the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Iran in June 2025, Iranian officials [called](#) for expedited trials and executions for “supporting” or “collaborating” with hostile states, including Israel.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Persian, English, or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: December 31, 2025

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Ahmadreza Djalali (he/him)

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