



Urgent Action - Public Appeal Letter to Supreme Leader of Islamic Republic of Iran from European Parliament to Stop the Execution of Ruhollah Zam

The Iranian Regime is pushing for an unjust and forced execution of the journalist, Ruhollah Zam. Mr Zam's only crime is that through his Telegram channel and news website, he spoke and provided free voice to those who were opposed to the unjust actions of the Iranian regime. Ruhollah Zam was the founder and CEO of the AmadNews (Voice of the People) Telegram channel, and news network, and was considered one of the most popular Iranian news networks abroad, as it was able to consistently expose the internal corruption of the ruling regime in Iran, as well as provide valuable information to the Iranian people about the corruption, and theft of Iranian officials, and their families.

Mr Zam's life is now in danger, as on 8th December 2020 the Iranian Supreme Court rejected his appeal. This proves just how dangerous the conditions in Iran are, where there is no independence of the Judiciary, and innocent lives have no value. The Supreme Court, which is supposed to be the highest judicial authority in Iran, is unable to make its own rulings and is being forced to implement the orders of the Regime.

Mr Zam was illegally abducted in Iraq on October 14, 2019 and then transported to Iran where under torture was forced to plead guilty to charges of "insulting government officials and inciting people to riot", "supporting those convicted on security grounds in Iran" and the "publication of lies". Other charges including "widespread involvement in creating and fuelling social unrest, destruction and disruption of the economic system" and "action against the internal and external security of the Islamic Republic" were also brought against Mr Zam.

We call on the Supreme Leader of Iran Ali Khamenei to take immediate action to put an end to the injustices and human rights violations taking place, by stopping the inhumane execution of Mr Ruhollah Zam and freeing him of all charges.

We also call upon the Iranian regime to uphold fundamental human rights, prisoners' rights, the right to freedom of press, the right to freedom of religion, thought, expression and conscience, and restore Dignity, Freedom and Justice as set out in the international conventions.

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