



**OPEN LETTER**

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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you on behalf of the [World Medical Association](https://www.wma.net) (WMA), the global federation of National Medical Associations representing millions of physicians worldwide, acting for the advancement of good practice, medical ethics and medical accountability internationally.

We wrote to you already last month to denounce the alarming rate of violence against health personnel in Iran since the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in September. The situation is deteriorating critically with massive oppression, killings and the use of the death penalty to defeat popular uprising.

We have been informed of the case of Dr. Hamid Ghareh Hasanlou and his wife sentenced to death for participating in a protester's funeral. The couple were beaten, with critical injuries for Dr. Ghareh Hasanlou. He needs immediate surgery.

We are profoundly shocked to hear that an increasing number of health professionals are threatened, arrested, and tortured in Iran, just because they do their work. According to the ethical rules of our profession, physicians have an obligation to treat those wounded or ill, without any other consideration. Likewise, prisoners must receive the necessary medical care by a health professional, without influence from the authorities.

Standing in solidarity with our Iranian colleagues, we reiterate our demand for safe working conditions for physicians and other health personnel in the pursuit of their mission as well as full access to health care to all those in need.

We call for an immediate and unconditional end of violence and to the establishment of a moratorium on all executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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