

Mr. Volker Türk
U.N High Commissioner for Human Rights
U.N Human Rights Council
Geneva

Thursday July 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Volker Türk,

We have been informed about the high risk of execution of a young political prisoner in Iran. In the morning of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, he has been sentenced to death at the Vakil Abad Prison in Mashhad.

Mohammad Javad Vafa'i Thani, 27, who has been sentenced on the bogus charge of "corruption on Earth," is a political prisoner sympathizing with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK).

Mr. Vafa'i Thani was taken to an unknown location after being informed of his death sentence today. He is a renowned boxing champion in Mashhad's boxing clubs and was arrested in March 2019 and tortured for an extended period.

We are urging you to deliver an urgent statement to save the life of this political prisoner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Geir Haarde, former Prime Minister – Iceland

Erkki Tuomioja, former Minister of Foreign Affairs - Finland

Tony Clement, former Minister of Industry, former President of the Treasury Board - Canada

Stanisav Pavlovschi, former Minister of Justice, Judge at the European Human Rights Court (2001-2008) – Moldova

Eric Abetz, former Minister for Employment and Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Former Government Senate Leader – Australia

Ryszard Kalisz, former Minister of the Interior and Administration – Poland

Kimmo Sasi, former Minister of Foreign Trade of Finland, Minister of Transport and Communications - Finland

Edvarð Júlíus Sólnes, former Minister of Environment – Iceland

John Perry, Minister of State for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation - Ireland

Mario Galea, former Secretary of State for Aged and Hospital Care - Malta