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FAO: Immigration Minister - Tony McNulty MP

Dear Mr Mc Nulty,

It has been brought to my attention that an Iranian journalist by the name of Amir was seized in a dawn raid on his flat in Lansdowne Place, Hove at 6.00 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday 16th November. Amir is due to be deported on November 17th and I am asking you to intervene on his behalf.

Amir ran the first private internet company and web service in Iran. When the State decided to clamp down on internet use and confiscate his company's equipment Amir protested. His protests were partly responsible for the impeachment of the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication (PTT) Dr Ahmad Motamedi in 2003. The result was his arrest on two occasions and an assault by a state employee and threats to his life. Amir is in genuine fear that he will be greeted on his arrival at Tehran airport by Iranian security police and imprisoned and tortured. Amir is a liberal journalist who, along with his colleagues, fell foul of the fundamentalist regime in Iran.

Amir has already appealed against the decision to deport him yet I believe there is additional evidence on the Iranian regime's attitude towards him that has since come to light. Please do not allow a miscarriage of justice to occur - Amir must be allowed to stay and a further appeal be heard. Amir's life appears to be in danger if he is forced to return to Iran and I trust you will do everything in your power to ensure that he is not deported whilst his safety is at risk.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP