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Dear Head of Judiciary,

I am writing to you because I am deeply worried about the fate of British-Iranian labour rights activist Mehran Raof who has been detained in Iran since 16 October 2020 solely for peacefully exercising his human rights.

On 4 August 2021, a Revolutionary Court convicted him of national security related charges and sentenced him to 10 years and eight months in prison, following a grossly unfair trial. He denied all accusations. His trial was grossly unfair: he was denied his right to adequate defence and to communicate with his lawyer prior to the first trial session on 28 April 2021. Mehran Raof was barred from meeting his lawyer throughout the trial and only met him during hearings. Interrogators subjected Mehran Raof to torture and other ill-treatment including by threatening to harm him if he did not cooperate and holding him in a room with the lights on 24 hours a day, which caused him mental distress.

Mehran Raof reached the one-third point of his sentence on 16 April and is now eligible for release. Please make sure that Mehran Raof is released immediately and unconditionally as he is imprisoned solely for making use of his rights of freedom of expression and association.

Please also see to it that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Sincerely,

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