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By email to: jack.giddings@parliament.uk

Dear Jane,

Thank you for your email of 6 March on behalf of your constituent, Mr Najj Hamid, about the death sentences confirmed by Iran's Supreme Court for Muhhamad Ali Ammouri, Hashim Sha'abani, Hadi Rashdi, Sayed Jabir Albushawka and Sayed Mukhtar Albushawka.

I remain deeply concerned about these five individuals from the Ahwazi Arab minority and their appalling treatment. The death sentences passed on these men without due process constitute a clear violation of their human rights. The nature of their arrest and treatment in jail, including reports of torture, is shocking.

You may be aware that earlier this month the EU designated the judge (Seyed Mohammad Bagher Ahwaz Moussavi) who originally handed down the sentences under EU Iran human rights sanctions.

Our officials in the Iran Department have also been in contact with the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Iran concerning your constituent's correspondence. He shares our urgent concerns about the plight of the five individuals. He spoke about them in his oral presentation at the UN Human Rights Council, following presentation of his human rights report on 12 March; and he issued a press statement prior to this, on 25 January (<http://www.shaheedoniran.org/english/dr-shaheeds-work/press-releases/3118-iran-un-rights-experts-urge-government-to-halt-the-execution-of-five-ahwazi-activists.html>).

Should your constituent wish to provide testimony, he might also contact the Special Rapporteur via <http://www.shaheedoniran.org/english/write-to-special-rapporteur.html>.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Mr Hamid

Further to my letter of 14 March, please find enclosed the reply that I have received from Alistair Burt, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), about your family in Iran.

As you will see, the Minister has provided a website link for you to let the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Iran know about your experiences of the Iranian regime, ahead of the decision on extending his mandate. Here is the link, for your convenience:
www.shaheedoniran.org/english/write-to-special-rapporteur.html

Of course, I would be very happy to submit any evidence that you have to the UN Special Rapporteur, in conjunction with you, if you think that this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely
Jane Ellison

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