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IMMINENT RISK OF EXECUTION OF KURDISH POLITICAL PRISONER MR. HEDAYAT ABDULAHPOUR

To the attention of Honorable UN Special Rapporteur for Iran, OHCHR Iran Desk Team & the EU Iran task force,

The Kurdish Human Rights-Geneva (KMMK-G) would like to draw your attention on the imminent risk of execution of Mr. ABDULAHPOUR a Kurdish political prisoner on death row and call on the Honorable UN Special Rapporteur for Iran, Dr. Javaid Rehman, the Office of High Commissioner and the EI Iran task Force to issue an urgent statement on this case.

According to information that we received Mr. ABDULAHPOUR was transferred to an unknown place on May 9th, 2020 from his ward in Wermê (Urumiyeh or West Azerbaijan province) central Prison.

Mr. Hedayat ABDULAHPOUR is a Kurdish political prisoner who was arrested by the Revolutionary Guards Intelligence Forces on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, along with dozens of other Kurdish citizens of Sheno (or Oshnavieh in Farsi) city. He was detained in Wermê (Urumiyeh) Intelligence Detention for 78 days and was subjected to the most severe forms of tortures including “electric shock”, “thonging feet soles with cable ” and other horrendous tortures before being transferred to Wermê Central Prison according to his family.

The first trial of Mr. Hedayat ABDULAHPOUR was held on January 17, 2017, at Branch 1 of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Wermê (Urumiyeh), presided over by Judge Chabak. Following an unfair trial, Mr. ABDULAHPOUR was sentenced to the death penalty on the fabricated charges of “Cooperation with an opposition Kurdish Political Party-PDKI” which he denied and no evidence pertaining to his involvement with armed clashes was presented at his trial.

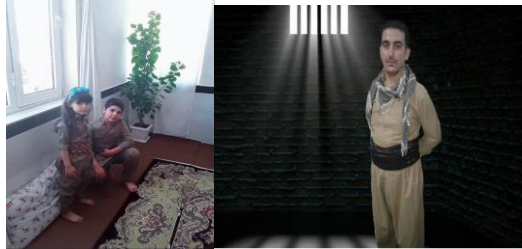
The verdict was referred to Branch 47 of the Country Supreme Court upon his lawyer’s submission of contest statement and the Court overturned the conviction and the sentence, citing incomplete investigations and lack of inculpatory evidence. The retrial of this political prisoner was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Branch 2 of the Islamic Revolutionary Court of Wermê (Urumiyeh) which sentenced him to death again without addressing any of the concerns raised by the Supreme Court about the lack of evidence against him. According to the brother of Mr. ABDULAHPOUR, the Wermê Revolutionary Court has sentenced Mr. Hedayat ABDULAHPOUR to the death penalty again under intense pressure of Etela’at Sipah of Urumiyeh (Revolutionary Guards Intelligence Forces of Urumiyeh). The verdict was subsequently upheld on appeal by



the same branch of the Supreme Court on Monday, October 8th, 2018 and it has been announced to his lawyer and family.

On Tuesday 12th of May, Mr. ABDULLAHPOUR's wife visited Wermê (Urumiyeh) Revolutionary Court asking for the whereabouts of her husband but the deputy prosecutor in Wermê told her that: "when the ministry of intelligence do not tell you about your husband's whereabouts, you better search for him in the cemetery."

Hedayat Abdollahpour is married and the father of two children.



Evidently the Kurdish community continue to be one of the most prosecuted by Islamic Republic of Iran and only in April 2020, 13 Kurdish citizens including Mr. Mustafa SALIMI, a political prisoner, and Shayan Saeedpour a minor, were executed. It brings the total number of Kurdish citizens executed in Iran since January 2020 to 33 persons. 36 other Kurdish citizens were detained for the fabricated charges of security threats during the last week.

We are extremely concerned about the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Hedayat ABDULLAHPOUR and his imminent execution.

We call on the Honorable UN Special Rapporteur for Iran, Dr. Javaid Rehman, the Office of High Commissioner and the EU Iran Task Force to issue an urgent statement on this case.



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The Association for Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran-Geneva (KMMK-G) aims to promote democracy, respect for human rights and social development in and beyond Kurdistan of Iran.

To that purpose, the Association commits itself to struggle against any form of discrimination towards ethnic and religious minorities within the region, defend political prisoners, fight for the abolition of death penalty, and promote women's and children's rights. In addition, the KMMK-G intends to increase public awareness of the situation of human rights in all Kurdish regions and to promote the rights and the integration of the Kurds wherever they live.

Established in Geneva in 2006, the KMMK-G constitutes a bridge between the Kurdish civil society and the United Nations Agencies and NGOs and participates actively in all the sessions of the Human Rights Council, the ESCR and the CPR Committee, the UPR and the UN Forum on minority issues and present them reports on the situation of Human Rights in Kurdistan of Iran (www.kmmk-ge.org), (<http://www.kmmk-ge.org/?p=426&lang=en>). Moreover, the Association gets frequently in contact with various United Nations organs in order to submit reports on the situation of human rights in Kurdistan of Iran.

The KMMK-G is therefore a recognized source of information. Its reports are published on the website of the United Nations Human Rights Council and High Commissioner of Human Rights. The Association publishes often articles in Kurdish and Iranian media.

The KMMK-G is also active within the Geneva and Swiss communities. Indeed, Swiss political parties regularly consult the Association about the Kurdish issue and immigrant's integration. Further moreover, the KMMK-G supports the Kurdish Diaspora living in exile by organising conferences, cultural events and language courses.