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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
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Dear Secretary Rice:

I write to express my grave concern regarding the cases of Adnan Hassanpur and Abdolvahed "Hiva" Butimar, two Iranian Kurds that have been sentenced to death for their work as civil society activists. I urge you to intervene in these cases and call for the immediate release of Mr. Hassanpur and Mr. Butimar.

The Iranian regime has accused Mr. Hassanpur and Mr. Butimar of working with Iran's political opposition parties and spying on the state. However, sources on the ground have confirmed that these men are politically unaffiliated.

Mr. Hassanpur is a member of the editorial board of the state-suspended weekly journal, "Asou," which has been banned since August 2005 per a decision by the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance. Mr. Butimar is a contributor to "Asou" and an active member of the environmental NGO Sabzchia.

Without intervention, these men will be executed for merely exercising their right to inform their fellow citizens.

Again, I urge you to call for the immediate release of Mr. Hassanpur and Mr. Butimar.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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PLEASE HELP.

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