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Members of the Parliamentary Assembly ask Iran not to carry out the death penalty of Ahmadeza Djalali

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Ahmadeza Djalali, Iranian scientist and guest lecturer at the Belgian Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), was sentenced to death. According to the Iranian government, he would have gathered information about two nuclear scientists on behalf of the Israeli secret service. Iran claims that this espionage is part of Israel's plans to sabotage the Iranian nuclear program.

Djalali has declared on multiple occasions that he is innocent. He is a scientist, and certainly not a secret agent. The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Didier Reynders, also asked Iran not to carry out the death penalty for humanitarian reasons.

A few weeks ago, the death penalty was temporarily suspended because Djalali had appealed. The Supreme Court in Tehran, however, refused to review the case. Due to this refusal, the death penalty is now enforceable. The Iranian judge must still set a date on which it will be executed. Only the Ayatollah could intervene to stop the execution now.

The Parliamentary Assembly is seriously concerned about Iran's plan to carry out the death penalty of Ahmadeza Djalali, and demands the protection of the scientist.

Signed (see overleaf)



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Total = 37

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