

Your Excellency;

I am writing this to express my grave concern for Cleric Seyed Hossein Kazemeini Boroujerdi, 59, who is critically ill.

He has faced continued intimidation and death threats by the officials from the Special Court for the Clergy since his release from prison on January 4. He is under 24 hour surveillance and has effectively been placed under house arrest without judicial order or oversight. He is only allowed to leave his home in Tehran to attend hospital and doctor appointments. He is not permitted any visitors. The officials from the Special Court for the Clergy have paid frequent visits to his house to warn him against speaking to the media, threatening to kill him if he does so.

I call on you to stop the harassment and intimidation of Seyed Hossein Kazemeini Boroujerdi, and remove the restrictions on his freedom of movement without delay, as they amount to arbitrary deprivation of his liberty.

I also call on you to lift the house arrest against Seyed Hossein Kazemeyni Boroujerdi and release him immediately and unconditionally as he is a prisoner of conscience held solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of belief, expression, association, and assembly.

At the same time, I urge you to abolish the Special Court for the Clergy as it is fundamentally unfair and lacks internationally recognized standards of impartiality and judicial independence.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely,