

I would like to express my deep concern for Saeed Shirzad, who has been detained in Tehran's Evin Prison for four months, without access to his lawyer. He has been accused of having contact with political prisoners' families and cooperating with the office of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iran. He is a prisoner of conscience.

I call on you to release him immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience, held solely for his peaceful human rights activism.

I urge you to respect his right to the assistance of a lawyer of his choosing at all stages.

I also urge you to ensure that he is protected from all forms of torture and other ill-treatment, and that he is no longer held in solitary confinement or coerced to make a confession.

At the same time I would like to remind you of the UN Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners which require the separation of the different categories of prisoners.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,