

Your Excellency,

I am writing this to express my deep concern for Musician Mehdi Rajabian, who was forced to return to Evin Prison on December 4, despite being in poor physical and mental health. He had been on medical leave following his month-long hunger strike. He was hospitalized during his leave and Amnesty International fears for his health. His brother Hossein Rabajian, a filmmaker, is on hunger strike and is also in poor health. Both of them are prisoners of conscience, who were convicted following a grossly unfair trial and appeal.

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Mehdi Rajabian and Hossein Rajabian, as they are being punished solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

At the same time, I urge you to ensure that they have access to adequate medical treatment in compliance with medical ethics, including any specialist care they require, and that Mehdi Rajabian is provided with his essential medication.

I also urge you to order a prompt, independent, impartial investigation into their allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, bringing to justice anyone suspected of responsibility in a fair trial without recourse to the death penalty.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,