

## Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders A/HRC/28/63/Add.1 para 263

### Full recommendation:

*The Special Rapporteur urges the authorities to provide information on the remaining three detainees, as well as those included in other communications during the present reporting period, as soon as possible as grave concern is expressed about their state of health and limited access to medical treatment.*

### Assessment

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (HRDs) sent a communication on 15 July 2014 to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the alleged denial and inadequate provision of medical care to HRDs in detention. In the communication, the Special Rapporteur refers to seven HRDs in detention,<sup>1</sup> reportedly in poor states of health and in urgent need of adequate treatment. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran responded to the communication, informing the Special Rapporteur on the health conditions of four of the seven detained HRDs concerned, with no mention of the three remaining detainees: Mr. Hadi Esmailzadeh, Mr. Behnam Ebrahimzadeh and Mr. Saeed Shirzad.<sup>2</sup> Responding to a subsequent communication,<sup>3</sup> the Government provided information on the case of Mr. Saeed Shirzad and refuted allegations of reprisals for cooperating with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Government, however, remained silent on allegations of prolonged solitary confinement.<sup>4</sup>

The Special Rapporteur sent five other communications to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2014 concerning “reports of acts of intimidation and reprisals in detention, including the torture and ill-treatment of detainees, prolonged solitary confinement, prolonged and harsh investigation and psychological mistreatment.”<sup>5</sup> As of February 2021, the Government has not responded to any of them.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hadi Esmailzadeh ; Mr. Reza Shahabi Zakaria; Mr. Shahrokh Zamani; Mr. Mohammad Jarrahi; Mr. Behnam (Assad) Ebrahimzadeh; Mr. Mohammad Molanaei; Mr. Saeed Shirzad, Communication IRN 12/2014, <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19867>

<sup>2</sup> Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Communication IRN 12/2014, <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=30998>

<sup>3</sup> Case no: IRN 25/2014 Alleged arrest and detention of a human rights activist, including as a form of reprisal for cooperating with the United Nations, its mechanisms and representatives in the field of human rights. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19788>

<sup>4</sup> Reply of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to communication IRN 25/2014, <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=31617>

<sup>5</sup> Case no: IRN 2/2014 Alleged arrest, detention and sentencing to seven years in prison of a student and women’s rights activist. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19686>  
Case no: IRN 7/2014 Alleged deteriorating physical health of three human rights activists due to denial of medical care in detention. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19953>

Of the seven communications sent in 2014 by the Special Rapporteur on cases of HRDs held in detention, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has only responded to two of them, both responses did not reply to all of the Special Rapporteur's concerns.

Recommendation Status:

This recommendation has been **PARTIALLY** implemented.

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Case no: IRN 9/2014 Alleged acts of reprisals in the form of the ill treatment of six human rights defenders and other detainees in Evin prison. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19815>

Case no: IRN 14/2014 Alleged arrest, imprisonment and denial of medical care to journalists and human rights activists in the Islamic Republic of Iran. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=19835>

Case no: IRN 28/2014 Alleged physical and psychological torture and ill treatment, including prolonged solitary confinement and denial of adequate medical care, of a spiritual leader and the arrest and detention of a blogger, in reprisal for their cooperation with the United Nations in the field of human rights.

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=13324>