



April 2017

## Take action for Kamal Foroughi

### Iran

**Population:** 80 million

**Capital:** Tehran

**Language:** Persian is the most widely spoken language

**Question:** What is the name of the sea north of Tehran, and what other countries surround it?



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### KAMAL'S STORY



Kamal Foroughi is a 77-year-old British-Iranian grandfather who was arrested in 2011 by men in plain clothes.

The men did not show Kamal a warrant for his arrest or give any reason for arresting him.

Kamal was taken to Iran's Evin prison and held in solitary confinement for 18 months. Prisoners in solitary confinement are kept in a cell by themselves.

Kamal was not charged with a crime until 2012. In 2013, he was told that he had been convicted of "spying". He was sentenced to seven years in prison. Under normal Iranian release rules, he could be released any day.

Kamal was not allowed to telephone his relatives who live abroad until 2014.

Kamal Foroughi suffers from lots of different medical conditions. Before he was arrested, Kamal was told that he needs to see doctors regularly to have medical tests.

Since Kamal has been in prison his health has worsened. Kamal wasn't allowed to see a specialist doctor until late 2015. Kamal's son Kamran is worried that no one tells him about the results of his father's recent doctor appointments.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, it was 6 years since Kamran and his children saw Kamal.



# Right in the Spotlight

## ARTICLE 10

**“If someone is accused of breaking the law they have the right to a fair and public trial”**

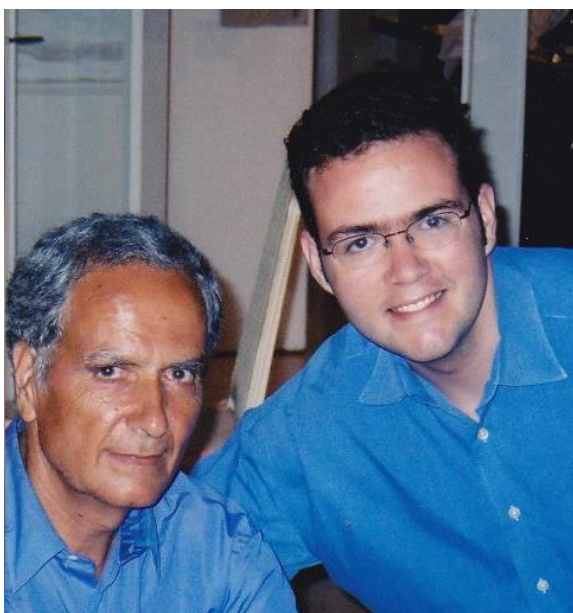
*Universal Declaration of Human Rights Simplified Version*

### TALKING POINTS

What does a ‘fair trial’ mean? How do you think ‘fair’ and ‘public’ are linked?

Do you think Kamal’s trial would count as a fair trial? What things would have made Kamal’s trial fairer?

What do you think should have happened to Kamal following his arrest in 2011?



*“For over three years we had no contact with him. During the last year we have been allowed regular short calls with him, for which we are very grateful. However, no written correspondence, photos or videos are allowed. Family or friends cannot visit him. He is one of the oldest and loneliest prisoners in Iran.”*

Kamran Foroughi, Kamal’s son

# Take Action!



We take action for people all over the world, like Kamal, who have had their rights taken away from them. We do this through solidarity actions and appeal actions.

**What does solidarity action mean?** Solidarity actions are sent to the people who have had their human rights taken away, and to their family and friends, to let them know that people are supporting them in their struggle for justice.

**What does appeal action mean?** Appeal actions are to make people in power sit up and take notice of a cause that you care about. Amnesty is made up of ordinary people across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Your voice helps to ensure that when we speak, governments listen.

## Get creative – take solidarity action

Draw a picture of your family.

Tell Kamal about you and your family and why you think family is important. Let Kamal know that you wish he is reunited with his family soon.

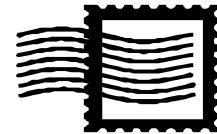
We are sending your messages of solidarity to the prison where Kamal is being held. We hope that this will give him some warmth and strength, and we also want to show the people who are holding him that we care about him.



## Take appeal action

We are writing appeal letters to Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei, the highest leader of Iran. We want him and the Iranian authorities to recognise that Kamal has serious medical needs that need to be consistently attended to and to allow Kamal the legal representation and consideration that he has the right to.

*Your Excellency,*



*Tell the Ayatollah about Kamal's case.*

*Urge him to allow Kamal consistent and adequate medical treatment.*

*Urge him to allow Kamal regular contact with his family and legal representation.*

### CAN I?



Send a religious card or message



Mention Amnesty International



Include my full name and address.  
(You can add your first name if you wish.)



**Send your letters and cards to us** and we will forward them on:

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Don't forget to include your name and the name of your school with your cards and letters (but not on the cards themselves).



# **Junior Urgent Action Cover Letter**

**Please include this with any items you submit**

Name of teacher/guardian submitting these items: .....

Are you a: ☐ Teacher  
☐ Parent

Email: .....

School name: .....

School address: .....

Home address: .....

Number of items included in this envelope: .....

**Please can you tell us the following?**

How many young people did you use these resources with? .....

If a teacher, which year groups did you use these resources with? .....

How would you rate the quality of these resources? (Tick one box)

☐ 5 excellent      ☐ 4      ☐ 3      ☐ 2      ☐ 1 poor

Any other comments? .....

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☐ Tick if you would like to join our Teachrights e-newsletter which is a great way to receive info on future educational packs.

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