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Zeynab Jalalian - Iranian activist denied medical care

An Iraqi-Kurdish activist jailed after a grossly unfair trial is being denied urgent medical care, Zeynab Jalalian, who is serving a life sentence in Khoy Prison in northwest Iran, has a heart problem, a severe dental infection and an eye condition which, if left untreated, could leave her blind. In an open letter written on 11 June 2018, she said: 'I have been forced to endure intense pain... As a political prisoner, I have no rights... The authorities have not taken me to see a doctor but have lied to the media by telling them that I have seen one.' Zeynab was arrested in March 2008 for supposed links to the armed wing of a Kurdish opposition group, which she denies. Her trial lasted only a few minutes, no evidence was produced, and Zeynab says her conviction was based on 'confessions' extracted through torture. Before the trial, Zeynab was detained for eight months. She says she was flogged on the soles of her feet, punched, and threatened with rape. On one occasion, she says her head was hit against a wall so hard that her skull fractured.

APPEAL Urge the authorities to release Dr Eduardo Cardet Concepción immediately and unconditionally, because he is a prisoner of conscience, jailed solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. Call on them to reinstate his access to his family and to allow him regular contact with them and the outside world. Urge them to allow him access to a lawyer and to medical care.

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Write to:

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Salutation: Your Excellency