



Amnesty International Southend Group



Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe, Iran

Charity worker detained without charge

Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe, a British-Iranian project manager at the Thomson Reuters foundation, was arrested on 3 April at Tehran's international airport. She was due to return to the UK with her 22-month-old daughter, Gabriella, following a family visit. Before being taken away she was allowed to leave Gabriella with her parents, but the authorities confiscated Gabriella's British passport. Unidentified officials later told the family Nazanin was being held in the city of Kerman, and had been arrested for 'national security' reasons. She has no access to a lawyer and may have been coerced into 'confessing'. On 11 May Nazanin was finally permitted to meet her family, though security agents remained present. She was allowed to make phone calls to relatives in Iran, but prevented from speaking to her husband, Richard, who is in the UK. In June Nazanin was moved to Evin prison. She is now able to see her mother and Gabriella, and has spoken to Richard, but her family has no way of contacting her. In August Nazanin was brought before a Revolutionary Court for the first time.

Five years in prison on unknown charges

On 9 September, the family of UK-Iranian media worker Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe released a statement saying that on 6 September, Nazanin had been sentenced to five years in prison – though the charges she was convicted of had still not been revealed to Nazanin, her family or her lawyer.

APPEAL

Demand Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe is immediately released or formally charged with an internationally recognisable offence. Ask the authorities to allow her regular contact with her lawyer, British consular assistance, and family visits and phone calls. Demand that she is not tortured or ill-treated, and receives any medical attention she needs.

All appeals should be sent to the Iranian Embassy in the UK.

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