

## Iran: 2nd Urgent Action for Hassanpour & Butimar

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Confirmation  
of the sentence to death of Mr. Adnan Hasanpoor and Quashing of Mr. Abdel Wahd  
(Hiwa) Butimar's case

Defend  
International

in collaboration with

The  
Observatory:

the winner  
of the 1998 Human Rights Prize of the French Republic

The Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, a joint  
programme of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH, Paris, France)  
and the World Organisation against Torture (OMCT, Geneva, Switzerland)  
aims to offer them concrete support in their time of need.

Name: Adnan  
Hasanpoor

Sex: Male

Age: 27

Name: Adel  
Wahd (Hiwa) Butimar

Sex: Male

Age: 29

Authorities: Iranian

Category: Death  
sentence / torture / incommunicado detention

#### The case:

Defend International has received an appeal from the Observatory, requesting DI's urgent intervention in the confirmation of the sentence to death of Mr. Adnan Hasanpoor, as well as of the quashing of the case of Mr. Abdel Wahd (also known as Hiwa) Butimar, two Kurdish journalists and active members of Iranian civil society. According to the information received, on October 22, 2007, the Iranian Supreme Court upheld the sentence to death of Mr. Hasanpoor issued on July 9, 2007 by the Revolutionary Tribunal in Marivan, for, inter alia, "diffusion of separatist propaganda", "treason" and "collaboration with Kurdish political opposition parties". On the same day, the Court quashed the other 9-July decision of the Revolutionary Tribunal concerning Mr. Butimar, for procedural irregularities. He remains detained, awaiting that his case be referred to another court. However, the decisions of the Supreme Court have just been made public, and have still not been notified to the two defenders, which is a precondition for Mr. Hasanpoor to lodge an appeal.

#### DI Demands:

- Defend International expresses same deepest concern as The Observatory regarding the confirmation of the death sentence of Mr. Hasanpoor, as it appears to be directly aimed at sanctioning his activities in favour of human rights.

- The organizations recall that numerous United Nations bodies, including the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Committee Against Torture and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, have called for the abolition of capital punishment.

- International law

#### The ICCPR states:

Article 6.1: Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.

Article 6.2: In countries which have not abolished the death penalty, sentence of death may be imposed only for the most serious crimes in accordance with the law in force at the time of the commission of the crime and not contrary to the provisions of the present Covenant and to the



psychological integrity of Mr. Hasanpoor and Mr. Butimar.

I call on you to release them immediately and unconditionally since their detention is arbitrary, as it only seems to sanction their human rights activities. I also urge you to ensure that they have access to adequate medical treatment and put an end to all acts of harassment against all Iranian human rights defenders.

I call on you to ensure Mr. Butimar is granted a fair trial when appealing his sentence, and have unhindered access to legal representation.

Furthermore I urge you to conform with the provisions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 9, 1998, especially its Article 1, which states that "everyone has the right, individually and in association with others, to promote and to strive for the protection and realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels", Article 6 (b) which stipulates that "everyone has the right [...] freely to publish, impart or disseminate to others views, information and knowledge on all human rights and fundamental freedoms", as well as Article 12(2), which provides that "the State shall take all necessary measures to ensure the protection by the competent authorities of everyone, individually and in association with others, against any violence, threats, retaliation, de facto or de jure adverse discrimination, pressure or any other arbitrary action as a consequence of his or her legitimate exercise of the rights referred to in the present Declaration".

Finally I urge you to ensure in all circumstances the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with international and regional human rights instruments ratified by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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Yours respectfully,

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