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Dear Sir, Madam;

Ref: Death sentence for a professional football player.

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The revolutionary court of the Islamic Republic has condemned to death an Iranian professional Football player, Amir Nasr-Azadani, after a summary court session. Mr. Nasr-Azadani did not have a legal representative in a court that had no due process.

The twenty-six-year-old has been convicted of the crimes of 'enmity toward God and Corruption on Earth', both of which carry the death penalty.

Since the murder of Miss Mahsa Amini by the so-called morality Police in Tehran, unarmed civilians have risen in an organic revolution against the theocratic dictatorship in Iran. Over 500 unarmed civilians, including over 60 minors, have been shot or have been beaten to death in the streets by the security and para-military forces of the regime.

Mr. Nasr-Azadani was arrested at a demonstration and falsely accused of killing a security officer. Eyewitnesses who recognized the football player stated that he was shouting anti-government slogans and campaigning for women's rights.

To date, many have been sentenced to death with confessions extracted under severe duress and torture.

The Federation Internationale des Association de Footballeurs Professionnels (FIFPRO) has condemned the court decision and is standing in solidarity with the football player.

Previous executions have been annulled with international pressure and publicity. Amir is a victim of a brutal and suppressive regime that has already executed two innocent 23-year-olds under the offense of 'enmity towards God and Corruption on Earth'.

With your support and solidarity, Amir has hope of avoiding execution. Without a voice, he will certainly be yet another innocent victim of a dictatorship.

Please be Amir Nasr-Azadani's voice.



Amir Nasr-Azadani, 26.

Yours Sincerely,

Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies