



Fury Sparks as 'Der Spiegel' Prioritizes Islamic Regime Officials Over Grieving Family of Murdered German Hostage

We, the undersigned 120 activists, journalists, NGOs, and public figures, call on „Der Spiegel" to conduct a Counter-Interview to address and correct the misinformation and propaganda spread by Islamic regime official Abbas Araghchi in his recent interview about the murder of Jamshid Sharmahd. This is essential to uphold impartiality, journalistic integrity, and ensure balanced public understanding.

The German government has condemned these actions, as has the EU, leading to the closure of three consulates and a call for greater accountability. Meanwhile, the regime continues to hold Mr. Sharmahd's body for political ransom. The United States has also expressed outrage over this brutal assassination.

We urge journalist Susanne Koelbl to meet with Jamshid Sharmahd's daughter, Gazelle Sharmahd, to set the record straight. Der Spiegel is providing a platform to the individuals responsible for the assassination of Jamshid Sharmahd, who now further their crimes by holding his body as political ransom.

The free world deserves responsible and accurate journalism. It is deeply troubling that Der Spiegel traveled to Iran to interview regime officials responsible for violating international law by abducting, torturing, and killing a German-American national while neglecting to interview Jamshid Sharmahd's family. This approach is profoundly insensitive, disregarding the pain and the urgent pursuit of justice sought by this family and the undersigned.



Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi together with DER SPIEGEL editor Susanne Koelbl in Tehran Foto: Ali Mohammadi / DER SPIEGEL

Interview with Iran's Foreign Minister

"You Shouldn't Be So Self-Righteous!"

In an interview, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi discusses the fate of German-Iranian prisoner Jamshid Sharmahd, Western "double standards" and the possibility of reviving the nuclear deal.

Interview Conducted by **Susanne Koelbl** in Tehran
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1.	Afshin Afshin-Jam, Canadians for Democracy in Iran, Canada
2.	Afshin Sepehri, Toomaj Salehi Foundation (TSF), USA
3.	Ahmad Asali, Kavian e.v., Germany
4.	Ahmad Atef, representative of the South Yemen Transitional Council, USA
5.	Akhtar Ghasemi, Journalist, Germany
6.	Alan Bostakian, Intelligent Change Management Think Tank for Human Rights, Canada
7.	Alliance for Human Rights and Democracy in Iran
8.	Amer Fakhoury Foundation
9.	Amir Nazem, Oberoende Svenska Iranier (OSI),Sweden
10.	Anoosheh Ashoori, former hostage, UK
11.	Association Homa, France
12.	Australian United Solidarity for Iran (AUSIRAN)
13.	Azadeh Afsahi, Clinical psychotherapist working with survivors of torture, USA
14.	Azadi Iran, Germany
15.	Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran (CFPPI)
16.	Celia Stubbs, human rights defender, UK

17.	Comite Independant Contre la Repression des Citoyens Iranien, France
18.	Damon Golriz, Scholar, Netherlands
19.	Daoud Salih, Darfur American committee, USA
20.	David Etebari, Co-Founder, Stop Child Executions, USA
21.	Dr. Iman Foroutan, Chairman of the Board, The New Iran, USA
22.	Dr. Jennat Heidarpour, Physician, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Germany
23.	Dr. Mina Nasiri-Sarvi, Physician, Germany
24.	Dr. Sasan Shaheen, Physician, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Germany
25.	Dr. Ulrike Becker, Historian, MFFB, Germany
26.	Dr. Walid Phares, Co-secretary general of the Transatlantic Parliamentary Group
27.	Echo Iran, Germany
28.	Elica LeBon, Human Rights Activist and attorney, USA
29.	Elika Ashoori, Actress, UK
30.	Elika Eftekhari, Attorney, Human Rights Advocate, USA

31.	Farid Rohani, Board member, Integrity Initiatives International, Canada
32.	Faramarz Bahar, Human Right Activist, France
33.	Farshid Sowlati, Human Right Activist, Germany
34.	Femme Azadi, France
35.	First Aid Iran, Germany
36.	Frauen für Freiheit, Germany
37.	Frau Leben Freiheit Bonn, Germany
38.	Frau Leben Freiheit Solingen, Germany
39.	Gazelle Sharmahd, Freedom Advocate and daughter of German-American kidnapped hostage Jamshid Sharmahd, USA
40.	Gissou Nia, Human Rights Lawyer, USA
41.	Global Liberty Alliance, USA
42.	Global Network to Free Political Prisoners in Iran
43.	Haleh Blake, Co-Founder and Media Relations, United4Mahsa, UK
44.	Hamseda Together, Germany
45.	Hassan Firouzkhah, Human Right Activist, Germany
46.	Hassan Pooya, Khavaran Association, Canada
47.	Hillel Neuer, UN Watch, Switzerland
48.	Hojat Pilehvar, Vascular surgeon, Germany
49.	Hostage Aid, USA
50.	Ibrahim Ahmed, representative of the Beja community committee, USA
51.	Iman Vaez, Co-Founder, Iranian Unity Council (IUC), Canada
52.	Intifadh Qanbar, director Kurdish Protection Action Committee KPAC, USA
53.	Iranian Justice Collective (IJC)
54.	Iranian Women's Institute for Life and Liberty (IWILL), USA
55.	Jason Brodsky, UANI, USA

56.	Joe Baini, President of the World Council of the Cedars Revolution, Australia
57.	John Hajjar, US director of World Council of Cedars Revolution, USA
58.	Justice-seeking of Kurdistan, Iran
59.	Kasra Allmazkour, Human Right Activist, Germany
60.	Kay Parviz Varjavand, Free Iran Council, USA
61.	Kaveh Shakouri, Ottawa Woman Life Freedom Association, Canada
62.	Kiyana Faravardeh, Human Right Activist, Germany
63.	Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Human Rights activist and Former Hostage, Australia
64.	Lili Rahmani, Human Right Activist , Germany
65.	Literaturherbst, Germany
66.	Mahsa Foundation, Germany
67.	Majid Dehban, Pharmacist, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Germany
68.	Marburger Kollektiv, Germany
69.	Maria Roszbach, Human Right Activist, Germany
70.	Mariam Claren, Human Rights Activist, Daughter of German Hostage in Iran Nahid Taghavi, Germany
71.	Marjan Arvandi, Global Campaign to Stop Executions in Iran, Austria
72.	Masih Alinejad, Journalist and human rights activist, USA
73.	Mehrnaz Saghdoshpey, Human Right Activist, Germany
74.	Mideast Freedom Forum Berlin, MFFB, Germany
75.	Mina Ahadi, International Committee against Executions, Germany
76.	Mitra Nasiri, Dentist, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Germany
77.	Mitra Tabrizian, Photographer, UK
78.	Mohammad Hashemi, From Victim's Families of the Woman Life Freedom Movement (Cousin of Majid Kazemi)

79.	Mideast Freedom Forum Berlin, MFFB, Germany
80.	Nazanin Afshin-Jam, Human Rights Advocate, Canada
81.	Nazanin Boniadi, human rights activist and actress, USA
82.	Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliff, Former Hostage in Iran
83.	Nasseem Ghazanfari, Seattle WLF and IWILL, USA
84.	Nastaran Paiabandi, Human Right Activist, Germany
85.	Neda Pelar, Progressive for Iranian Democrats (PFID), USA
86.	Nikta Razavi, Director, Artivism 4 Iran, Canada
87.	Nima Machouf, Epidemiologist, Human Rights Activist, Canada
88.	Parissa Pouyandeh, campaigner for release of political prisoners
89.	ParsiMed, Association of Health Professionals, Germany
90.	Parvin Moussavi, Human Right Activist, Germany
91.	Parvin Ramezani, President of Alliance path for Iran (API), Canada
92.	Paul Heron, Legal Director, Public Interest Law Centre, UK
93.	Peter Tatchell, human rights campaigner, UK
94.	Iran Lovers, Canada
95.	Rebecca Schöenbach, economist, certified in matters of Sharia related to Islamic extremism, Women Rights, Germany
96.	Richard Ratcliffe, Husband of former Hostage in Iran Nazanin Ratcliffe
97.	Rouhi Shafii, writer, UK international Coalition Against Violence in Iran (ICAVI), UK
98.	Rouzbeh Daneshvar, Dentist, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Netherlands
99.	Roya Boroumand, Human Rights Activist, USA
100.	Roya Rastegar, Iranian Diaspora Collective (IDC), USA

101	Sahar Motallebi MD, MPH, Researcher, Sweden
102	Saeed Khalilrad, Psychotherapist, human rights advocate, UK
103	Salmeh Banisadr, Member of the Association of Families of Flight PS75
104	Saman Keshtkaran, Human Right Activist, Germany
105	Seattle Woman Life Freedom, USA
106	Shahin Arzani, Pharmacist, Human Right Activist, ParsiMed, Germany
107	Sheikh Sami El Khoury, President of the World Maronite Council, USA
108	Shiva Mahbobi, Campaign to Free Political Prisoners in Iran, UK, London
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110	Soheila Dalvand, campaigner for release of political prisoners
111	Soheila Satari, Human Right Activist, Germany
112	Solidarity with Iran, Australia
113	Tom Harb, co-chair, Middle East American Coalition for Democracy, USA
114	United Iranians, Germany
115	United Kurdistan Women, Iran
116	Women in Kurdistan Against Gender Discrimination, Iran
117	Woman Life Freedom Essen, Germany
118	Woman Life Freedom Frankfurt, Germany
119	Woman Life Freedom Graz, Austria
120	Woman Life Freedom Unity, Germany
121	Yasin Shafaghi, CEO of the Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims, Germany

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