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PRESS RELEASE

Belgian Aid Worker Olivier Vandecasteele Unlawfully Detained in Iran Free at Last in Exchange for Asadullah Asadi

May 26, 2023 – Hostage Aid Worldwide gladly welcomes the release of Belgian aid worker Olivier Vandecasteele who was wrongfully detained in Iran for over a year.

Olivier, who dedicated his life to humanitarian work and relief programs in India, Afghanistan, and Mali was arrested in Iran on February 24, 2022 and sentenced to 40 years and 74 lashes on alleged charges of espionage after a grossly sham trial.

We would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to Olivier and his family, and thank all those who worked tirelessly to secure Oliver's freedom and helped in bringing him home.

Finally, Hostage Aid calls on all EU countries with unlawfully detained citizens held captive in Iran, to coordinate and unite their efforts & to work together diligently and swiftly to bring all their citizens back home.



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