

The Long Overdue Freedom of Siamak Namazi Unlawfully Detained in Iran

September 18, 2023 -- After almost 8 years of unimaginable suffering, Siamak Namazi is finally free, thus ending the cycle of misery and anguish that the the whole Namazi family has been going through ever since both Siamak and his father Baquer were held by the Iranian regime.

Hostage Aid joyfully celebrates the long overdue return home of Siamak Namazi, a businessman who was unlawfully detained in October 2015, just a couple of weeks after Hostage Aid president Nizar Zakka was himself kidnapped in Iran.

Siamak's incarceration spanned three Administrations. He was left behind countless times, and went on several hunger strikes. He finally took desperate measures to get the attention of the Biden Administration by going live on CNN from Evin Prison. He begged the President to meet his family and the families of the rest of the U.S citizens unlawfully held by the Iranian Regime.

Nizar Zakka, President of HAW commented "This is a well deserved and long awaited ending to the intolerable ordeal Siamak endured all these years. I was imprisoned in the cell next to Siamak for almost 4 years and communicated with him through messages although we were never allowed to personally meet. I tried my best to ensure he was never forgotten once I was released & he was cruelly left behind. This is a very emotional day for me. The Namazi family can now put this nightmare behind them at last."

Hostage Aid is grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly to bring Siamak home, especially Jared Genser, the Namazi's pro bono lawyer who spared no effort in his commitment and endeavors to free Siamak.

Our heartfelt wishes go to the Namazi Family who have suffered the imprisonment of both Baquer and Siamak and we applaud their perseverance and unwavering determination in fighting for the return of their loved ones.

Finally, Hostage Aid Worldwide urges the Biden Administration to continue this significant work and secure the release of all remaining hostages in Iran and abroad and bring them safely back home.

