

“Hostage Aid Worldwide Honors Morad Tahbaz, Former Hostage held in Iran”



February 01, 2024 – On January 31, 2024, Hostage Aid Worldwide Board members Nizar Zakka and Ali Arab met with Morad Tahbaz and proudly presented him with a token of recognition for all the suffering he endured during his unjust detention in Iran.

Morad Tahbaz, a British-American environmentalist and co-founder of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation (PWHF), was arrested in January 2018 and sentenced to 10 years in prison on false and vague charges of spying for the US and undermining Iran’s security. His wife, Vida, was also placed under a travel ban by the Iranian authorities. Morad’s ordeal lasted 6 years during which he was devastatingly left behind by the UK in 2022. He was finally released on September 18, 2023 in the deal with the US and allowed to leave Iran with his wife.

Morad, a cancer survivor, was honored for his resilience and perseverance in enduring 6 horrific years of unspeakable cruelty and inexcusable imprisonment in Iran, and for his courage and strength in fighting for his freedom.

We are honored to consider Morad a lifelong member of Hostage Aid and wish him all the best on his journey of reintegration and ‘long overdue’ freedom.



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