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Student leader Majid Tavakkoli, aged about 24 and who studies shipbuilding, was beaten and arrested on 7 December 2009 while leaving Amir Kabir University of Technology in Tehran. He had just spoken at a peaceful rally marking Student Day. The demonstration was part of anti-government protests that followed the disputed presidential election of June 2009.

The following day, pictures of Majid Tavakkoli wearing women's clothing were published on a pro-government news agency, apparently to humiliate him. Hundreds of Iranian men protested by posting on the internet pictures of themselves wearing scarves. Majid Tavakkoli was subsequently sentenced to eight and a half years in jail for insulting officials, spreading propaganda against the state and gathering and colluding with intent to harm state security. He is a prisoner of conscience.

Dozens of students and others were arrested around the 7 December protests, which took place across the country. Many have been released, but an unknown number remain in detention, some sentenced to prison terms.

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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned that student leader Majid Tavakkoli is a prisoner of conscience, held solely for the peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly. I urge you to ensure his immediate and unconditional release, and order a prompt and impartial investigation into reports that he was beaten during arrest.

I also urge you to allow peaceful demonstrations, in accordance with Iran's obligations under Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Yours sincerely,

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