

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AMERICANS DETAINED IN IRAN**

***Call for Action Comes As Baquer Namazi Underwent Surgery Earlier Today to Install
a Pacemaker***

New York – Just one day after the announcement that the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention issued [Opinion No. 49/2017](#), declaring the Namazis are being held illegally and demanding their immediate release, President Donald Trump spoke to the UN General Assembly and demanded the following:

"It is time for the regime to free all Americans and citizens of other nations that they have unjustly detained."

This public engagement by the President must be followed by urgent action to secure the release of the Namazis.

On September 13, Baquer Namazi was taken to his cardiologist for an appointment and his doctor recommended he immediately be sent to the critical care unit of the nearest hospital. Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps forces with Baquer refused to take him to the hospital. And upon being returned to Evin Prison, the prison doctor countermanded the order. The family fought intensely to get Baquer to the hospital over this past weekend. He was finally hospitalized yesterday and earlier today urgent surgery was performed to install a pacemaker. Baquer has been informed he will shortly be returned to Evin Prison prison tomorrow, without sufficient time to recover from his surgery.

Baquer, 81-years-old, has lost more than 30 pounds since his imprisonment. He previously had a triple bypass operation and has suffered from exhaustion, shortness of breath, dizziness, and confusion. His health has been on a rapid decline.

In response to these worrying developments, Babak Namazi, the brother of Siamak and son of Baquer, said "My family is rapidly running out of time. My father's health situation is dire and I am horrified that he is being returned from a major surgery to recover in Evin Prison. In his speech to the United Nations earlier today, President Trump condemned North Korea for its 'deadly abuse' of Otto Warmbier. I hope and pray that my father and brother won't suffer the same fate at the hands of the Iranian government. I urge the President to spare no effort to bring my family home." Mr. Namazi is in New York and is available for media interviews through late Thursday.

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