

STATEMENT FROM BABAK NAMAZI ON HIS FATHER'S HEALTH, BROTHER'S FURLOUGH

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Baquer Namazi, 85, at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi with his son, Babak Namazi.

After several days of comprehensive medical testing at the state-of-the-art Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, my father's medical team, consisting of over 10 specialists from different medical disciplines, have concurred with my father's Iranian doctors that he has about a 60 percent blockage in his left ICA, one of the main arteries to his brain. That said, the medical team at the clinic has concluded there are viable treatment alternatives to be undertaken short of surgery.

Following this advice, my father will undergo outpatient treatment for two to three months then be reassessed to determine if surgery is required. Given the risks of surgery, especially at my father's age, my family is overjoyed by this news. Multiple neurologists in Iran were adamant that he required surgery urgently. Indeed, prior to Iran lifting his travel ban, my father's surgery had been scheduled for October 4th. We are deeply grateful he was able to leave Iran in time to avoid what would have been not only a risky, but also unnecessary immediate procedure.

It remains surreal to have my father back by my side after six-and-a-half years and to see him getting the quality medical care he has desperately needed for so long. My family is forever indebted to the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi medical staff, who have provided such

extensive care with kindness, compassion, and diligence. He will remain at the clinic over the weekend to complete testing and procedures. We will continue to monitor his health closely moving forward. But for now, I am thrilled to report that he is in good spirits and rebuilding his strength. My father's main concern remains the freedom of Siamak and other Americans Emad Shargi and Morad Tahbaz.

This world-class medical care would not have been possible without the generous support of the UAE government, for which my family will be forever thankful. We are also so grateful to the Sultan and Sultanate of Oman for arranging my father's release and evacuation, and for their ongoing efforts to secure the release of my brother and other Americans.

Also today, Iranian authorities extended my brother Siamak's furlough by another three days, which we hope will be extended again. Although my family is grateful that he remains outside Iran's notorious Evin Prison, we are also painfully aware that Thursday October 13th will mark seven long years since his arrest and detention. We hope and pray that he will be granted his full freedom soon so that our family can finally be made whole again. I encourage the U.S. and Iranian governments to build on the good will of my father's release and Siamak's furlough and do what is necessary to bring my brother and the other American captives home as soon as possible.

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