



## Foreign Affairs Committee

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*Dear Foreign Secretary,*

I am writing with regards the criminal investigation by the Iranian government against BBC journalists working for the BBC's Persian Service in London. According to information I have received, current and former BBC Persian staff continue to be targeted and harassed through a variety of means, including the arrest and detention of staff's families and the confiscation of their passports.

You have stated previously that you have raised this issue with your counterpart in Iran. I would like to know if you plan to raise the issue again when you next speak to your counterpart Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, and what further measures you plan to take to stop the criminal investigation of these journalists.

We will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

**Tom Tugendhat MP**  
Chair