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MP Calls for the Release of Baha'i Prisoners

Julie Morgan, MP for Cardiff North, has again called for the release of seven members of the Baha'i faith currently being held on various charges in Iran. The individuals were arrested between March and May last year and have been held since without being brought to trial. Families of the prisoners have recently been told that their loved ones could face the charge of 'spreading corruption on earth' – a charge which could carry the death penalty in Iran.

During the recent anniversary of the arrests, members of the Baha'i community in Cardiff have also expressed their concerns for the safety and wellbeing of their co-religionists in Iran. The community are concerned that these arrests are part of a wider campaign of discrimination against followers of the Baha'i faith by the Iranian authorities.

Julie said,

"I am deeply concerned for the safety and wellbeing of the seven Baha'i followers. I have signed two Early Day Motions in Parliament showing my support for the Baha'i prisoners and would like to again call on the Iranian Government to ensure these prisoners receive a free and fair trial as soon as possible.

"I also hope that the Iranian authorities will go much further and start to tackle the persecution and discrimination which Baha'i followers face in Iran."

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