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## ***Gozraeshgan appeal call: In condemnation of the murder of Baktash Abtin!***

This gross crime will not be forgotten!

Baktash Abtin, a poet, film maker and a member of Iranian writers Association, who was imprisoned by the Islamic Republic for defending freedom and fighting against censorship, and after a long period of deprivation of treatment and transfer to the hospital, following his infection to Coronavirus!, despite the warnings of popular institutions inside and outside the Iran, due to deliberate negligence of the Islamic Republic's authorities, died in hospital.

This news is more tragic than the silence and indifferences of our political, social, cultural and artistic activists, but it is another stain of shame on bloody hands of the Islamic rule!

Baktash Abtin died by inaction and deadly silence of officials of the oppressive regime of Islamic Republic. This member of the Iranian writers Association, who had been living a productive life for 47 years, was tied to a hospital bed from the beginning of his transfer to the hospital.

The assassination of political, social, cultural, and labor activists, has been one of the tools of repression and killing of the government's opponents for 43 years. The serial killings of writers and cultural figures in Iran still remains in memories. With the blatant killing of

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Baktash Abtin, the Islamic Republic demonstrated that the serial killing of the chosen ones of literature and culture of Iranian people still continues.

This tragic event will definitely provoke a wave of anger and hatred, and we consider it the duty of all freedom loving people of the world to join this wave!

We, the political, social, cultural and artistic activists, whilst expressing our disgust with anti-human policies of Islamic Republic in Iran's prisons, strongly condemn the murder of Baktash Abtin, and appeal to all writers and defenders of freedom to condemn this grave crime.

Right now, many political, labor, social and cultural activists, including Reaz Khandan (Mahabadi), Kayvan Bazhan, and Arash Ganji, are under the harshest living conditions in Iran's prisons. We demand the immediate and unconditional release of all of them.

The writers and freedom loving people of the world, should not remain silent in the face of such atrocities and crimes. With all our might and facilities, we must express our protests and disgust with these murderous plots of the Islamic Republic in Iran's prisons.

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