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CEO JOINS CALL FOR UK GOVERNMENT TO INSIST THAT NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RATCLIFFE IS TESTED FOR CORONAVIRUS

The Free Nazanin Campaign confirmed today that it believes Nazanin has contracted Coronavirus inside Evin Prison, in large part due to the lack of hygiene materials made available to the prisoners.

The wider suppression of the virus inside Evin prison and the refusal to test Nazanin, as well as other prisoners displaying severe Coronavirus symptoms, is deeply concerning and utterly inhumane. It represents another dark chapter in the unimaginable ordeal that Nazanin and her family have endured since April 2016.

We urge the UK Government to unabashedly push for Nazanin to be tested immediately and treated properly, in accordance with both her basic human rights and diplomatic protection as a British citizen.

We further call on the UK Government to do everything within its considerable power to secure Nazanin's swift release on humanitarian grounds and her repatriation to the UK, where she can finally be reunited with her loving husband Richard and five-year-old daughter Gabriella.

As Nazanin's colleagues and friends, it pains all of us at the Thomson Reuters Foundation beyond words to watch this miscarriage of justice continue. Enough is enough.

Antonio Zappulla, Thomson Reuters Foundation CEO