

9th December, 2018

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Via the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations
622 Third Avenue, 34th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Dear Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei:

In November 2017, and again in February 2018 I wrote on behalf of a consortium of Nobel Laureates about the plight of a medical scholar, Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali, who was arrested on an academic visit to Tehran in April 2016. We now hear that his medical condition is declining rapidly and he is in hospital and in desperate need of the best possible medical care. In light of the evidence of which we are aware, he deserves a fair trial, which should lead to his release.

We now have 121 Nobel Laureates supporting this cause, and we would urge you to attend to this case personally and make sure that Dr. Djalali is treated humanely and fairly and is released as soon as possible.

We respectfully request that you direct the Iranian authorities to allow Dr. Djalali to return home to his wife and children and continue his scholarly work for the benefit of mankind.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Roberts', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sir Richard Roberts Ph.D., F.R.S.

121 Laureates

Name	Category	Prize Year
Peter Agre	Chemistry	2003
George A. Akerlof	Economics	2001
Hiroshi Amano	Physics	2014
Robert J. Aumann	Economics	2005
Barry Clark Barish	Physics	2017
Francoise Barre-Sinoussi	Medicine	2008
J. Georg Bednorz	Physics	1987
J. Michael Bishop	Medicine	1989
Gunter Blobel	Medicine	1999
Sydney Brenner	Medicine	2002
William C. Campbell	Medicine	2015
Thomas R. Cech	Chemistry	1989
Martin Chalfie	Chemistry	2008
Aaron Ciechanover	Chemistry	2004
Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio	Literature	2008

J. M. Coetzee	Literature	2003
Claude Cohen-Tannoudji	Physics	1997
Elias James Corey	Chemistry	1990
Robert F. Curl Jr.	Chemistry	1996
Johann Deisenhofer	Chemistry	1988
Shirin Ebadi	Peace	2003
Gerhard Ertl	Chemistry	2007
Andrew Z. Fire	Medicine	2006
Edmond H. Fischer	Medicine	1992
Joachim Frank	Chemistry	2017
Jerome I. Friedman	Physics	1990
Leymah Roberta Gbowee	Peace	2011
Andre Geim	Physics	2010
Walter Gilbert	Chemistry	1980
Sheldon Glashow	Physics	1979
Paul Greengard	Medicine	2000
Carol W. Greider	Medicine	2009
David J. Gross	Physics	2004
Robert H. Grubbs	Chemistry	2005
Roger Guillemin	Medicine	1977
Sir John B. Gurdon	Medicine	2012
John L. Hall	Physics	2005
Serge Haroche	Physics	2012
Oliver Hart	Economics	2016
Leland H. Hartwell	Medicine	2001
Dudley R. Herschbach	Chemistry	1986
Avram Hershko	Chemistry	2004
Jules A. Hoffmann	Medicine	2011
Roald Hoffmann	Chemistry	1981
H. Robert Horvitz	Medicine	2002
Robert Huber	Chemistry	1988
Tim Hunt	Medicine	2001
Louis J. Ignarro	Medicine	1998
Elfriede Jelinek	Literature	2004
Brian D. Josephson	Physics	1973
Takaaki Kajita	Physics	2015
Eric R. Kandel	Medicine	2000
Tawakkul Karman	Peace	2011
Wolfgang Ketterle	Physics	2001
F.W. de Klerk	Peace	1993
Klaus von Klitzing	Physics	1985
Brian K. Kobilka	Chemistry	2012
Roger D. Kornberg	Chemistry	2006
Finn E. Kydland	Economics	2004
Yuan T. Lee	Chemistry	1986
Anthony J. Leggett	Physics	2003
Jean-Marie Lehn	Chemistry	1987
Michael Levitt	Chemistry	2013
Tomas Lindahl	Chemistry	2015
Robert E. Lucas Jr.	Economics	1995
Eric S. Maskin	Economics	2007

John C. Mather	Physics	2006
Daniel L. McFadden	Economics	2000
Craig C. Mello	Medicine	2006
Robert C. Merton	Economics	1997
Hartmut Michel	Chemistry	1988
Patrick Modiano	Literature	2014
Paul L. Modrich	Chemistry	2015
William E. Moerner	Chemistry	2014
Edvard Moser	Medicine	2014
May-Britt Moser	Medicine	2014
Herta Muller	Literature	2009
Kary B. Mullis	Chemistry	1993
Robert A. Mundell	Economics	1999
Alice Munro	Literature	2013
Ferid Murad	Medicine	1998
Erwin Neher	Medicine	1991
Douglas D. Osheroff	Physics	1996
Orhan Pamuk	Literature	2006
Arno Penzias	Physics	1978
Edmund S. Phelps	Economics	2006
John C. Polanyi	Chemistry	1986
H. David Politzer	Physics	2004
Stanley B. Prusiner	Medicine	1997
Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Chemistry	2009
Jose Ramos-Horta	Peace	1996
Sir Richard J. Roberts	Medicine	1993
Jean-Pierre Sauvage	Chemistry	2016
Randy W. Schekman	Medicine	2013
Richard R. Schrock	Chemistry	2005
Phillip A. Sharp	Medicine	1993
K. Barry Sharpless	Chemistry	2001
Vernon L. Smith	Economics	2002
Hamilton O. Smith	Medicine	1978
Wole Soyinka	Literature	1986
A. Michael Spence	Economics	2001
Thomas A. Steitz	Chemistry	2009
John E. Sulston	Medicine	2002
Jack W. Szostak	Medicine	2009
Joseph H. Taylor Jr.	Physics	1993
Kip Stephen Thorne	Physics	2017
Mario Vargas Llosa	Literature	2010
Harold E. Varmus	Medicine	1989
Sir John E. Walker	Chemistry	1997
J. Robin Warren	Medicine	2005
Arieh Warshel	Chemistry	2013
Steven Weinberg	Physics	1979
Rainer Weiss	Physics	2017
Eric F. Wieschaus	Medicine	1995
Torsten N. Wiesel	Medicine	1981
Frank Wilczek	Physics	2004
Jody Williams	Peace	1997

Oliver E. Williamson	Economics	2009
Robert Woodrow Wilson	Physics	1978
Sir Gregory P. Winter	Chemistry	2018
Michael W. Young	Medicine	2017