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Dear members and friends of PAMA,

The Persian American Medical Association (PAMA)'s Statement Condemning Pressure, Intimidation, and Arrest of Healthcare Workers for Treating the Wounded in Iran:

PAMA expresses its profound concern and unequivocal condemnation of the documented reports of intimidation, threats, interrogation, and arrest of physicians, nurses, paramedics, and other healthcare workers in Iran solely for fulfilling their professional and humanitarian duty by providing medical care to the wounded.

The treatment of injured individuals—regardless of their identity, beliefs, political views, or the circumstances under which they were injured—is a fundamental and non-negotiable obligation under medical ethics, the Hippocratic Oath, international human rights law, and humanitarian conventions. Criminalizing medical care constitutes a grave violation of human dignity and represents a systematic assault on the integrity of the healthcare system.

Forcing healthcare professionals to deny care, report patients to security forces, or disclose confidential medical information endanger lives, destroys public trust in medical institutions, and places direct responsibility for resulting physical and psychological harm on those who order and enforce such practices.

PAMA affirms that:

1. The arrest, harassment, and prosecution of healthcare workers for performing their professional duties are unlawful and inhumane.
2. The professional, legal, and personal safety of all healthcare workers must be immediately and unconditionally guaranteed.
3. All detained medical professionals must be released without delay.
4. The international community, medical associations, and human rights organizations have a responsibility to urgently investigate and address these serious violations of medical neutrality and human rights.

In one of the darkest periods of Iran's contemporary history, healthcare workers have once again demonstrated their unwavering commitment to human life in the face of coercion and repression. PAMA stands in full solidarity with them and reaffirms its firm commitment to the principles of medical neutrality, the right to health, and the sanctity of human life.

Medical care is not a crime.

Healthcare workers are not enemies.

Protecting human life is a red line of ethics and humanity.

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