

October 25, 2006

His Excellency Mu'ammar al-Gaddafi
Leader of the Revolution
Office of the Leader of the Revolution
Tripoli
Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
LIBYA

Your Excellency:

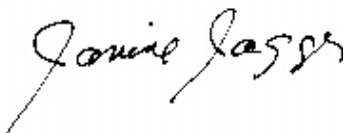
As an epidemiologist and a specialist in the spread of the AIDS virus and other bloodborne pathogens in the healthcare environment, I appeal to you to allow an independent panel of medical and scientific experts to investigate the scientific facts regarding the case of the five Bulgarian nurses and Palestinian physician who have been imprisoned in Libya since 1999, and who have been charged with intentionally infecting more than 400 Libyan children with the AIDS virus. I understand that their trial will come to a close on October 31st, after which a verdict will be rendered. If found guilty, they will face a death sentence. An execution can never be reversed. But the absence of scientific evidence to support a guilty verdict in this case will forever be obvious to the medical and scientific community.

There are clearly defined epidemiologic criteria for establishing an association between an infection and a causal factor. Without properly designed epidemiologic studies, a causal relationship between the HIV-infected patients and the six healthcare workers cannot be established. I ask you to show the international scientific and medical communities the epidemiologic studies that have been conducted by the Libyan government to support the charges that the six foreign healthcare workers caused the 426 cases of HIV infection.

The Libyan government stands before the world. An execution is forever. And we, in the healthcare community, will never cease to ask: Where is your evidence?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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