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Note Coco just sent out broadly



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----- Original Message -----

From: coco ferguson [REDACTED]

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Subject: Roxana - 8 years

Dear All,

You may have heard the gobsmacking, and bad news about Roxanna:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/19/world/middleeast/19iran.html>

She has been sentenced to eight years for espionage. Her case was conducted in secret and no evidence has been produced publicly against

her. Her lawyer has said that he will appeal the charge. Eight years is a very odd sentence.



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I talked to a correspondent in Tehran this morning, who pointed out that a week from start to sentence in a closed trial is a bit rum. She was tried by the Revolutionary Court, which handles national security cases. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic\\_Revolutionary\\_Court](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Revolutionary_Court)

Her father Reza Saberi has given an interview to NPR that should be out later today.

I've talked to Channel 4 news today, as has Baqer Moin former head of BBC Persian. We are asking for questions to be tabled in Parliament, and for the government to ask questions in Iran on her behalf.

My blithely optimistic thinking remains that Roxana's nightmare is happening against the backdrop of the most positive shake up of US/Iran relations in 30 years; from talks with former tutors in Tehran this is not the headline most Iranian officials want right now; I remain hopeful that Roxana will be released soon.

Baqer Moin raised the suggestion that Roxana's sentence may be quid pro quo for Iranian diplomats held by the US on espionage charges in Erbil in Iraq since 2007. I have no clue if this is true, and I've heard nothing direct about this from Tehran. Any light people can shed on this would be gratefully received.

The BBC's statement this morning seemed well put:

"We are extremely concerned at the severe sentence passed on Roxana Saberi. Roxana was tried in secret and no evidence of espionage has been made public. "Roxana's many friends in the BBC are saddened by

the decision and are thinking of Roxana and her family at this difficult time."

Any bright or creative ideas people have on what's to be done (and not done), or anything people can do to cover the case and raise appropriate questions would be appreciated.

All the best,

Coco



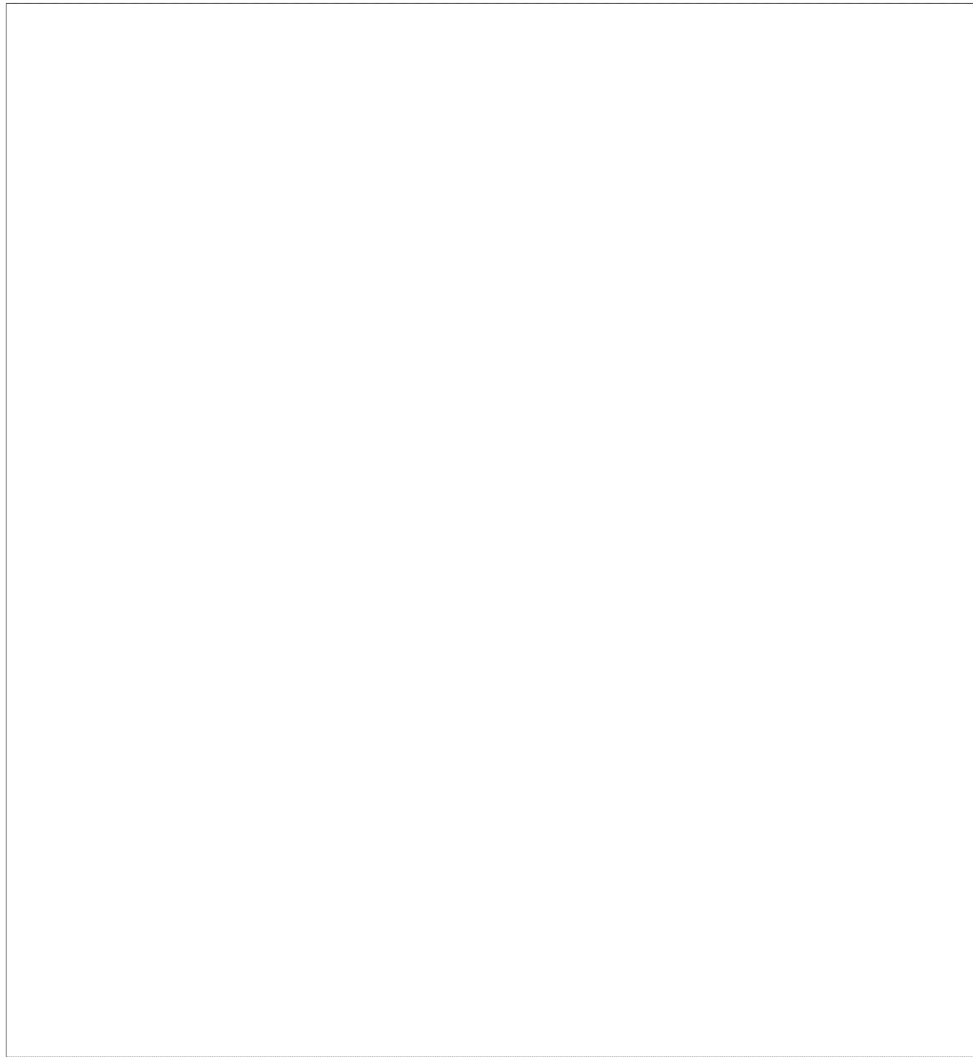
[www.freeroxana.net](http://www.freeroxana.net).

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