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STATEMENT FROM THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION CEO MONIQUE VILLA ON THE UK FOREIGN SECRETARY'S CONDEMNATION OF NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RATCLIFFE'S TREATMENT

"Today, we welcome the Foreign Secretary's condemnation of Nazanin's treatment. This statement is long due. Nazanin has been imprisoned unjustly for 19 months undergoing immense physical and psychological pain. Given yesterday's remarks from the Foreign Secretary, we urge that he indeed visits Nazanin in Evin jail and brings her back home to be reunited with her daughter Gabriella and her husband Richard.

I also need to correct the Foreign Secretary on one mistake he made about Nazanin: she has never trained journalists and she is not a journalist herself. She is a programme manager in our Media Development team. She was not working in Iran and was not 'teaching journalism'.

The Thomson Reuters Foundation does not have any presence in Iran and does not operate in the country in any manner."

Monique Villa, Thomson Reuters Foundation CEO