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**CEO RESPONDS TO NEWS OF NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RATCLIFFE'S NEW
SENTENCE BEING UPHELD**

Today, we mark yet another bleak milestone in the ongoing ordeal of our friend and colleague Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

We received news that Nazanin has lost her latest appeal and that her sentence of one year plus a one-year travel ban has been upheld without a court hearing.

She now risks being sent back to prison at any moment.

Once more, Nazanin's fate hangs in the balance. Her family remains torn apart, with her husband Richard and daughter Gabriella thousands of miles away from her in London.

We have said time and time again that Nazanin is the innocent victim of a political dispute. Her ongoing nightmare is out of her hands.

The Thomson Reuters Foundation joins the Free Nazanin campaign in calling for her immediate release. We urge the UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss to step up diplomatic and political efforts to secure her freedom.

It is intolerable to think that her and her family's suffering should be extended a moment longer.

This must end now.

Antonio Zappulla, CEO of the Thomson Reuters Foundation