

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To the American Bahá'í community

Beloved Friends,

We rejoice to share with you news of the release, after nearly a decade of unjust imprisonment, of Fariba Kamalabadi, one of the seven members of the former Yárán. Coming just weeks after mid-September's release of Mahvash Sabet, her companion in incarceration under the most horrendous conditions, the liberation of both adds further joy to our continuing celebrations of the Bicentenary season.

We join you in offering expressions of gratitude to the Blessed Beauty for Fariba's safe return to her loved ones. With you, we continue to supplicate for the protection of those still behind bars and for all our courageous and long-suffering sisters and brothers in the Cradle of the Faith. We pray that our own services to the Cause we hold sacred may in some measure reflect the wondrous loving devotion of these precious souls.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers
Secretary