Anderson, IN — U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today urged the Iranian government to release Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani from prison as he faces possible execution because of his Christian faith. Pence's statement follows:

"Despite the news that he faces a possible death sentence at the hands of the Iranian regime, Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani has shown tremendous courage and commitment to his Christian faith. The fact that the Iranian government continues to punish those who proclaim a particular faith is an affront to all those who value human rights, dignity and religious freedom. I pray for Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani's safety and urge his immediate release."

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