

Good Morning,

Welcome to this press conference and on behalf of the International European Movement thank you for coming.

Our focus is on the case of the five Bulgarian nurses and one Palestinian doctor under sentence of death in Libya and under arrest there since 1999.

We are joined this morning by two sons, one daughter and a sister of the condemned nurses. We are pleased that they have travelled to Belgium to be here with us this morning, to give their witness and to make their appeal.

I wish to thank Graham Watson and the ALDE group for facilitating this press conference and for the invitation which he extended to the other parliamentary political groups to attend. The presence of the representatives of six political groups from the European Parliament is a deeply encouraging non partisan shared act of solidarity with this campaign and we thank all of you for being here.

Bulgaria joined the European Union on January first last. Bulgarians are now citizens of the European Union. In addition to the duty of care which we already had regarding this endless and complex case we have today a duty of solidarity with our fellow European citizens.

The European Movement is a civil society organisation. Our appeal to you the journalist present here is to learn more and tell more about this grave case. Our appeal is to public opinion in particular and not just to public authorities. It is a humanitarian appeal, concerned for the 426 Libyan children infected with HIV/AIDS in Benghazi, for the 53 who have died and for their families. It is a humanitarian appeal for the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor.

It is as simple as it is heartfelt. Our campaign theme is:

**BRING THEM HOME**

**DA GI VARNEM U DOMA**

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