Subject: Student detainees in Iran

The Iranian judiciary has finally admitted to the arrest of two elite students from Sharif University of Technology after detaining them for 26 days on charges of ‘diversionary actions’ and ‘attempting to carry out sabotage operations’.

The People’s Mojahedin Organization of Iran has also announced the names of 18 other student detainees, just some of the many who have been arrested. The National Council of Resistance of Iran has emphasised that the detainees are subject to torture and face execution, and are also in danger of being exposed to COVID-19. The two organisations have urged international human rights organisations to take urgent action to secure the release of the detainees and to send international missions to visit the regime’s prisons and meet with the students.

The clerical regime must publish the names of all the detainees and respect their rights under the international conventions to which it is a party. Torture and ill-treatment of political prisoners are well-known practices of the regime and there is significant proof of torture and unconfirmed deaths.

Is the European External Action Service taking any action with regard to the above-mentioned issue? If not, is it planning to, taking into account the urgency of the situation and the risk of imminent executions?