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Congressman Duncan Issues Statement on Death of Alberto Nisman

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WASHINGTON, DC—The Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC), released the following statement regarding the mysterious death of Argentine prosecutor Alberto Nisman:

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Alberto Nisman, the General Prosecutor for the 1994 bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA). Nisman, a man of courage and tenacity, brought to light evidence last week of a disturbing cover-up by Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner to improve relations with Iran in order to gain geopolitical and economic benefits in return. Nisman was due to give testimony today before the Argentine Congress with additional support for these allegations.

Nisman's work has been vital in showing the role that Iran has played in supporting terrorism in the Western Hemisphere. In addition to his report last week with allegations against the Argentine Government, Nisman published a lengthy report last year documenting the role Iran played in orchestrating the 1994 bombing in Argentina and Iran's actions as 'the main sponsor' of an attempted terrorist attack on U.S. soil with a plot to blow up the JFK airport in Queens, NY.

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I am grateful for the contributions Nisman has made in providing clear evidence of Iran's operations in the Western Hemisphere. His willingness to speak truth to power reflects his passion for justice, and I pray we will see justice as a result of his bravery.

In this time of grief, I want to convey my deepest condolences to his family. I also call for a full, immediate, and transparent investigation into Mr. Nisman's mysterious and untimely death."

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