

Supporting Human Rights and Democracy in Iran

We are deeply concerned by the escalating human rights crisis in Iran. In 2024, the regime executed over 1,000 people, and this trend has continued into 2025. Women have been primary targets of repression and face severe restrictions under the "Hijab and Chastity Law," which curtails personal freedoms and expands state control.

In recent months, dozens of political prisoners have been sentenced to death. The systematic targeting of political prisoners is rooted in a culture of impunity, fuelled by the failure to hold perpetrators accountable for past atrocities. This was documented in the July 2024 landmark Atrocity Crimes report by the UN Special Rapporteur on Iran, which found that the 1981-82 mass killings and the 1988 massacre constituted crimes against humanity and genocide.

The ongoing "No to Executions" campaign across over 40 prisons in Iran reflects the Iranian people's desire for justice and change. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights should intervene urgently to save the lives of political prisoners at imminent risk of execution in Iran.

The Iranian people have courageously demanded democracy and freedom, rejecting both monarchical and religious dictatorships during the 2022 uprising and boycotting the regime's sham elections.

Despite an atmosphere of absolute repression, the Iranian people and their Resistance Units are bravely resisting against the crackdown and terror imposed by the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC). We urge all democratic nations to blacklist the IRGC.

In June 2024, more than 4,000 parliamentarians and 100 former world leaders endorsed a vision for a democratic Iran, grounded in the principles of separation of religion and state, gender equality, abolition of the death penalty, and free elections, as set out in Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan. This framework aligns with the Iranian people's aspirations for a democratic and secular republic and promises a democratic future for Iran and lasting peace in the region. We urge all governments to support this initiative.

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