



The British Committee for Iran Freedom

STATEMENT ON IRAN

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Support the popular uprising in Iran condemn the violent crackdown on protests led by women and youth

The death in custody of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman from Iran's Kurdistan province, who was arrested in Tehran under the pretext of mal-veiling and killed as a result of police beatings has sparked a new round of uprisings in Iran.

Since mid-September, protests and anti-regime uprisings led by women and youth have spread to all of Iran's provinces and to more than 280 cities and all major universities. The protesters, chanting the rallying cry of "Down with Dictators, Down with Khamenei," seek to overthrow the unelected religious dictatorship.

Resistance Units and the organised opposition led by the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran (MEK/PMOI) are taking serious risks to play a vital role in organising and sustaining these protests while putting up a resistance front against repression.

The repressive forces fire tear gas and live ammunition at the protesters as the regime shuts down the internet. At least 700 protesters have been killed and another 30,000 have been arrested so far.

In view of the above facts, we, the undersigned, issue the following call to the United Nations, its member states, and other international organisations:

- 1. The prospect of change in Iran has never been this accessible. It is time to recognize the right of the Iranian people to defend themselves and to overthrow this regime.*
- 2. Strongly condemn the killing of demonstrators in Iran and take urgent measures to stop this repression. The dossier of this regime's crimes must be referred to the United Nations Security Council and those responsible for committing such crimes must be brought to justice in particular regime's Supreme Leader Khamenei and current President, Ebrahim Raisi.*
- 3. Guarantee free access to the Internet for the people of Iran.*
- 4. The people of Iran have a democratic alternative whose goals are enshrined in the Ten point Plan articulated by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI). This alternative deserves all-embracing support.*
- 5. Any dialogue or dealings with the Iranian regime or the continuation of relationships with it must be predicated on the release of all those arrested during the recent uprising.*