

Call to action: Positive action is required against the oppression of the Islamic Republic.

Following the murder of Mahsa Amini by the Islamic Republic morality police, the demonstrations in Iran have entered their fifth week.

The protests have now spread to over 160 towns and cities in Iran and as of last week, the demonstrations have been supported by various strikes that have affected the petrochemical industries, logistics, and transport as well as the traditional bazaars.

The free world has now witnessed the brutal crackdown implemented by the Islamic Republic leading to many hundreds of deaths of unarmed protestors as well as the arrest of tens of thousands of protestors. Many of the dead are teenagers.

Unconfirmed social media footages and reports indicate systematic beatings, torture, and rape of protestors in custody.

The notorious Evin prison in North Tehran was the scene of an extensive fire on 15.10.2022. Footage uploaded on social media, as well as Western media such as the BBC showed an uncontrollable building fire along with the constant sound of gunfire and explosions.

Rumours are now in circulation suggesting that some of the demonstrators in custody have been killed.

Creating and funding multiple terror organisations, backing the regime in Damascus, interventions in Yemen leading to a humanitarian catastrophe, hostage taking of foreign and dual nationals, downing a civilian airliner and sea piracy are some of the proud achievements of the regime in Tehran.

The European Union (E.U) and the United Kingdom can no longer ignore the threat of the nuclear Islamic Republic, their support and justification for Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as the supply of military drones that are now being used against Ukrainian cities.

Once again, a foreign national has been recently arrested in Iran accused of 'helping and advising the demonstrators' in the North Western city of Ardebil. No doubt, this German citizen will be used as leverage against the E.U.

For the last four decades, the Islamic Republic has plundered the wealth of Iran. Through sheer incompetence and mismanagement, the Iranian economy has all but imploded. The environment has been irreversibly affected due to the regime's program on deforestation, water diversions, and inappropriate dam building projects.

The failures and lack of implementation of Human Rights have been fully documented by the United Nations and various Human Rights groups. Execution, assassination, murder, and rape of political prisoners is a common theme in Iranian jails. There are strict limitations on social freedoms. Iranian women have restricted rights. Gay rights are non-existent and the religious minority live in a state of unease. The Bahai religious minority has taken the brunt of executions and arrests.

The regime in Tehran has cornered itself into a dead-end. With a fundamental lack of Human Rights, endemic corruption, mismanagement, and a collapsed economy the Iranians,

regardless of background and ethnicity, have all united in one voice and movement against the theocratic dictatorship all sparked by the murder of a 22-year-old Iranian girl.

There is now a united call for freedom, democracy, and the removal of the Islamic Republic.

With the end of this regime, the region will have peace and stability. This will ultimately allow improved trade and investment with the E.U and the U.K. This will also allow for an improved supply of energy resources to the European continent and put an end to the risk of having a nuclear Islamic Republic that may risk a nuclear escalation in the Near East.

High Representative, words of solidarity and support have been welcomed and proven to be invaluable to the morale of all Iranians. But after five weeks of demonstrations and with the evident brutality afforded to the protestors by the regime, it is now time for positive action.

These actions may include ensuring sanctions against the Islamic Republic Guards Corps (IRGC) are maintained. Further sanctions may be extended to all Iranian registered aircraft from flying through E.U airspace and also to Iranian merchant ships from docking in E.U ports.

The regime in Tehran has invested in Islamic Centres throughout Europe and the U.K. It is now known that most of these centres have representatives of the supreme leader of the Islamic Republic spreading support and propaganda. These centres should be scrutinised and if necessary closed if they have breached their license.

High Representative, any future negotiations regarding a nuclear treaty or Human Rights with a dictatorial regime that is unstable, untrustworthy, and in decline will be regarded as appeasement in Tehran. Dealing now with this regime may be best summarised by Winston Churchill " You cannot reason with a tiger when your head is in its mouth".

For the cause of Human Rights, which is upheld by the E.U, as well as for peace, stability, and prosperity in the region and beyond, the Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies calls upon the E.U to consider further meaningful actions against the theocratic dictatorship in Tehran.

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