



Dear

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Ref: Call to action to support EDM 581 (14.11.22)

I write to you with the request that you will consider signing the motion EDM 581 tabled by MP Nadia Whittome on 14/11/2022 in advance of the critical United Nations Human Rights Council special session on Iran on Thursday, 24th November 2022, and to support the establishment of an independent investigative mechanism by the United Nations and to support the human rights of Iranians.

The Motion text reads;

*'That this House notes that protests against the Iranian Government have been taking place for the last two months in Iran following the death in custody of Mahsa Amini; further notes with alarm that the Iranian authorities have killed more than 300 people and detained thousands of others in response; understand that hundreds of people have been charged for their participation in the protests, with at least one person being sentenced to death so far; reaffirms its solidarity with pro-democracy and human rights activists, and its opposition to violent repression and the use of death sentences; urges the Government to call for the UN Human Rights Council to establish an international investigative and accountability mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve, and analyse evidence of the most serious crimes under international law committed in Iran; and calls on the Government to commit to exercising universal jurisdiction to criminally investigate and prosecute Iranian officials suspected of criminal responsibility for crimes under international law and to strengthen Magnitsky-style sanctions on officials involved in human rights abuses.'*

The UK government has condemned the Islamic Republic and its brutal crackdown on protestors and has introduced sanctions against the so-called morality police as well as individuals.

The solidarity shown by the UK government and allies has not deterred the Islamic Republic from continuing with the lethal crackdown on protestors, and with the passage of time, the crackdown has intensified resulting in hundreds of fatalities.

An estimated 16,000-30,000 have been arrested. The protestors face torture and rape in jail.

The Iranian parliament has unanimously voted that the arrested protestors are to be executed at the earliest opportunity for the crime of 'enmity to God and pollution on earth'.

The U.K government and allies need to consider urgently firm and direct action against the theocratic regime in Tehran and these may include;

1. Removal of Islamic Republic embassy officials from UK
2. Withdrawal of UK representatives from Tehran
3. Sanctions against the Iranian parliamentary members who voted for the execution of protestors
4. UK to take an international lead in condemning the atrocities that have occurred in Iran, especially the ongoing massacre of unarmed protestors in the Western Iranian cities of Mahabad, Javanrood, Piranshahr, and Marivan.
5. UK to engage fully with the U.N Human Rights Council and its outcome, ensuring that the Islamic Republic is held to account for breaches of Human Rights
6. UK to lead an international investigation regarding the unacceptable and high death toll of minors in Iran who were peacefully demonstrating against the ruling regime. Many minors have also been raped in custody.
7. Investigate crimes against humanity as unarmed civilians are fired upon with heavy machine guns. There are unconfirmed reports that chemicals have also been discharged in the Western Iranian cities mentioned earlier.
8. Sanction against all Iranian registered aircraft.

I sincerely hope that for the sanctity of life, freedom, democracy, and Human Rights, with your support, the UK government will take the necessary actions to hold the Islamic Republic to account for crimes against humanity and breaches of Human Rights.

Kind Regards,

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