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Subject: Urgent Call for Direct Action to Halt Executions and Repression in Iran.

Dear Prime Minister Keir Starmer,

We write with utmost urgency and grave alarm regarding the rapidly escalating campaign of executions, arbitrary detention, torture, disappearances, confiscation of property, and systematic political repression being carried out by the Islamic Republic in Iran.

Iran is witnessing a severe intensification of state terror. Across the country, countless citizens, many of them young people, are being imprisoned on fabricated charges, denied legal representation, subjected to sham trials, and punished for nothing more than speaking against tyranny, expressing dissent, or demanding the most basic freedoms. Families are being terrorised, communities silenced, and an entire generation is being forced to live under fear.

Since the recent war, the regime has dramatically tightened its grip over society. Roadblocks have reportedly been established across major routes and urban areas, security checks have increased at street corners, citizens are being stopped and searched, mobile phones inspected, and private communications scrutinised. This is the behaviour of a regime waging war against its own people.

Reports indicate that when mobile phones are searched, any messages, photographs, comments, or digital content relating to the war, expressing criticism of the regime, or perceived sympathy toward the United States may be treated as evidence of treason or collaboration with an enemy. Individuals can then face detention, disappearance, severe punishment, or even execution following sham proceedings devoid of due process.

Those found to be critical of the government also risk confiscation of their homes, businesses, savings, vehicles, and personal belongings. Collective punishment through seizure of assets is being used to intimidate families, impoverish dissenters, and silence wider society.

The regime has also imposed severe internet restrictions for more than forty two days, cutting people off from communication, access to information, and contact with the outside world. Such collective digital repression is itself a grave violation of the rights of the Iranian people. It also serves another sinister purpose, to conceal abuses, silence witnesses, and kill in darkness while the world is prevented from hearing the cries of victims.

Recent reports indicate a sharp rise in executions, mass arrests, politically motivated prosecutions, and intimidation campaigns. Individuals are being targeted merely for

possessing messages, photographs, online content, or opinions critical of the regime. This is not law enforcement, it is organised persecution and state brutality.

Prime Minister, history judges not only those who commit atrocities, but also those who fail to confront them.

For too long, Britain and other European governments have relied on cautious statements, symbolic gestures, and ineffective measures that the regime has learned to dismiss. This approach has not moderated the regime, it has emboldened it. Every weak response is read in Tehran as permission to continue.

We therefore call upon you and your government to take immediate and decisive action:

1. Publicly and unequivocally condemn the executions, mass arrests, torture, confiscations, internet blackouts, and political repression in Iran.
2. Bring forward legislation without delay to immediately proscribe the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation.
3. Freeze all identifiable assets, holdings, companies, and financial networks linked to senior regime officials, the IRGC, and affiliated entities within UK jurisdiction.
4. Expel or deport individuals operating on behalf of the regime where there is lawful and national security basis to do so.
5. Close institutions operating in the United Kingdom that function as instruments of regime influence, intimidation, or extremist propaganda, including the Islamic Centre of England where legal thresholds are met.
6. Lead a coordinated international effort with allies to hold officials responsible for torture, executions, hostage taking, and transnational repression personally accountable.
7. Demand the immediate restoration of unrestricted internet access and communications for the Iranian people.
8. Support international investigations and evidence gathering for future prosecutions of those responsible for crimes against the Iranian people.
9. Reassess whether continued diplomatic engagement without leverage has delivered any benefit to Britain's security, interests, or values.

The British government's longstanding caution in preserving relations with the Islamic Republic has yielded no reform, no moderation, and no restraint. It has neither protected lives nor improved behaviour. Other democratic nations, including Canada and Australia, have taken firmer positions without strategic loss. Continued contact without consequence risks making democratic states appear complicit while the regime continues its crimes.

The people of Iran are not asking Britain to fight their battle for them. They are asking democratic nations to stop shielding their oppressors through hesitation, timidity, and half measures.

If Britain does not act firmly now, more innocent people will disappear into prisons, more families will lose everything, and more young lives will be extinguished in silence.

We urge you to act now with moral clarity, national resolve, and decisive leadership.

Yours sincerely,

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