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Statement on the Six-Month Anniversary of the January Massacres in Iran

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Six months ago, on the dark and blood-stained days of the 8th and 9th of January, the world witnessed an act of unmitigated, state-sponsored slaughter. Over those forty-eight hours, the terrorist and murderous regime of the Islamic Republic unleashed a barbaric wave of violence against its own citizens. Armed with live ammunition and driven by absolute malice, the regime's security apparatus ruthlessly massacred over 43,000 innocent, defenceless people.

From the elderly to young children, no one was spared. The streets of Iran were transformed into killing fields as unarmed citizens, guilty of nothing more than demanding their fundamental birthright of freedom, dignity, and an end to tyranny, were systematically hunted down and executed in cold blood.

Today, we mark six months of profound grief, but also of burning indignation.

While the Iranian people faced the full, brutal might of a totalitarian regime, the international community's response was nothing short of a betrayal. The Western countries, which so loudly proclaim to uphold the rule of law, democracy, and universal human rights, stood by and did nothing to protect the people of Iran. When decisive action and robust intervention were desperately needed to stop the slaughter, Western leadership chose cowardice and complicity.

It is a grotesque insult to the memory of the fallen that, even now, Western governments continue to pursue the failed and shameful policy of appeasement. Rather than totally isolating this criminal entity, diplomatic channels remain open. Western officials continue to negotiate, compromise, and essentially shake hands with the killers. By treating a terrorist regime as a legitimate governing body, the West is actively subsidising the oppression of millions and spitting on the graves of the 43,000 martyred six months ago.

We, the Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies, demand an immediate and total reversal of this treacherous foreign policy:

1. **Cease All Negotiations:** All diplomatic engagement, appeasement, and nuclear negotiations with the Islamic Republic must end permanently. You cannot negotiate with a regime that murders its children.
2. **Total Isolation:** The Islamic Republic must be treated as the pariah state it is, with comprehensive diplomatic, economic, and political isolation.
3. **Recognise the Iranian People's Right to Self-Defence:** The international community must stop legitimising the oppressors and instead offer unequivocal, tangible support to the Iranian people in their rightful struggle to overthrow this occupying tyranny.

The blood of Iran's youth stains not only the hands of the regime but also the hands of those who chose silence and profit over human lives. The world may have looked away, but the Iranian people will never forget, and they will never forgive. The fight for a free Iran continues, completely unbowed by the regime's terror and entirely clear-eyed about the West's hollow promises.

Justice for the Fallen. Freedom for Iran.