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COMMEMORATION AND CONDEMNATION: END STATE MURDER IN IRAN

On this World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies stands in solidarity with the families of victims, political prisoners, and the millions of Iranians risking their lives for freedom. Today, we remember every individual whose life was taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran, a regime that has weaponised capital punishment as an instrument of terror and mass suppression.

We unequivocally condemn the Islamic Republic for its relentless, daily executions of innocent citizens. Under fabricated, ambiguous, and draconian charges such as *Moharebeh* (Enmity Against God), *Efsad-fil-Arz* (Corruption on Earth), and apostasy, the regime routinely sends political dissidents, protesters, women, ethnic and religious minorities, and ordinary citizens to the gallows. These are not judicial proceedings, they are judicial murders carried out following shameless show trials, forced confessions extracted through brutal torture, and the total denial of basic due process and legal representation.

Since January, the regime has escalated its bloody campaign, executing hundreds of people in a desperate bid to maintain its grip on power. We remember with heavy hearts the atrocities committed on the 6th and 7th of January, when thousands were massacred in a span of mere hours. The brutality reached unimaginable levels as security forces invaded hospitals, dragged wounded protesters from their beds, shot the injured point blank, and murdered courageous doctors and nurses whose only crime was upholding their oath to save human lives.

AN INDICTMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS: COMPLICITY THROUGH SILENCE AND DIPLOMATIC RED CARPETS

While democratic nations across the globe have repeatedly denounced these atrocities, the United Nations has failed in its foundational mandate to uphold universal human rights.

We forcefully question and condemn the glaring hypocrisy of the United Nations, asking how an institution that purports to champion human rights can roll out the red carpet for representatives of a regime actively committing crimes against humanity.

- **Legitimising a Criminal Regime:** Allowing officials of the Islamic Republic to retain membership, step onto the UN General Assembly podium, and speak to the world grants diplomatic cover and unearned legitimacy to a dictatorship that massacres its own people.
- **A Pattern of Silence:** While individual rapporteurs issue reports, the collective bodies of the UN continue to treat this murderous government as a legitimate international partner rather than an outcast state accountable to international justice.
- **Complicity in Crimes:** To observe the World Day Against the Death Penalty while failing to take concrete, punitive action against the world's leading per capita executioner is an insult to the victims. Giving a platform to executioners while remaining silent in action is not neutral diplomacy, it is active complicity.

OUR DEMANDS

The Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies calls upon the United Nations and the international community to move beyond empty rhetoric and implement immediate, decisive measures:

- 1. Strip the Regime of Platform and Legitimacy:** Expel representatives of the Islamic Republic from international bodies, council leaderships, and diplomatic forums. Stop giving a platform to executioners.
- 2. Establish International Accountability:** Form independent, binding tribunals to investigate and prosecute officials responsible for the January massacres, hospital raids, and systemic summary executions.
- 3. Formal Recognition:** Recognise the ongoing human rights atrocities and executions in Iran for what they are, namely crimes against humanity and state sponsored violence against an unarmed civilian population.
- 4. Targeted Sanctions:** Implement comprehensive global Magnitsky sanctions against all judges, interrogators, prison directors, and military commanders involved in the execution apparatus.

The people of Iran are asserting their fundamental right to life and freedom. The United Nations must choose whether it stands with the perpetrators of state murder or with the victims demanding justice. Silence is complicity, and dialogue with executioners is betrayal.

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