

Dear Elected Senator,

The Iranian people have been protesting for their freedom, basic human rights, minority rights, and women's rights to self-expression since September 16, 2022. The Islamic Republic regime (hereafter referred to as the regime) has responded with nothing but deadly crackdowns that have killed hundreds of citizens across Iran. Thousands have been arrested, tortured, raped, murdered, and buried in mass graves without their family's knowledge or presence. This includes at least 60 children under the age of 17.

The brutal arrests and murders of Iranian protesters has entered a whole new level. On December 8, 2022- Mohsen Shekari was secretly hung and on December 12, 2022- Majidreza Rahnavard was hung publicly. They were two of many imprisoned protestors who were denied due process, access to an independent lawyer, the chance to request an appeal and denied getting to say goodbye to their families. They were only two of the hundreds who have received the death penalty by the regime's revolutionary courts.

History is repeating itself. The systematic hanging of peaceful protestors or anyone who expresses their opinion has been common practice throughout the regime's history, with mass hangings most notably occurring in 1981, 1988 and 2019. This is done to inject fear into the nation. Their deaths are numbers to us, but the loss of life for their families and loved ones. The arrests are numbers to us, but sleepless nights filled with uncertainty, emotional torture and tears for their families and loved ones.

The regime officials have announced that they intend to execute several more of the protestors to set an example for the nation. Innocent lives are taken as a scare tactic by a murderous regime, and this will not stop unless they are forced to. Today might be the last day for many of those who have already received a death sentence from the regime if we do not do anything to stop them.

German parliamentarians are pioneers in stepping up and trying to save the lives of the innocent Iranian prisoners. Norbert Röttgen, Ye-One Rhie, Carlos Kasper, and Martin Didenhofen and members of the German Bundestag announced they will be political sponsors/advocates for some of the arrested protestors who were sentenced to death. The support from politicians has been enormously important and effective. When elected representatives publicly stand up for a political prisoner, more attention is drawn to the cause. Their advocacy is picked up by the media and it is our hope that this publicity provides protection for innocent detainees sentenced to death.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202212131709>

We, Iranian Americans living in the US, urge you to take prompt action to stop this massacre. This includes:

- Step forward for political sponsorship/advocacy for the imprisoned prisoners whose lives are in danger. The link to the growing and dynamic list of their names has been provided at the end of the letter.
- Publicly urge all countries to expel the regime's diplomats and recall their ambassadors from Tehran.

- Impose immediate sanctions against Supreme Leader Khamenei, the head of the regime, and all entities associated with him and designate him as a terrorist entity.
- Ask the United Nations to intervene and stop executions of the innocent prisoners in Iran.

Would you like to become a political sponsor, please click on the link below to get the full, dynamic and growing list of prisoners accused of waging war against God and have been either sentenced to death or are at risk of being sentenced to death:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w7q9wrHsSYEyi1bJ7u1tFeT8qot6mSTK/edit>

Thank you for your help and attention to this time sensitive matter. Human lives are at stake.

Sincerely