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Dear WARDEN ELEANOR ROULSTON,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you on behalf of the Iranian Academics Society, an organization committed to advocating for the Iranian people's right to establish a democratic republic founded on the will of the people.

First and foremost, I extend my sincere gratitude for your past support, which has been instrumental in encouraging us to persist in our campaign for freedom. As we approach the first anniversary of the Iranian people's uprising for freedom, we are committed more than ever to promoting the values of democracy, human rights, and equality for all Iranians.

On this momentous occasion, we have a new Statement of Support for the Resistance of Iranian Women, and we kindly request your endorsement.

Your endorsement would signal a powerful message of solidarity with the Iranian people's desire for freedom and democracy.

To add your esteemed name to the list of distinguished councilors who have already endorsed the Statement, kindly reply to this message or send an email to davidafrash.academicssociety@gmail.com confirming your support.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Your support means a great deal to us and to the Iranian people striving for a better future. We eagerly look forward to receiving your positive response.

Sincerely yours,

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**[Iran: International community must stand with women and girls suffering intensifying oppression
Iran's Morality Police in New Crackdown on Women \(townhall.com\)](https://iran1988.org/in-joint-letter-107-former-world-leaders-seek-accountability-in-iran/)**

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Statement of Support for the Resistance of Iranian Women

As we approach the first anniversary of the Iranian people's uprising for freedom, we, the undersigned, express our solidarity and support for the uprising of the Iranian people, especially women.

On September 16, 2022, a nationwide uprising erupted, with women and girls pioneering this revolt. Of the 750 individuals tragically killed by the regime's repressive forces, a significant number were young women and girls. As a result of the regime's brutal suppression, at least 70 children lost their lives.

The demand of the Iranian people, both women and men, crystallized in their slogans, is to end the religious dictatorship and establish a democratic republic based on the separation of religion and state and complete gender equality.

In the face of the brutality and savagery of the clerical regime, the world observed the courage and audacity of Iranian women and girls during the uprising. They defied the regime's oppressive forces, especially the Revolutionary Guards and the Basij, risking their lives with bare hands, and chanted, "whether veiled or unveiled, we are heading towards the revolution."

The courage and prominence of women in this struggle did not spontaneously materialize. Rather, it is firmly rooted in a century of Iranian women's resistance against two distinct forms of tyranny: monarchical and religious dictatorships. Misogyny is a distinct feature and one of the pillars of the system of velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule). The people, especially the youths and women of Iran, are determined to end this medieval dictatorship.

Now, as the ruling mullahs in Iran have once again launched oppressive Guidance patrols in the streets to suppress women and prevent the re-ignition of the uprising, and as the religious tyranny has stepped up executions to continue its rule,

We, the undersigned, express our solidarity with 3600 parliamentarians worldwide and 123 former presidents and prime ministers, who voiced support for Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, and her Ten-point Plan for a free, democratic republic and gender equality in all spheres, most notably the right of women to freely choose their attire.

We ask the international community to stand with the brave women and people of Iran, place the oppressive and criminal Revolutionary Guards on the terrorist list, and take decisive steps to hold the leaders of the regime accountable for their crimes.



Iran: International community must stand with women and girls suffering intensifying oppression

The Iranian authorities are doubling down on their oppressive methods of policing and severely oppressing Iranian women and girls for defying degrading compulsory veiling laws, Amnesty International said today.

In a **detailed analysis** published today, the organization exposes the authorities' intensified nationwide crackdown on women and girls who choose not to wear headscarves in public. In the latest escalation on 16 July, the spokesperson of Iran's police, Saeed Montazer-Almahdi, **announced** the return of police patrols to enforce compulsory veiling and threatened legal action against women and girls who defy forced veiling. This coincided with **videos** circulating on social media, depicting women being violently assaulted by officials in Tehran and Rasht, and security forces firing teargas towards people helping women escape arrests in Rasht.

Please add your name to the list of supportive parliamentarians in Canada:

- **Senator Donald Neil Plett**
- **Senator Beverley Busson**
- **Senator David Adams Richards**
- **Senator David Arnot**
- **Senator David Wells**
- **Senator Dennis Patterson**
- **Senator Diane Bellemare**
- **Senator Éric Forest**
- **Senator Frances Lankin**
- **Senator Hassan Yussuff**
- **Senator Iris Petten**
- **Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais**
- **Senator Jim Quinn**
- **Senator Kim Pate**
- **Senator Leo Housakos**
- **Senator Marilou McPhedran**
- **Senator Marty Deacon**

- Senator Marty Klyne
- Senator Michael MacDonald
- Senator Michele Audette
- Senator Paul J. Massicotte
- Senator Percy Downe
- Senator Pierre Dalphond
- Senator Pierre-Hugues Boiseveneuve
- Senator Rosa Galvez
- Senator Scott Tannas
- Senator Rebecca Patterson
- Senator Jane MacAdam
- Senator Karen Sorenson

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Matt Generoux MP

Dan Muys MP

Dave Epp MP

Judy Sgro MP

Brock, Larry MP

Alexandr Mednes MP

Jasraj Singh Hallan

Jeremy Patzer

Anna Roberts

Marilyn Gladu MP

Mayor Sue Clake

Councillor Matthew Luloff

Councillor Jeremy Caradonna

Councillor Michael Thompson

Councillor Ann Stewart



Stop the execution spree in Iran

The Iranian authorities are carrying out a horrific state-sanctioned killing spree under the guise of judicial executions. Those executed include people convicted of drug-related offences, protesters, political dissidents, and members of oppressed ethnic minorities. Call for states to urgently intervene to pressure the Iranian authorities to halt all executions now.

What is the problem?

The Iranian authorities are ruthlessly carrying out an execution spree. Prisons across the country have become sites of mass state-sanctioned killings under the guise of judicial executions. Since the start of 2023, authorities have implemented hundreds of death sentences. In the month of May alone, authorities executed three people a day on average. This arbitrary deprivation of people's lives must stop.

Authorities have executed individuals in relation to drug-related offences, protesters and political dissidents. The death penalty is also used to target oppressed minority groups. This year, members of Iran's Baluchi ethnic minority account for around 20 per cent of recorded executions while making up only about 5 per cent of Iran's population.

In the first five months of this year, executions of people convicted of drug-related offences tripled compared to the same period last year, and are predominantly affecting the most impoverished communities. The authorities also executed individuals for their social media posts and for sexual relations between consenting adults.

The Iranian authorities are intensifying their use of the death penalty as a tool of political repression. They are using this ultimate cruel and inhuman punishment to torment and terrorize people in Iran and impose silence and subservience through brute force.

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