



Dear Comrades @ICOR

I am writing to you not only as a women's rights activist, but as someone who lived through the 1979 revolution and who has lost ten members of loved ones along the way. I speak to you today from a place of deep pain, responsibility, and hope.

Over the past month, the people of Iran, women and men, young and elderly, have been subjected to an unprecedented wave of violence. What we are witnessing is a crime against humanity, carried out by Ali Khamenei and the Islamic Republic. Its scale and brutality are unlike anything we have seen in Iran in decades.

In just two and a half weeks of protests against poverty, hunger, and repression, reports speak of more than forty thousand people killed. The true number is still unknown. More than fifty thousand people are said to be imprisoned, arrests continue daily, and thousands are reportedly on execution lists, some possibly already executed, with no news reaching their families.

By cutting off the internet, a long-used weapon against protest, the government has tried to hide these crimes from the world. Yet despite borders, censorship, and fear, people in Iran continue to send videos, messages, and reports. What reaches us is devastating.

We hear of a pregnant woman shot dead in the street and labelled a "terrorist." Of a wounded father searching for his three children, opening body after body, whispering, "You could be my son too." Of hundreds of young people blinded by bullets aimed deliberately at their eyes, then taken to prison without medical care. Of hospitals raided, nurses and doctors attacked, and the wounded dragged away to detention while still bleeding. There are countless other stories, too many to tell in one letter, but they must not remain hidden.

The world is watching. I know that many hearts beat in solidarity with the people of Iran. But there has never been a moment more urgent than now to turn empathy into action: to raise our voices against the crimes of the Islamic Republic, the Revolutionary Guard, and Khamenei, and to demand accountability.

At the same time, we must be clear-eyed. Global powers, including Western governments, continue to pursue their own interests, negotiating, threatening one day and thanking the next, while ignoring the suffering of the people. These games are not played for justice, but for profit and power.



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For the people of Iran, there is no easy path forward. They are wounded and exhausted, yet determined. They must trust their own movement and continue their struggle, but they also need space to heal and rebuild. For that, global solidarity is essential.

We ask you to stand with protesters in Iran to condemn imprisonment and executions, to support workers, to uplift brave women, students, nurses, doctors, and caregivers, to honour those who risk everything by sheltering the injured and the persecuted in their homes. All of this courage deserves recognition, protection, and love.

Across the world, the Iranian diaspora is mobilising, protesting, educating, building alliances, and keeping the truth alive in the streets week after week. But this struggle cannot be carried alone.

We call on you, women's organisations, feminist movements, defenders of human rights, to join this solidarity wherever you are. Connect with activists, organise actions, amplify voices, and stand publicly with the women and people of Iran.

You stood with the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement before. You marched, you learned, you supported, you believed. Today, we ask you once again to stand with us — and to march with us, wherever you are.

Be our allies.

Be our strength.

Be the voice of those who are being silenced.

We do not forgive. We do not forget.

The criminals will be held to account!

Long live socialism!

With hope and solidarity,

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