



*The British Committee for Iran Freedom*

## **IRAN STATEMENT**

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For nearly four decades, the Iranian regime has been condemned for its continued gross violations of human rights. More than 120,000 activists of democracy and human rights have been arbitrarily arrested, tortured and executed. In the summer of 1988, more than 30,000 political prisoners were massacred in only two months for opposing the religious dictatorship and supporting the democratic movement the PMOI. Amnesty International called this massacre a "Crime Against Humanity" and that its perpetrators must be brought to justice. According to the United Nations, the Iranian regime is the world's number one executioner per capita.

But despite such repression, in January 2018, the world witnessed wave of uprisings and protests by the Iranian people, which soon expanded to more than 140 cities. People chanted "*reformists, hard-liners, the game is now over*", "*Down with Khamenei and Rouhani*", "*No to Gaza no to Syria our life is for Iran*" and "*Leave Syria alone, think about us!*".

These demonstrate the true will of the Iranian people for changing the religious dictatorship and popular rejection of the regime's expansion of terrorism and warmongering in the region.

We declare our solidarity with the Iranian people and support their democratic objectives. The fact that these uprisings spread to more than 140 cities with nationwide slogans indicates the strong leading role of the PMOI in Iran for mobilising these protests. The regime's president, its supreme leader and many other regime officials have also admitted to the key role of main Iranian opposition and their supporters in organising these protests and their continuity.

The era has changed in Iran. People have risen up for democratic change and establishment of freedom in Iran, which will translate into peace and security in the region. We call on UK and European governments as well as the International Community to alter their policies of soft-line approach into decisiveness. The Iranian regime's terrorist Quds Force, Hezbollah and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) must be expelled from the region. The relation with the regime must be made contingent upon an end to torture, executions, ballistic missiles and the spread of terrorism and war in the region.

We also express our solidarity with grand convention of the Iranian people in Paris on June 30 in support of the uprisings in Iran for the establishment of freedom and democracy.

We call on our governments and the International Community to side with the Iranian people and recognise the NCRI as a viable alternative to this faltering theocratic regime. We support the 10-point platform of the NCRI President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi for establishing a democratic republic based on the separation of religion and state, sexual, ethnic and religious equality, devoid of a nuclear programme, the abolition of the death penalty, peaceful co-existence and commitment to international conventions and laws to guarantee popular rule, development and progress in Iran and the wider world. Read more here: <https://ncr-iran.org/en/ten-point-plan/maryam-rajavis-ten-point-plan-for-future-iran>

It is time for the international community to stand on the right side of history.

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