

For 40 years the Iranian people have been held hostage by an extremist regime which has destroyed Iran's natural resources, its social fabric, rich culture, temperate environment, and its economic potential. It has suppressed dissent and responded to their protests with state-sanctioned violence, imprisonment, torture, and executions. The regime holds the world record for executions, particularly of women and youth.

The current president of the regime, Ebrahim Raisi, is one of the main perpetrators of the 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners. Hundreds of current and former UN officials, legal and human rights experts and international NGOs have written [an open letter](#) to the UN Human Rights Council calling for an international investigation into the 1988 massacre.

Since 2018, eight major protests for democratic change in Iran have been brutally suppressed ([Amnesty International Report 2021](#)). In November 2019, more than 1,500 protesters, mostly young men, and women, were shot dead in the streets.

The Iranian people, especially the younger generation, are fighting for freedom. They have been deprived of their fundamental freedoms for which reason they rejected monarchic dictatorship and are opposing religious tyranny. Iran is on the verge of a major change. After 100 years of struggle against dictatorship, the Iranian people want a free, democratic Iran, a Republic based on free elections and the rejection of any dictatorship.

Every year, tens of thousands of Iranians and hundreds of international personalities from all over the world gather to be the voice of a nation that is resisting. The participants condemn the religious dictatorship and express their support for a free Iran and the opposition's 10-point program for a secular, non-nuclear republic, gender equality, end to discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, and respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international conventions on political freedom.

The Global Summit for a Free Iran will be held this year on 23 July 2022.

The Iranian people have the right to resist the regime for freedom. We call on our governments to stand with the Iranian people and their resistance, on the right side of history, and to recognize their right to freedom. ([A 2 MN clip on 40 years tyranny in Iran and the Global Summit](#))

We express our solidarity with the Global Summit for a Free Iran and its democratic goals.

The partial list of Cosponsors is as follows:

- Parliamentary Committees:**



British Committee For Iran Freedom (BCFIF); International Committee of Parliamentarians for a Democratic Iran (ICPDI); Le Comité Parlementaire pour un Iran Démocratique (CPID); European Parliament Friends of a Free Iran (FoFI); Comitato dei Senatori Italiani per un Iran Democratico; Friends of a Free Iran & Against Fundamentalism (Fofiaf); International Committee in Search of Justice; Comité Suisse pour la Démocratie et laïcité en Iran; Swiss Committee for

Democracy and Secularism in Iran; Comitetul Parlamentarilor Romani Pentru Iranul Liber; Le Comité Français pour un Iran Démocratique (CFID); Comitato italiano di parlamentari e cittadini per Iran Libero; Australian Supporters of Democracy in Iran; The Dutch Group of Friends of a Free Iran; Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran (CFDI); Comité Belge des Parlementaires et Bourgmestres pour un Iran Démocratique

• Trade Unions:



Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL); Confedratia Nationala Sindicala 'Cartel ALFA'; Sydney Alliance; 3F-Aarhus Rymarken; 3F-Transport, Logistik & Byg; Dansk Metal Østjylland; Teknisk Landsforbund; Dansk El-Forbund; Malernes Fagforening Øst/Vest

• NGOs and Towns:



Partito Radicale Nonviolento Transnazionale Transpartito - Torino - Italia; Italian Federation for Human Rights (FIDU); Nessuno Tocchi Caino; Nouveaux Droits l'Homme; Edmund Rice Centre; Fondation Danielle Mitterrand – France Libertés; Sydney Peace Foundation; European Iraqi Freedom Association (EIFA); Pax Christi Australia; WHRIA (Women's human rights International association); A.P.A.D.A.R (Asociatia Pentru Apararea Drepturilor Apatrizilor si Refugiatilor); Global Committee for the Rule of Law-Marco Pannella; Les femmes, la force du changement; Alliance to Renew Co-operation among Humankind (ARCHumankind); Comité de Soutien aux droits de l'homme en Iran (CSDHI); Sutherland Shire Refugee Connection; Mums 4 refugees; Pacific calling partnership; Associazione Nazionale Partigiani Italiani - Cuneo; Grace Church Canberra; ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS; ASOCIATIA JUDETEANA PROTECTIE SOCIALA " RAZA DE LUNA "; Circolo Culturale, Centro Studi Il Ragno - Italia; Iraq National Package; National Center for Legal and Judicial Research and Studies; Gerard Noodt Foundation for Freedom of Religion or Belief; Asociatia Casa Artelor Iranului Libera (CASA AIL); COMUNITATEA "SIRIA LIBERA" DIN ROMANIA; Archivescovo della Chiesa Cattolica - Urbino - Italia; Comune di Caselette - Italia; Comune di Cavagnolo; Comune di Brandizzo; Comune di Foglizzo; Comune di Gassino Torinese; Comune di Lauriano; Comune di San Sabastiano da po; Comune di Boves; Comune di Brusasco; Comune di Casalborgone; Comune di Brozolo; Comune di Castagneto po; Comune di Verrua Savoia; Comune di Monteu da Po; Comune di Borgo San Dalmazzo; Comune di Urbino; Commune di DUSINO SAN MICHELE ; COMUNE DI VILLANOVA D'ASTI; COMUNE DI SAN PAOLO SOLBRITO; COMUNE DI BUTTIGLIERA D'ASTI; COMUNE DI MONTAFIA; COMUNE DI SAN MARTINO ALFIERI; Comune di Fermignano - Italia; Comune di Borgo pace; Comune di Mercatello sul Metauro ; Comune di Montecalvo in Foglia; Comune di Peglio; Comune di Petriano; Comune di Piobbico; Comune di Sant'Angelo in vado; Comune di Urbania; Comune di Mesagne; Comune di Castelnuovo di porto; Mairie d'Ors; Mairie de Moussy-le-Vieux; Mairie de Soultz-les-Bains; Comité des maires de France pour un Iran démocratique; SIRIENII LIBERI; Comité Amitié Franco-Iranienne; Rev Bill Crews Foundation; MB Think Tank; Guernica 37 Chambers; West African Human Rights Defenders Network; 1000 ETOILES POUR LA LIBERTE; European center for women and anti-violence; World Without Genocide at Mitchell Hamline School of law; ADCALI, association pour la diffusion de la culture, de l'art et de la littérature de l'Iran; La Ligue marocaine pour la citoyenneté et les droits de l'homme Au statut consultatif auprès des Nations Unies, ORGANIZATION HUMANITARIAN TRUTH; "Femmes en Luth, citoyennes à part entire Odile Schwartz-Favrat; Women's center against violence; Espace Afrique International; Human Rights and Citizenship Party; Association Message;