

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.

Partial list of supportive parliamentarians & dignitaries:

ISJ - International Committee in Search of Justice

1. **Alejo Vidal-Quadras**, Vice-president of the European Parliament (1999 - 2014), ISJ President
2. **Ambassador Giulio Terzi**, former foreign minister of Italy (2011-2013)
3. **Struan Stevenson**, former MEP-President of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Iraq (2009 - 2014)
4. **Paulo Casaca**, former MEP-former Chair of European Parliament's delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

United Kingdom:

5. **The Rt Hon. the Baroness Boothroyd OM**, former Speaker of the House of Commons
6. **Rt Hon John Spellar MP**, former Minister
7. **The Baroness Verma**, former Baroness in Waiting (HM Household) (Whip) and Parliamentary Under Secretary (Department for International Development)

8. **The Lord Alton**, Prof. Lord Alton of Liverpool
9. **Rt Hon David Jones** MP, former Secretary of State
10. **The Baroness Harris of Richmond DL**, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords
11. Lord Alex Carlile QC
12. **The Rt Hon. the Lord Dholakia OBE DL**, Co-Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers and former Party Chair
13. **The Rt Rev. the Lord Harries of Pentregarth DD**, former Bishop of Oxford
14. **The Lord Singh of Wimbledon CBE**, member of Joint Committee on Human Rights
15. **The Lord McInnes of Kilwinning CBE**, Director of Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
16. **The Lord Clarke of Hampstead CBE**, former Labour Party chairman
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21. **The Lord Turnberg**
22. **The Lord Cotter**
23. **Rt Hon Sir Roger Gale** MP, former Vice-Chair of the Conservative Party
24. **Steve McCabe** MP, former Shadow Minister, and Opposition Whip
25. **Bob Blackman** MP
26. **Martin Vickers** MP
27. **Dr Matthew Offord** MP
28. **John Cryer** MP
29. **Ian Mearns** MP
30. **Jim Shannon** MP

France:

31. **Alain VIVIEN**, former Minister
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34. **Bertrand PANCHER** MP
35. **Brahim HAMMOUCHE** MP
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46. **Pierre-Yves BOURNAZEL** MP
47. **Yannick FAVENNEC** MP
48. **Alain NERI**, former Senator
49. **Jean-Pierre BRARD**, former MP
50. **François Colcombet**, former MP
51. **Michèle de VAUCOULEURS**, former MP
52. **Jacques Boutault**, former Mayor & MP
53. **Guy Schmitt**, Mayor
54. **Bruno Macé**, Mayor
55. **Jacky Duminy**, Mayor
56. **Jean-François Legaret**, former mayor
57. **Yves BONNET**, former director of DST

58. **Gilbert MITTERRAND**, Chair of Danielle Mitterrand foundation

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59. **Senator Roberto Rampi**
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65. **Cristina Belpassi**, Mayor
66. **Donatella Paganelli**, Mayor
67. **Francesco Cavallero**, Mayor
68. **Giovanni De Michelis**, Mayor
69. **Luca Panetta**, Mayor
70. **Mauro Giuseppe Castelli**, Mayor
71. **Paolo Bodoni**, Mayor
72. **Ricardo Travaglini**, Mayor
73. **Toni Matarrelli**, Mayor
74. **Roberto Rossini**, Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL)

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75. **Hermann-Josef Scharf**, Deputy Chairman of the Christian Democratic Party of Saarland
76. **Martin Patzelt**, former MP

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77. **Senator Mark Demaesmaker**
78. **Dirk Claes**, former Senator
79. **Pierre Galand**, former Senator, chairman of OMCT - Europe
80. **Serge de Patoul**, former MP

Nordic Countries:

81. **Geir H. Haarde**, former Prime Minister of Iceland
82. **Jan-Erik Enestam**, former Minister of Defense – Finland
83. **Kimmo Sasi**, former minister of Europe and Foreign Trade - Finland
84. **Edvard Julius Solnes**, former Minister of Environment - Iceland
85. **Lars Rise**, former MP from Norway
86. **Stefan Gudsteinson**, former MP from Iceland

Switzerland:

87. **Laurence Fehlmann-Rielle**, federal MP
88. **Pagani Remy**, Geneva MP
89. **Eric Voruz**, former MP
90. **Jean-charles Rielle**, Geneva MP
91. **Nils de Dardel**, prominent lawyer

The Netherlands:

92. **Prof. Henk de Haan**, former MP, chair of the foreign committee

Poland:

- 93. **Marcin Swiecicki**, former Minister
- 94. **Ryszard Kalisz**, former minister of internal affairs and administration

Lithuania:

- 95. **Audronius Ažubalis**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (2010 – 2012), current Member of the Parliament

Romania:

- 96. **Romeo Nicoara**, former MP
- 97. **Maria Grecea**, former MP
- 98. **Maria Eugenia Barna**, former MP
- 99. **Mihai Deaconu**, former MP
- 100. **Andreu Gereu**, former MP
- 101. **Liviu Titus Pasca**, former Senator

Malta:

- 102. **Francis Zammit Dimech**, former Foreign Minister of Malta

Moldova:

- 103. **Petre Stirbate**, former MP
- 104. **Sergiu Ceaus**, former MP

Canada:

- 105. **Tony Clement**, former Minister of Canada
- 106. **Judy Sgro**, former Minister of Canada

Australia:

- 107. **Dr. Meredith Burgmann**, former President of NSW Parliament House
- 108. **Penny Sharpe MLC MP**, Leader of the opposition in the legislative council & Shadow Minister of Environment
- 109. **Anna Watson MP**
- 110. **Lynda Voltz MP**
- 111. **Sonia Hornery MLA MP**
- 112. **Claire Moore MP**
- 113. **Bruce Childs**, former Senator
- 114. **Doug Cameron**, former Senator
- 115. **Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans**, former MP
- 116. **Don Nardella**, former MP
- 117. **Sylvia Hale**, former MP
- 118. **Rev Brian Medway**, National President of CrossLink Christian Network Australia
- 119. **Father Claude Mostowik**, National President of Pax Christi Australia
- 120. **Phil Glendenning**, Director of Edmund Rice Center

Parliamentarian Committees for a Free Iran:

- British Committee for Iran Freedom (BCFIF)
- International Committee of Parliamentarians for a Democratic Iran (ICPDI)
- European Parliament Friends of a Free Iran (FoFI)
- Le Comité français pour un Iran démocratique (CFID)
- Comitato dei Senatori Italiani per un Iran Democratico
- Comitato italiano di parlamentari e cittadini per Iran Libero
- Deutsches Solidaritätskomitee für einen freien Iran (DSFI)
- Comité Belge des Parlementaires et Bourgmestres pour un Iran Démocratique
- Comité suisse pour la démocratie et laïcité en Iran
- Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran (CFDI)
- Australian Supporters of Democracy in Iran
- Friends of a Free Iran & Against Fundamentalism (Nordic)
- Comitetul Parlamentarilor Romani Pentru Iranul Liber
- The Dutch Group of Friends of a Free Iran