



Golriz Ghahraman

Green Party List MP

His Excellency Ayatollah Ali Hosseini Khamenei

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran
The Office of the Supreme Leader
Tehran Province, Tehran, District 11,
Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

We write to you as Members of New Zealand's Parliament to express our grave concern over the continued detention of political prisoners, including protesters, artists, and journalists, since the death of Mahsa Amini, the young Kurdish woman killed whilst in custody of your Morality Police on 16 September 2022. We are most concerned at the news of continued executions of prisoners for alleged political or religious misconduct, and the risk of death for those who remain in detention.

As lawmakers and elected Members of the House of Representatives, we note New Zealand's commitment to upholding international rule of law and human rights norms, which include the right to protest, protection of prisoners, journalists and human rights defenders, and the absolute prohibition against torture and extrajudicial killings.

We raise with you the reports of widespread and systematic violence of your regime's officials and security forces toward protesters, verified reports of physical and sexual violence in detention, and executions resulting from trials held without bare minimum due process, falling outside Iran's own Constitution and amounting to extrajudicial killings. We therefore consider the situation of protesters in Iran to amount to crimes against humanity.

As Supreme Leader, with ultimate command and control of every regime agency committing the documented abuses, responsibility lies with you to act. It remains your obligation in international law to ensure those responsible do not act with impunity. This includes the national and regional leadership of your Islamic Revolutionary Guard, Basij, Sepah, and judicial officers of the Revolutionary Courts, who are not constitutionally independent of your executive power to order and execute killings.

We call upon you to act immediately to stop further abuses of civilians, to protect the rights of protesters, journalists, and human rights defenders. You must in particular intervene to prevent further executions and ensure release of those detained for exercising their fundamental right to protest.

We raise with you the cases of the following prisoners:

Niloofar Hamed - the journalist who broke the story of the killing of Mahsa Amini while in custody of your Morality Police, which sparked the latest nation-wide protests for women's rights and democracy in Iran.

The logo for the Green Party, featuring a stylized green leaf above the word 'Green' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.



Golriz Ghahraman

Green Party List MP

Mohammad Ghobadloo- A 22 year old man, sentenced to death for crimes arising from protest and at risk of imminent death.

Dr Hamid Ghareh Hassanlou and Farzaneh Ghareh Hassanlou – Both were detained for attending the funeral of Hadis Najafi, a protester beaten to death by your regime’s officials. Dr Ghareh Hassanlou has suffered physical abuse in detention and faces death.

Toomaj Salehi- A musical artists who has released music critical of the regime and videos in support of democracy and women’s rights protesters. He is accused of political crimes and remains at risk of death.

Saman Seyedi- Saman Yasin is an Iranian Kurdish singer, arrested during the protests in Kermanshah, on Oct 31,2022 for releasing videos and songs in support of the protests, for democracy, and equality. He is sentenced to death.

Parham Parvari - Saqqaz with moharebeh (enmity against God) after he was forcibly detained during the public demonstrations in Tehran, and remains at risk of execution.

Fahimeh Karimi - She was sentenced to death for taking part in protests against the regime in Iran Fahimeh Karimi, volleyball coach and mother of children.

Raha Ajoudani -A 17 year old transgendered woman, was kidnapped from her home by your regime’s security forces on 17 December 2022. Her LGBTQ status makes her particularly vulnerable to abuse.

Amir Mohammad Jafari – A 17 year old protester, who has been tortured in custody including by crushing of his nails and electric shocks. Amir has been charged with “corruption on earth” and “waging war against God” which places him at imminent risk of execution.

There is sound evidence that each of the above detainees have suffered physical abuse that may amount to torture, have not been provided adequate access to their rights to legal assistance or fair hearing. Their continued detention is unlawful in international law, is in breach of Iran’s constitutional guarantees, as well as Islamic norms of fairness. Execution of any prisoner in these circumstances and for crimes relating to political or religious infractions amounts to extrajudicial killing.

As you will be aware, more than 19,000 individuals have been detained since protests began in September. We stress your personal responsibility as Supreme Leader, with knowledge and command over every agency involved in violence against protesters, detention and execution of political dissidents. These abuses being committed against a civilian population, widespread and systematic, amount to crimes against humanity.

We urge you to intervene to prevent further abuses, release all political prisoners and halt executions immediately as it is your moral and legal obligation to do.

The logo for the Green Party, featuring a stylized green leaf above the word 'Green' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.



Golriz Ghahraman

Green Party List MP

As members of New Zealand's Parliament we consider it our responsibility to continue to work to end grave abuses of human rights such as the atrocity crimes against the Iranian people.

We stand with those seeking freedom, equality, and justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Golriz Ghahraman'.

Golriz Ghahraman,

Member of Parliament

On behalf of Members: Hon. Marama Davidson, Hon. James Shaw, Chlöe Swarbrick, Ricardo Menendez March, Teanau Tuiono, Elizabeth Kerekere, Hon. Julie Anne Genter, Hon. Eugenie Sage, Jan Logie.

Cc.

Ebrahim Raisi
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Pasteur Street, Pasteur Square
Tehran
The Islamic Republic of Iran

Amin Hossein Rahimi
Minister of Justice
Imam Khomeini Street,
Imam Khomeini Square Tehran
The Islamic Republic of Iran

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Imam Khomeini Street,
Imam Khomeini Square Tehran
The Islamic Republic of Iran

His Excellency Dr Mohammad Reza Mofatteh
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to New Zealand
151 Te Anau Road
Hataitai, 6021
Wellington
New Zealand

The logo for the Green Party, featuring the word 'Green' in a bold, green, sans-serif font with a stylized leaf icon above the letter 'G'.