

# International Liberty Association Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

As we move into the second half of 2021, we find ourselves in a world slowly emerging out of the COVID-19 lockdown conditions, reconnecting carefully with friends and family and looking forward to a new normal. We trust all goes well for you and your loved ones. We are so happy to have had you by our side on this journey and for the power of technology that has enabled us to stay close even with face to face social events still not possible.

We look back on a half year of powerful achievement, despite, and even because of the restrictions on physical movement and meeting, which has galvanised us all to work in different ways using technology such as Zoom that did not even exist a few years ago.

And we realise that all the years we have been continuously and unrelentingly trying to raise the voice of oppression of the Iranian people and its women and children to the world through extensive human rights campaigns, have built such a strong foundation, with so many good friends across the globe, and compiled such a body of irrefutable evidence of truth, not least around the massacre of 30,000 in Iran's prisons in 1988 and the perpetrators of that heinous activity, that nothing can stop us building on that solid ground and moving forward.

Last month our campaigns, focusing on exposing the regime's crimes, took a major step when the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the request of the UN General Assembly, issued an 18-page report on the human rights situation in Iran and submitted ... continued on p.2

## IRAN SHOT DOWN UKRAINIAN PLANE IN ACT OF TERROR, COURT RULES



In May, a court in Canada ruled that the Iranian regime owes damages to the families of the victims who sued the regime after Iran's Revolutionary Guards shot down a Ukrainian passenger plane in January 2020, soon after it took off from Tehran airport.

Ontario's Superior Court of Justice

found that "on a balance of probabilities" the missile attack was an intentional act of terrorism.

In January 2020 on the night that the Iranian regime had planned to attack an Iraqi military base that housed American soldiers, the IRGC unit stationed near Tehran's international ... continued on p.2

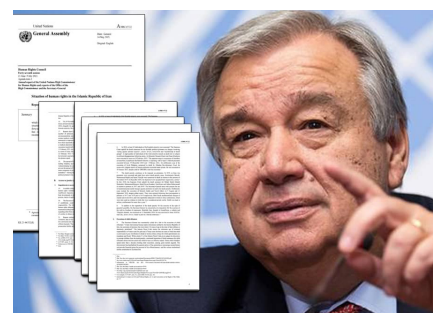
## UN SECRETARY-GENERAL: HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN REMAINS OF SERIOUS CONCERN

The Secretary General of the United Nations published his 18-page annual report about the situation of human rights in Iran on 11 June 2021. The report will be presented to the 47th session of the UN Human Rights Council to be held from 21 June to 9 July 2021.

In his report **Mr Antonio Guterres** stresses that the overall situation of human rights in Iran "remains of serious concern".

In his report he emphasises that "internal factors involving impediments to the rule of law and weak justice and accountability mechanisms result in impunity, perpetuate existing violations and increase the risk of future violations."

"The failure to establish a mechanism



in accordance with international law for accountability and remedy for violations committed in the context of protests in November 2019 is emblematic. Protesters, human rights defenders, lawyers and civil society actors continue to be subject to intimidation, arbitrary ... continued on p.2



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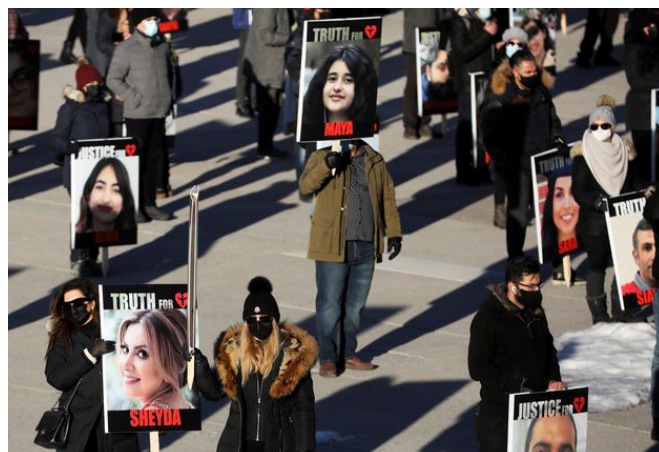
airport fired two rockets at the passenger plane which had taken off from the airport runway. For three days regime officials claimed the plane crashed because of malfunction and refused to accept responsibility. Only after satellite imagery was published that showed that rockets downed the plane did IRGC officials accept the exposed reality and changed their narrative.

Most of the 176 passengers and crew were Canadian citizens or permanent residents there.

The families of the victims requested an independent investigation but the Iranian officials refused to accept any international investigation and stonewalled any attempt by Canadian and Ukrainian officials to investigate the disaster. Eventually, after long delays and game-play, the Iranian government said the jet's downing was a "disastrous mistake" by forces who were on high alert during a confrontation with the United States.

The lawsuit by families of the victims named Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, top commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and others as responsible for the innocent lives lost. The lawsuit was filed last year by some of those whose loved ones were killed in the attack.

The Ontario court ruled that the Iranian military's downing of the passenger jet was an intentional act of terrorism, paving the way for relatives of those killed to seek compensation from the Iranian government. In the decision, Ontario's Superior Court Justice Edward Belobaba found "on a balance of probabilities" that the missiles that shot down Ukraine International Airlines



People hold images of victims of the shot-down Ukrainian Airlines plane to mark the first anniversary

Flight 752 on 8 January 2020, were fired deliberately at a time when there was no armed conflict in the area. Hence, it constituted an act of terrorism that would invalidate the Iranian government's immunity against civil litigation.

The ruling says that while the State Immunity Act protects foreign states from legal claims, the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act ... continued on p.3

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detention and criminal prosecution, including the death penalty."

The UN Chief stresses: "Arbitrary deprivation of life remains a major concern, including through the imposition of the death penalty in ways that violate international human rights law, through lethal use of force by State agents, and as a result of the deprivation of medical care in detention. According to the Human Rights Committee, a State's failure to ensure accountability for arbitrary deprivation of life could, in and of itself, constitute a separate violation of the right to life."

In the report Mr Guterres reveals that in 2020, at least 267 individuals, including nine women, were executed, "one was for alcohol consumption and at least 15 executions were for the over-broad charges of *moharebeh*" (war against God), *efsad-e fel-arz* (spreading corruption on Earth) and *baghy* (rebellion against the State).

In addition to the imposition of the death penalty for the exercise of the right of peaceful assembly, the Secretary-General is concerned at its imposition for the exercise of the right to freedom of expression. **Ruhollah Zam**, founder of AmadNews, a website and Telegram channel, was executed on 12 December

2020. He was convicted in June 2020 for, inter alia, *efsad-e fel-arz*, based in part on a forced confession.

According to the Secretary General's report, in 2020 at least four child offenders were executed and, as of March 2021, over 80 child offenders remained on death row.

The report of the Secretary-General underlines the need for the international community to act immediately and address the Iranian regime's ongoing human rights violations.

Impunity has emboldened the regime to pick an accused mass murderer as "President".

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it to the General Assembly, despite the regime's efforts to prevent it. This report comprehensively exposes, in the clearest and most severe tone, the widespread and systematic human rights violations in Iran and puts specific demands on the Iranian regime, paving the way for further condemnation of the regime activities as a crime against humanity.

Earlier, following the relentless efforts of the families of the victims and the Iranian community, a Canadian court in Ontario ruled that the shooting down of a Ukrainian plane, carrying 176 Iranian women and children, by the Iranian regime had been a deliberate act of terrorism and called for the Revolutionary Guards to be listed as a terrorist force.

And, while the election of Ebrahim Raisi as President

is clearly an affront to the international community by a regime emboldened by the relative inaction to date vis-a-vis crimes committed by its officials, so much first hand evidence has now been compiled of Raisi's prominent role in the 1988 massacre that Khamenei may soon find his selection coming to haunt him.

A clear message for our future campaigns is that the evidence available through all our efforts can prevent the violation of human rights and gain more support from people of conscience as we continue to expose and bring the perpetrators to public view.

Lastly, you will see a page of this newsletter is dedicated to the annual Grand Gathering, to be held via Zoom on 10 July as friends the world over meet in solidarity. Please join us for this important and inspiring event.



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provides an exception in cases where the losses are caused by terrorist activity.

On 8 January 2020, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps fired two missiles at the flight that had just taken off from Tehran. Iranian authorities initially attempted to cover up the IRGC's culpability, then later attributed the missile strikes to human error. But the ruling by Justice Edward Belobaba holds that the incident was a deliberate act of terrorism and that Tehran should be held accountable with asset seizures leading to compensation for victims' families.

Since the incident the Iranian regime has been harassing the families of the victims who live in Iran as well as those abroad.

In some cases family members were told they would face consequences if they didn't remove critical social media posts

against the government.

On 3 June, 2021 Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom announced that they had delivered a notice of claim against Iran over the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752.

Foreign ministers from those countries, who lost citizens and residents when the jetliner was shot down, said in a statement that Iran's "actions and omissions amount to breaches of international law."

"Iran must fulfil its legal responsibility to make full reparations to the group of states," the ministers said in a statement also published on the UK's Foreign Office website.

The four ministers called on Iran to set a date to begin talks on the issue.

Their demands include an acknowledgment of wrongdoing, a full accounting of events that led to Iran's Revolutionary Guard firing two missiles at



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the plane, a public apology, reassurances it will not happen again, transparent prosecutions, and compensation for damages suffered by the victims and their families.

All 176 people on board the jetliner were killed, including 55 Canadian citizens, 30 permanent residents and dozens of others bound for Canada.

Tehran–Kyiv is the first leg of an established budget route from Iran to Canada.

## NO VOTE: MOTHERS OF MARTYRS ENCOURAGE IRANIANS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE 'ELECTION' SHOW



The mothers of Iranians who have been murdered by the regime, during peaceful protests over the years, and those killed when the IRGC shot down a passenger plane in January 2020, have been publicly and fearlessly calling for a boycott of the election fiasco the ayatollahs are staging to deceive the outside world.

The regime in Tehran is poised to select a member of the 1988 death commission as the next president of the country, the front man to deal with international interlocutors.

Participation in the sham election fiasco (often by force and intimidation) has always been used by the ruling mullahs as justification for their continued rule over the country with intense repression. But this year the mothers of martyrs – mothers of those who have

been killed, executed, or murdered by the regime – have staged an extensive campaign for boycotting the sham election.

The so-called election takes place on 18 June but everyone knows that the Supreme Leader had already made his choice: an accused mass murderer who was a member of the death commission that ordered the summary executions of prisoners in the summer of 1988. His name is Ebrahim Raisi and he is currently the head of the judiciary in Iran.

Obviously, the top ayatollah might be forced to change his choice at the last minute but none of the other chosen candidates have the capacity or the courage to make any difference either. They are all puppets of the supreme leader who is so desperate against the boycott cam-

paign that he has issued a decree saying that not voting is a "great sin".

The misogynist mullah, who bans women from taking part in their normal social activities without the permission of their husbands, has even issued a decree that women can go out to vote without their husbands' permission.

This is while women sports coaches have been banned from travelling with their teams because their estranged husbands did not allow them.

The mothers of martyrs recorded their messages and distributed them on social media:

"I do not forgive the unjustly spilled blood of my Mehrdad", mother of martyr **Mehrdad Moeinfar** said and continued: "People, if you vote, you are putting your finger in the blood of your compatriots who were murdered innocently during the bloody November [2019 uprising], like Mehrdad and many others."

The mother of martyr **Milad Mohaveri** said: "Like other mothers, along with families that share my grief, I completely agree with them. I hope a day will come when our people act logically and know that voting is a betrayal to our future generations".

Another mother said: "Today it has been 18 months since they took away my son. They took part of me, my young boy. For my wrenching heart and the lost dreams of my son, I will never vote."



## ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALIST SUMMONED AGAIN FOR EXPOSING CORRUPTION



Environmental journalist **Elaheh Mousavi** has once again been summoned for exposing a case of overexploitation of jungles and deforestation in Mazandaran province north of Iran. The 13th Interrogations Branch of the Public and Revolutionary Prosecutor of Sari, capital of Mazandaran Province, has summoned her.

Ms Mousavi has been summoned to court several times for exposing cases of overexploitation of forests and environmental pollution.

In a tweet addressed to the mullahs' Judiciary Chief, Ebrahim Raisi, who is also Khamenei's nominee for the upcoming sham presidential election in Iran, Elaheh Mousavi wrote:

"Mr Raisi, those who expose and struggle against corruption were supposed to be honoured, not prosecuted!"

Elaheh Mousavi has been repeatedly prosecuted for her revealing reports of deforestation and the indiscriminate harvesting of forest trees in the northern provinces of Iran by military and government institutions.

In June 2019, in a memo entitled "Cost of revelation," she wrote:

"A gentleman who was acquainted with one of our distant relatives sent a message for me from a former official in the Gorgan Prosecutor's Office.

"When he said the message shamelessly and without the slightest embarrassment, I was embarrassed in front of the children and my mother and husband. My heart sank and I felt how much revelation costs in this country. I've heard of many ethical filing projects [moral accusations by State officials against women activists in order to discredit them] for many people before, but I couldn't believe that one day it would strike me. He told me Haj Agha so-and-so said: 'If you do not stop writing about the Museum of Sacred Defence [a museum about the Iran-Iraq war that has caused environmental concerns], we will create a moral case for you! It's like a piece of cake for us...' He said the last sentence emphatically."

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF JOURNALISTS CALLS FOR AN END TO REPRESSION OF JOURNALISTS IN IRAN



Female journalist **Faezeh Momeni** was beaten by a security guard at the Saei Complex Vaccination Centre on Monday, 17 May 2021.

The centre operates under the supervision of the Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.

The security agent brutalized the female journalist, breaking one of her fingers after she refused to delete interviews she had conducted with vaccination centre personnel. The journalist required surgery after the attack.

During a televised interview, Faezeh Momeni described the incident and stated that she had gone to the vaccination centre to report on the work process.

"I took out my press card, showed it to the locals, and said that I was a

reporter and wanted to report on problems," she said. "They were very welcoming. I was referred to the Ministry of Health inspector and told, 'you can ask him your questions.' The inspector of the Ministry of

Health spoke with a restriction."

The state-run Shahrara News website published a report about the incident:

Faezeh Momeni recalled the beating by the security guard: "I was there for an hour and a half. As I was leaving, the agent initially asked me to hand over my cell phone and delete all the interviews. He said, 'You came here illegally.' I replied, 'I had not come illegally. I have a license, I have a press card, this is a public place, and the people I interviewed have agreed.'"

She added, "The agent grabbed me as I was walking out. At the same time, he held on to the bag on my right shoulder and pulled me by the hand to take me. When I forced my hand out of his, I saw that my finger was bent and folded... My finger was broken."

"I told him that I had a broken hand. He said, 'no, you have to remove the interviews, I will not let you go out'.



The x-ray of her broken middle finger

Following this report, **Anthony Belanger**, Secretary-General of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), issued a statement calling for the trial of the perpetrator in the beating of female journalist Faezeh Momeni. "The Iranian government must immediately end its crackdown on the media and end the public prosecution of journalists who are just doing their job," he said.



## EXILED POLITICAL PRISONER ATENA DAEMI: UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE IS THE RIGHT OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE



**Hossein Daemi**, the father of prisoner of conscience **Atena Daemi**, posted a tweet on 21 May 2021 containing his daughter's message from prison.

In her message from Lakan Prison of Rasht, Ms Daemi defies the regime's offer for her to ask for an amnesty.

She said: "I believe that unconditional release is the right of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience. I remind them [the regime officials] that you are the ones who should plead to people for forgiveness and beg them to grant you amnesty."

Atena Daemi, 32, should have been released on 4 July 2020, after completing her 5-year prison term. But the clerical regime's "judicial" authorities sentenced her again to another 5 years of imprisonment and 74 lashes for trumped-up charges filed against her by the Ministry of Intelligence and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

Tehran's Evin Prison authorities abruptly and forcibly sent Atena Daemi to exile to Lakan Prison of Rasht on the night of 16 March 2021, on the eve of the Persian New Year.

In response to campaigns for releasing Atena Daemi, whose prison sentence has been served, the prison authorities asked her to beg for forgiveness.

Her reply published on social media by her father proves that her spirit is high, and further torture and harsh prison conditions imposed on her after the abrupt transfer to Lakan Prison, have only strengthened her resolve as a human rights activist and defender of children's rights.

Our campaign for her unconditional release continues.

## SIMULTANEOUS FLOODS AND DROUGHT, PRODUCT OF THE MULLAHS' REGIME

Following heavy rainfall in recent days, floods have ravaged 47 cities in 8 Iranian provinces, killing at least ten people and destroying many homes. These floods are happening while, according to regime officials, Iran is suffering from drought.

The regime's president, Hassan Rouhani, recently admitted that "we are facing drought this year." Other officials too have been warning about declining water supplies and severe summer droughts and power outages.

Why should Iranians have to suffer from both drought and devastating floods simultaneously?

Like Iran's economy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) dominates the control of Iran's natural resources and abuses them for more profit. The IRGC has destroyed groundwater aquifers in Iran.

As for floods, which are caused by the flooding of rivers following seasonal rains, the regime's authorities have acknowledged that they have no plans for addressing the issue.

The mullahs' regime has destroyed the natural as well as the human resources of Iran.



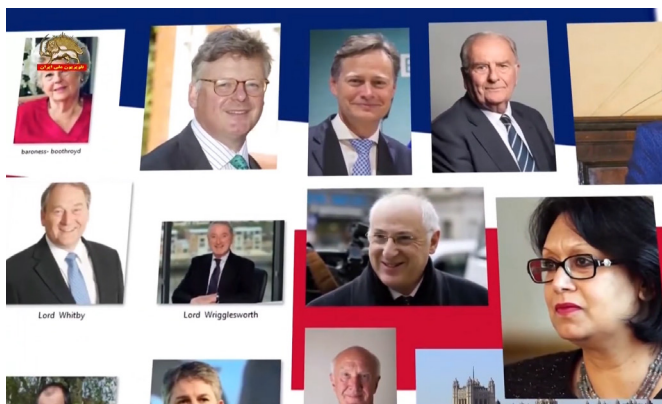


## 10 JULY – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZOOM

On **10 July 2021**, International Liberty Association is taking part in an international online conference in order to highlight the situation of human rights in Iran and draw international attention to the plight of Iranian people who are suffering from 42 years of repression, misogyny and abuse.

Historically, such an event was held annually in a large conference hall in a suburb of Paris where tens of thousands would participate to listen to a wide range of well-known dignitaries, current and former government officials from across the globe as well as human rights activists and lawyers. The speakers shed light on the situation of human rights and offered practical steps for changing the situation and bringing respect for human rights to the country richly described as the cradle of civilization, but ruled by medieval theocrats for the past 42 years.

Last year, because of the Covid pandemic, the event was held online via Zoom and tens of thousands took part from 30,000 locations worldwide.



ILA invites all supporters to take part in this event and to invite friends and relatives to take part too. It will be an astounding event and an eye opener.

Last year those who delivered their message to the conference included, **Baroness Betty Boothroyd, Lord Carile, Sir David Ames, David Jones MP** and many others from the British delegation as well as former Prime Ministers of Canada, Algeria, ... and many respected personalities from both sides of



the Atlantic, the Arab world, and the Far East.

We are delighted to take this opportunity to invite you to this year's summit, again online via Zoom, organised by Iranian communities worldwide. The summit in magnitude, focus, and effect will be vital for our life-saving campaigns and given the momentous times in Iran it can help bring a turning point for human rights.

Please plan ahead for this event, note it firmly in your diary and prioritise it to attend.

Please join us, as Iranians yearn for their desires and voices to be echoed by those who care for them.

By your attendance you help inspire the brave people of Iran, knowing that they are not alone in their day-to-day struggle against tyranny and oppression. You will also help empower the campaigns to stop executions and for the release of prisoners of conscience, including all dual nationals who are so unjustly held for ransom.

The event will help highlight the aspirations of all suppressed women, workers, teachers, nurses, students, Christians, Jews and others who are risking their lives for freedom and basic human rights and a normal living.

How does attendance make a difference?

It gives hope to millions of Iranians inside and outside Iran who will be watching the event live through satellite TV and the internet. It will also encourage hundreds of prominent personalities who will be there to work together for the cause regard-

less of their political views and affiliations. It will also educate and compel media and governments to prioritise human rights in their dealings with Iran.

You may invite friends and relatives to take part too. Please just ensure that we have their names and emails to facilitate their attendance.

**For further information and to get the links for registration and attendance please email:**

**info@iliberty.org.uk**

**Date: 10 July 2021**

**Start Time: 13:00**





## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHIEF OF POLICE THREATENS SUPPORTERS OF ELECTION BOYCOTT



Iran's Chief of Police threatened Iranians who called for a boycott of the presidential elections. In a meeting with religious singers or "Maddahs", Hossein Ashtari threatened "election norm breakers" and "those who encourage people not to vote" and said they would be dealt with.

The Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei said in a public remark that "not voting is a great sin".

### CHRISTIAN CONVERTS CHARGED FOR 'ENGAGING IN PROPAGANDA'



Three Christian converts in Fardis, near Tehran, **Amin Khaki**, **Milad Goodarzi** and **Alireza Nourmohammadi**, who have already spent time in prison for their Christian activities, have been charged with "engaging in propaganda that educates in a deviant way contrary to the holy religion of Islam" – wording lifted directly from the newly amended Article 500 of the penal code.

They were forced to submit bail of 250 million tomans (around \$12,000) each and told they must report weekly to the intelligence branch of Iran's police force.

### CORONAVIRUS DEATH TOLL IN IRAN EXCEEDS 307,000

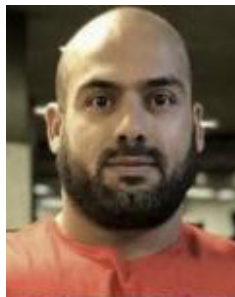
According to figures collected by human rights activists inside Iran the death toll of corona virus has exceeded 307,000 at the time of preparing this newsletter.

The regime's inability and deliberate neglect are to blame for the high death



toll which is not slowing down. The vaccination program is in a shambles as the Supreme Leader has banned import of approved vaccines from the US and UK and officials are dragging their feet in order for a domestic vaccine to surface.

### POLITICAL PRISONER ON HUNGER STRIKE



On May 31, political prisoner **Khaled Pirzadeh** went on hunger strike for the second time this year in the Greater Tehran Prison.

According to human rights activists, Pirzadeh has been denied visitations in the 25 months since his imprisonment.

Earlier this year, Pirzadeh went on a hunger strike following the failure of authorities to fulfil their promise to agree to parole. Pirzadeh ended his hunger strike in March after authorities promised that his demands would be met.

He was sentenced in May 2019 to 5 years in prison for "insulting the leadership".

### PROTESTS CONTINUE UNABATED

Many Iranian cities are witnessing protests by people from all walks of life due to the ongoing economic crises.

Workers of the **Haft Tappeh Sugarcane Factory** in southwest Iran



went on strike on Tuesday. These workers have stopped working since they have not received their salaries for months.

**Shiraz bus drivers** went on strike on Tuesday, protesting the poor living conditions, low fares, lack of municipal support, and lack of insurance for drivers.

The staff of Khomeini Hospital in Karaj held a rally on Monday for several days in a row, demanding their rights. These employees also held a rally on Saturday, protesting their dire living conditions and low incomes.

In Ahvaz, southwest Iran, several farmers gathered in front of the Salman water supply canal on Saturday to prevent it from being closed by agents of the regime's water and electricity organization. The canal supplies potable and irrigation water to at least 30 villages.

### STATE MEDIA WRITES OF IRAN'S ECONOMIC CRISIS



The state-run Tabnak News Agency on 23 May wrote: "Economists believe that the country is currently facing many challenges such as structural inflation, low economic growth, coronavirus pandemic and lack of rapid vaccination, nuclear negotiations and sanctions, demographic window and the employment problem, social security and pension funds, need to improve the business environment, water resources crisis, capital outflow from the country, and privatization".

One of Iran's economic crises, which affects Iranian people's daily lives, is the rising inflation rate.

State-run Sharq daily wrote on Thursday 27 May: "Iran's point-to-point inflation rate in March 2021 compared to March 2020 is about 48.7 percent, which is a very high figure compared to some of Iran's neighbouring countries."



## IRAN'S CULTURAL HERITAGE: SA'DI



**Abū-Muhammad Muslih al-Dīn bin Abdallāh Shīrāzī** better known by his pen name **Sa'dī Shirazi** (1210–1292), was a major Persian poet and prose writer of the medieval period. He is recognized for the quality of his writings and for the depth of his social and moral thoughts. Sa'dī is widely recognised as one of the greatest poets of the classical literary tradition, earning him the nickname “The Master of Speech” among Persian scholars. His *Bustan* was ranked as one of the 100 greatest books of all time by The Guardian in 2002.

Sa'dī was born in Shiraz, Iran, into a family of religious scholars. He lost his father when he was a child and was under the guardianship of his maternal grandmother.

He left Shiraz to enrol at the Nizamiyya University in Baghdad, where he studied Islamic sciences, law, governance, history, Persian literature, and Islamic theology.

The unsettled conditions following the Mongol invasion of Khwarezm and Iran led him to wander for thirty years abroad through Anatolia, Syria, Egypt, and Iraq.

In his writings he mentions the qadis,

muftis of Al-Azhar, the grand bazaar, music and art. Sa'dī also visited Jerusalem and then set out on a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina.

Because of the Mongol invasions he was forced to live in desolate areas and met caravans fearing for their lives on the once-lively silk trade routes. Sa'dī lived in isolated refugee camps where he met bandits, imams, men who formerly owned great wealth or commanded

armies, intellectuals, and ordinary people. While Mongol and European sources (such as Marco Polo) gravitated to the potentates and courtly life of Ilkhanate rule, Sa'dī mingled with the ordinary survivors of the war-torn region. He sat in remote tea houses late into the night and exchanged views with merchants, farmers, preachers, wayfarers, thieves, and Sufi mendicants. For twenty years or more, he continued the same schedule of preaching, advising, and learning, honing his sermons to reflect the wisdom and foibles of his people. Sa'dī's works reflect upon the lives of ordinary Iranians suffering displacement, agony and conflict during the turbulent times of the Mongol invasion.

He finally returns to Persia where he meets his childhood companions in Isfahan and other cities.

Sa'dī's best known works are *Bustan* (The Orchard) completed in 1257 and *Gulistan* (The Rose Garden) completed in 1258. *Bustan* is entirely in verse (epic metre). *Gulistan* is mainly in prose and contains stories and personal anecdotes.

Sa'dī is well known for his aphorisms, the most famous of which, *Bani Adam*



(Son of Man or Human Being), is part of the *Gulistan*. In a delicate way it calls for breaking down all barriers between human beings and is displayed at the entrance of the United Nations:

*All human beings are members of one frame,  
Since all, at first, from the same essence came.  
When time afflicts a limb with pain  
The other limbs at rest cannot remain.  
If thou feel not for other's misery  
A human being is no name for thee.*

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