

# International Liberty Association Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our mid Summer newsletter, the traditional holiday season, this year clouded somewhat by uncertainty as governments across the world strive to balance economics and safety to bring their countries out of lockdown towards their new normal.

We send good wishes to you and hope that you are finding the courage and resilience to live with the changing guidelines and keep spirits high despite the challenges.

While most countries have significantly reduced the rate of infection and number of deaths, sadly in Iran the virus is still rampant, due to mismanagement, lack of investment and actual misappropriation of international aid by the regime.

However, we have much to be grateful for as modern technology has allowed us to maintain our efforts to seek justice and human rights for Iran and we are delighted so many of you join our weekly "Hour with ILA" zoom sessions, bringing us close while we are still unable to host you in person.

And in July technology and logistics were raised to unprecedented levels to enable a giant spotlight to be shone on Iran from right across the world. We were delighted to have so many of you with us as we participated in the Global Online Summit as one of 30,000 separate locations from over 100 countries in all 5 continents, including more than 1,000 dignitaries and simultaneous rallies in many major cities. The event, which replaced our annual single location Grand Gathering, was widely

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## ONLINE GLOBAL SUMMIT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN

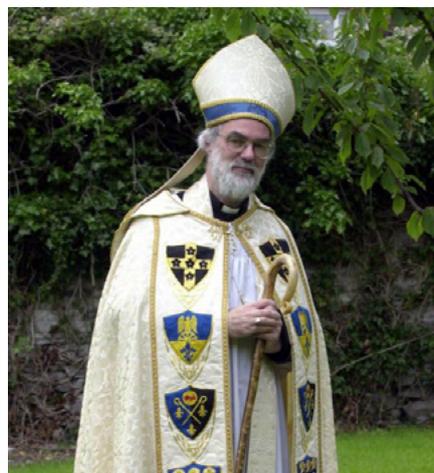


On July 17th, 19th and 20th, the Iranian communities hosted the largest online Summit in the world, entitled the "Free Iran Global Summit", which was participated in by over 1,000 dignitaries, including political leaders,

parliamentarians, human rights advocates and religious leaders.

The aim of the summit was to send a clear message to the people of Iran that they are not alone, and their voice is being heard by ... continued on p.2

## 40 BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOPS SUPPORTED THE GLOBAL SUMMIT



For the anniversary of the Day of Martyrs and Political Prisoners in Iran, and in support of the international online summit of Iranians for a free Iran, **Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and former Archbishop of Canterbury**

issued a public statement that was supported and endorsed by 40 other distinguished Bishops and church leaders in the United Kingdom.

In this letter, that was also signed by the **Archbishop of Wales, the Hon John Davis; Archbishop Dr Barry Morgan, former Archbishop of Wales, Archbishop Mark Strange, Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, Archbishop Walter Khosto Makhulu, former Anglican Church Archbishop of Central Africa** and 35 other church leaders, including 9 Lord Bishops, members of the House of Lords, the distinguished church leaders wrote:

"We remain deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Iran, which has deteriorated for the worse during the last years.

"We note the UK statement for the Universal Periodic Review Adoption of Iran on 12 March ... continued on p.3



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the world community.

It sent a strong message of hope, solidarity and support to the oppressed people of Iran.

The summit was part of a wider campaign to stop executions in Iran and along with a large social media campaign, it forced the regime to suspend the execution of 3 young Iranians who were arrested during last year's November uprising and who were due to be hanged.

The first part of the summit was held on the 17th. This unprecedented Zoom meeting connected Iranians and their international supporters from 30,000 locations, in Iran, Ashraf-3 in Albania, and in more than 100 countries from 5 continents of the world. At the same time, while the summit was in progress and despite all the restrictions imposed by the current pandemic, there was a large demonstration held by the Iranian diaspora in Berlin and other rallies and demonstrations in support of the cause in several other cities around the world including London, Washington, Paris, Brussels, Rome, and Amsterdam. Participants in these events also joined the summit live via Zoom.

This incredible event enjoyed live coverage from the most well-known media outlets and satellite channels around the world as well as some of the most popular news outlets such as New York Times, Reuters, Washington Times, Associated France Press and many others.

The broadcasting of the conference allowed Iranians both inside and outside Iran and other non participants to follow the conference live either on satellite or through social media applications. Satellite broadcast in one of the most popular channels among Iranians, provided an 8-hour live coverage. Other TV channels such as Iran International, Washington Times and Arab TVs covered more than 2



hours of the summit including the entire speech of the keynote speaker of the conference, Mrs Maryam Rajavi, the Iranian opposition's president elect which according to all estimates, had over 20 million viewers within Iran. It encouraged Iranians, highlighted their plight and brought hope to their hearts.

Iranians inside Iran demonstrated their solidarity and support for the aims of the conference by sending videos of themselves and their activities from hundreds of Iranian cities and towns to the organizers, asking for these messages to be shown to all the participants.

Speakers at the first summit included over 75 MPs, human rights advocates and church leaders from the UK and 16 US lawmakers from both parties including 8 senators and 8 members of the House of Representatives.

The summit was also joined by former Prime Ministers, of Canada, Algeria and Albania, as well as former Foreign Ministers, of France, Italy, Canada and Poland.

On Sunday 19th of July, the second day of the Free Iran Global Summit was held.

This conference highlighted the Iranian regime's terrible human rights

record with a specific focus on the 1988 Massacre, an appalling crime against humanity which led to the mass execution of 30,000 political prisoners in that summer.

The event was joined live on Zoom by prominent dignitaries such as Baroness Boothroyd and international lawyers including Sir Geoffrey Bindman, Geoffrey Robertson QC, Henry Leclerc and many others, in addition to renowned political figures.

Eye witnesses who had served time in the mullahs' prisons during the massacre, gave shocking accounts of their own personal experience.

The third and last online meeting of the "Free Iran Global Summit," was held on Monday, 20th of July, to explain and expose the theoretical foundations of the Iranian regime's terrorism, the history and reasons for its growth and expansion. It also referred to a recent court proceeding in Belgium which has put to trial an Iranian regime diplomat on terrorism charges against the annual Grand Gathering of Iranians in Paris in June 2018.

The speakers pointed out that the regime's use of terrorism and its reactions is not due to its power and stability, but to the inability of a medieval regime to adapt to the demands of the contemporary world.

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covered by international media and broadcast live on social media and many satellite TV channels, including to a reported 20 million people within Iran itself.

The worldwide nature of the participation being so clearly evident, graphically brought home just how much support there is for the suffering people of Iran. The united message to them was that you are not forgotten and the world is watching what the mullahs do to you. And the

reactions from inside Iran were overwhelming. People who felt oppression had taken their soul and energy were suddenly energised, sending messages of appreciation, delighted that their cries were being echoed on such a global stage.

Let us look forward to the time when we outside and those inside Iran can come together in peace and harmony and work side by side for the prosperity of our human kind.



## 1988 MASSACRE ADDRESSED AT THE GLOBAL ONLINE SUMMIT

The second day of the summit was dedicated to the memory of 30,000 prisoners of conscience massacred in the summer of 1988.

Eye witnesses described their ordeal and prominent lawyers called for an international fact finding mission to deal with this most heinous crime against humanity since the second World War. Excerpts of some of these talks appear below.



**Homa Jaberi:**

“I was in prison for five-and-half years, two years in solitary confinement.

“We were the generation who went to the

execution chambers because we chose freedom. We chose this path with open eyes and full knowledge, and decided to sacrifice everything for freedom. “European leaders, when they shake hands with officials of this regime, they must remember the suffering of the Iranian people.”



**Damona Taavoni:**

“My father was executed by the regime. I went to prison with my mother when I was six years old. I remember

the shouts of prisoners in torture chambers. As I grew up, I heard inspiring stories about the victims of the 1988 massacre.

“One of the cellmates of my father said that his sentencing took only two minutes. After that he was taken to

the execution chambers. I shed tears for my father, but I was also proud because I know that he chose to sacrifice his life for the freedom of his people.”



**Bahador Kiamarzi:**

“When I was a child, I was in prison with my mother. I had never seen my father. Once, I was told I would get to visit him.

But I only got to peek at him through the frame of the cell door. The regime didn't let me see him because they wanted to enforce utmost pressure on him.

“He was executed shortly after along with 30,000 other political prisoners in the Iranian regime's prisons.

“We will continue the struggle for our people. The sacrifice of the prisoners will not be in vain.”

**Geoffrey Robertson QC:** “I am



privileged to join the commemoration with you of the thousands of martyrs of the prison massacre of 1988. Some years ago... I

went through Europe and interviewed about 40 survivors of that dreadful period 32 years ago. And I was staggered. And I produced a report. With this book, *Mullahs Without Mercy*, the message that I was able to explain to the world outside Iran, the world

that hadn't been aware, was that this was the worst of all crimes, the worst crime against humanity since the concentration camps of the Second World War. This is how I described it in my report.

“Most of them had been detained actually since 1981, merely for taking part in street protests or possession of political reading material. And many of them were what is called “melikesh”, meaning they had served their sentence and were being wrongly held in jail. Nonetheless, they were asked one question on which their lives depended on the answer.

“Britain and Canada and America, Australia, and the countries that have these targeted sanctions and laws should target the surviving masterminds of the 1988 barbarities. Name them, shame them and blame them, because, in that way, we can go on the offensive against the perpetrators of one of the worst crimes against humanity.”

**Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC:**



“Regime officials must be sanctioned for their human rights violations. I believe that the United Kingdom and its allies in the EU and the

UN have a duty and responsibility to make sure that the UN General Assembly that addresses the Iranian regime's human rights abuses every year establishes a system to prosecute those who are responsible for serious human rights abuses in Iran.

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2020, which states, ‘In November last year, we saw the most deadly crackdown against its citizens for decades, while persecution and discrimination towards religious minorities continue unabated’.

“The persecution of religious and ethnic minorities, including harsh prison sentences against Christians, is part of a wider domestic repression, which culminated last year in the reported killing of at least 1,500 people during the nationwide popular protests for change, human rights and increased social freedoms and economic opportunities.

“Since then, the regime has continued its arrests of dissidents, students and other human rights activists inside Iran...

“We also urge the UK Government to work with allies to put more diplomatic, political and economic pressure on the regime so as to secure the immediate release of all political prisoners, detained protesters and dual nationals

held unjustly in the country.”

In the statement distinguished church leaders also called “on the UN Secretary-General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to dispatch a fact-finding mission to Iran to visit Iranian prisons and meet with prisoners as a matter of urgency.”





## EXCERPTS OF KEYNOTE SPEECH OF THE GLOBAL SUMMIT



Keynote speaker of the online global summit on 17 July was **Mrs Maryam Rajavi**, President elect of Iran’s parliament in exile, NCRI. An excerpt of her speech appears below:

I take this opportunity to commend you all, members and supporters of the Iranian resistance, who are taking part in this summit from thousands of locations in five continents.

I also express my gratitude to lawmakers and hundreds of political dignitaries across the world who have joined the *Free Iran Global Summit*.

Hail to you all!

This summit echoes the voice of the Iranian people’s 40-year struggle against religious dictatorship and fascism and for freedom and democracy.

Although the virus of the ruling religious fascism and its accomplice, the coronavirus, have joined forces to demoralize and pacify our people and society, we saw during the November 2019 uprising that the protests suddenly erupted in 900 locations across the country.

The volcanic uprising in November washed away all unfounded claims.

It was proven that it is possible to inspire and organize protests.

It was proven that despite all the repression and crimes, our people have a spectacular desire and readiness to continue their uprising.

It was proven that the masses of people, particularly toilers, destitute people and the youth, stood face-to-face against the regime.

Over the past two years, the emergence of uprising cities and the activities of protesting units against repression, aimed at breaking the suppressive atmosphere, fuelling the engine of the uprisings, and mobilizing the people, have made the regime feel the danger [of its demise] clearly and vividly.

Hail to these courageous youths, hail to the resistant and steadfast political prisoners, and hail to this generation which is determined to continue the struggle and to make sacrifices, giving up everything every day, to keep alight the flame of uprisings, in order to save the enchained Iran.

Yes, the sun is rising and the blood-drenched caravan of martyrs sings:

*Rise up now friends*

*Fearlessly soar like an eagle*

*March against the enemy*

*Onwards to victory, onwards to prosperity!*

This is precisely the focal point of vulnerability for the mullahs. If they continue to pursue their current path and course of action, namely their belligerence, missile launches, terrorism, intimidation and closing ranks, they will inevitably crash head first.

And if they make the slightest retreat, namely, if they change their behaviour and abandon their suppression, terrorism and belligerence, then they would undermine the very existence of the rule of the velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule).

For this reason, today, Khamenei calls for the creation of “a young and Hezbollahi government” and sees a monolithic Parliament and a murderous Judiciary as the only way out of the vortex of crises and the only way to preserve the regime.

Fellow compatriots, dear friends,

To date, the accelerating outbreak of the coronavirus has taken the lives of at least 72,000 people in Iran. Let us observe a minute of silence in homage to these innocent victims.

More than any other time, this carnage uncovered the appalling reality of how the mullahs have destroyed the country’s healthcare, nutrition and social welfare foundations, leaving our people vulnerable to the virus more than any other country in the world.

One must absolutely refrain from comparing the coronavirus crisis in Iran with the situation in other countries. In March, Khamenei openly said that he sought to create an opportunity and a blessing out of the coronavirus crisis.

The strategy of launching mass casualties as a barrier against the threat of an uprising and eventual downfall is exactly designed to pacify and demoralise the Iranian society, rendering it hopeless and paralysed. They sent people back to work without offering them any help in prevention and treatment. At the same time, they blame the people for the spread of the virus, claiming that they did not observe hygienic protocols. The regime’s officials say that the disease launched a surprise attack in the month of July and “Nurses are falling like autumn leaves” and at least 15,000 of the medical staff in Iran have been infected.

We hail the selfless physicians and nurses who have



suffered tremendously over the past few months, but have not stopped for a moment to endeavour at the cost of their own lives to save the lives of their fellow compatriots. To show appreciation, let's applaud them one minute.

Thank you for your applause for these vanguards of this battle.

Dear friends,

In these critical circumstances, the ruling mullahs have refused to allocate any considerable budget to fight the disease, and even to pay the nurses' salaries.

The regime's Health Minister says that despite his repeated appeals since the beginning of the outbreak (in February), only €300 million was provided to the ministry for the first time in June. That is only €3.5 per person to confront the pandemic. The meagre sum cannot be compared with any other country. But even this limited budget is squandered in the regime's cycle of pervasive corruption.

On the other hand, during the breathtaking coronavirus crisis, the mullahs continued to launch expensive satellites into space. Concurrently, they pursued their belligerent and terrorist activities in Iraq and Syria and Yemen and escalated their ominous nuclear activities to a new level. The regime's Defence Minister recently told the mullahs' parliament, "The number of missiles we manufactured over the past four years was equal to our production in the prior ten years combined."

The question is, where do they get the money to spend on such activities? Obviously, by emptying the baskets of our deprived people!

The mullahs have increased the number of bases for the IRGC Bassij Force to 54,000. If they had spent one-tenth of this money to build hospitals, the casualties of this disease would not have been so high. We know that there are only 954 active hospitals in the country.

On 21 May 2020, in the Fadak City of Kermanshah



province, the regime's municipal agents ruthlessly razed a shack where Asiyeh Panahi lived. Asiyeh was a mother to seven children, a poor and helpless mother. She resisted. She had just finished building her 40-square-meter home after great suffering, and she did not want to let them destroy it. She cried out again and again, "Don't raze my home!" But they dragged her on the ground for so long that she eventually died.

How many more Asiyehs have to lose their homes? How many more people have to slide into poverty and starvation? How many more have to suffer death by attrition every day?

Today, many women breadwinners are living in rubble,



tunnels and holes underneath the ground, or they live in slums and tents.

Why are these women and 38 million others living in the slums and shanty towns? Why is it that more than seven million people have been forced to live around the cemeteries? Yes, everywhere we look, we can only see the mullahs' destruction, and we will definitely bring an end to this.

The ruling mullahs must answer why the value of the country's official currency has plunged so much? Why is there no ability to create jobs? Why is Iran one of the four countries in the world who have the highest inflation rates?

Tell us what happened to the three trillion dollars' worth of oil revenues under Khamenei's rule?

And you must say where did Khamenei amass 100 billion dollars in his executive headquarters?

Where have the IRGC, the State Security Force' (SSF), Astan-e Qods, and the Mostazafan Foundation get their hundreds of billions of dollars?

The 15 institutions and foundations under Khamenei's control have a total of one trillion dollars' worth of assets. Yes, this is the direct outcome of driving at least 60 million Iranians under the poverty line.

Shame and curses to the mullahs' depraved and criminal regime!

Compatriots, dear friends,

Our people should enjoy the right to be healthy, to have shelter, the right to employment, to organising and having syndicates, the right to autonomy of ethnic minorities, the right to equal participation in running the society's affairs, gender equality and popular sovereignty.

They must be free of religious slavery, and sexual exploitation. They must enjoy freedom of expression and opinion, freedom of choice, liberation from poverty, and liberation from fear; which means ending torture and executions, and an end to social and economic insecurity.

We have pledged to restore all these freedoms and rights. We make this pledge before the Iranian people and history. This is also our commitment to 120,000 martyrs fallen for freedom.

We urge all governments and international bodies to stand with the people of Iran in this historic showdown against the greatest threat to world peace and security.

As I have reiterated time and again, we have not come to gain something for ourselves; we have come to sacrifice and pay the requisite price.

We are determined to restore freedom and people's sovereignty in Iran, and this will happen.

Long live freedom!



# REMARKS BY BRITISH DIGNITARIES AND LAW MAKERS IN THE GLOBAL ONLINE SUMMIT

## Baroness Betty Boothroyd:



Dear Iranian friends, honourable colleagues and distinguished personalities, it is a great privilege to join you online for the Global Free Iran Summit. We are not able to gather as we traditionally did each summer in Paris because of the pandemic and the social distancing rules. But I want to thank the Iranian Resistance movement, the NCRI, for organising this international online event to give us an opportunity to come together, to yet again express our solidarity with the Iranian people, the organised resistance and show our support for the cause of human rights, freedom and democracy in Iran.

This goes to show that not even a pandemic can stop us from standing with the brave people of Iran and supporting their just demand for change for a free and democratic Iran.

The lesson of history is that a regime that has repression and terrorism as part of its DNA is destined to fall. This means that a free and democratic Iran is within reach for the people of Iran...

## Steve McCabe MP:



It is an honour to join the prominent speakers at today's international summit to Call for

Justice and commemorate the martyrs of the 1988 Massacre, a crime against humanity which remains unpunished 32 years after.

## Theresa Villiers MP:

"Thank you for the opportunity to join you today and to say a few words at this important online conference in support of human rights, democracy and freedom in Iran..."

"We all know that the human

rights situation in Iran continues to be appalling and the Covid-19 emergency has been added. The novel coronavirus crisis is being used as an excuse to increase repression.



"This is a crucial opportunity to keep the pressure on this brutal and repressive regime and to send a message of support and solidarity to the people of Iran that we share their goal for a free and democratic Iran."



## David Jones MP:

"We call on the UK government to stand firm against the Iranian regime."

## Dr Matthew Offord MP:



"Allow me to begin by sending my regards to the people of Iran who are currently suffering under their regime. And I can also

express my solidarity with them as they are faced with a vicious crackdown, persecution, as they simply demand change in their country.

"The international community has a responsibility and the means to deny Iran's regime the funds it needs to continue its unacceptable and malign behaviour both at home and abroad."

## Bishop John Pritchard:



"The regime is sweeping up members of the Iranian Christian community. We resonate with many of our colleagues and

call on our government to hold the regime to account for its human rights abuses and do more at international human rights organisations to end the impunity that human rights violators enjoy in Iran."

## Bob Blackman MP:



"I am one of the plaintiffs in the trial against the arrested regime diplomat in Belgium. So I am encouraged to hear that finally after a two-year

investigation, the first closed-door court hearing will start soon.

"This is a significant step to bring the regime to justice for its terrorism in an independent court and as Madame Rajavi said in her speech at an international online conference last month, the beginning of this trial is a major setback for the regime, its extensive two-year conspiracies and efforts to save its arrested diplomat in Belgium.

"There is no doubt that the Iranian regime would want to escape justice, but I want to declare as one of the plaintiffs in this file that we will not allow this to happen. We have a hand full of evidence to show this regime's heavy involvement in terrorist activities on European soil and by providing the court with all these evidence, we will ensure that this so-called diplomat will be held accountable for the malicious crime he was planning to commit at the order of his boss, [regime Foreign Minister Mohammad] Javad Zarif, as well as [the regime's Supreme Leader] Khamenei himself.

"It should and will bring a turning point in the foreign policy adopted by European governments vis-à-vis Iran's regime so far.

"I also hope my government, the UK government, would soon join our American allies in proscribing the IRGC in its entirety as a terrorist organisation, which is the real description of this paramilitary organisation that only answers to the Supreme Leader. In addition, I hope to see Iranian embassies shut down in all European capitals and before all in London."



## OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SUMMIT

Roughly 1,000 dignitaries connected to the live stream to participate in the Global Summit and simultaneous gatherings which were held at historical sites in Washington DC, London, Paris, Berlin, and several other cities. Non-UK speakers at the summit included Senator Joseph Lieberman, Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Stephen Harper, former Prime Minister of Canada, Sid Ahmed Ghozali, former Prime Minister of Algeria, Pandeli Majko and Sali Berisha, former Prime Ministers of Albania, Michèle Alliot-Marie, Giulio Terzi, John Baird, and Anna Fotyga, Former Foreign Ministers of France, Italy, Canada, and Poland, respectively, Riad Yassin and Khaled al-Yamani, former Foreign Ministers of Yemen, and Jawad Anani, former Foreign Minister of Jordan.

A selection of some of their comments appear below:

### Former Canadian Prime Minister



**Stephen Harper:**  
“All governments and people may be united in the fight against coronavirus, but in Iran, the regime and the virus are united against the

people. We will never know the real number of coronavirus infections and deaths in the mullahs’ regime. But what we do know is that no country

was so quickly overwhelmed by the cases and so unable to genuinely help its people. And it was unable because it is unwilling. The regime’s priorities remain not the health and welfare of its citizens but the spread of its ideological hatred, the backing of its regional terror network, and of course the furthering of its apocalyptic nuclear program.

“Friends, continue your struggle, keep hope alive, and prepare for the new Iran that will come to pass through your efforts.”

### Michele Alliot Marie, former French Minister of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Justice, Home Affairs:



“What we have in common is the will to stand for human values, democracy, peace. That’s what we want for Iran. We want them to benefit the freedom

of spirit, of the possibility of being religious or secular.

“As a woman, I want to see the Iranian women pursue their ambitions as citizens. It is really important to have an open door for women in government. I admire what you do for the people of Iran and wish you success.”

### Senator Joseph Lieberman:

This is a historic event. I think we’ve made it into the Guinness Book of



World Records, I don’t believe there has ever been this large a global meeting on Zoom in history. So, it is really impressive. And let me tell you that an event like this does not happen without... hard work.”

### Sid Ahmed Ghozali, former Prime Minister of Algeria:



“The Iranian regime is trying to control the society through violence. The gap between the people and the government has grown wider and wider.

“Iran has an alternative... The Iranian people have a great opportunity in the ten-point plan.”

### Mohamed Askar, Human Rights Minister of Yemen:



“The mullahs’ regime waged a war against the Yemeni people by instigating the Houthis into violence and war. Yemen is now in a state of humanitarian crisis.”

## INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS IN HALTING EXECUTION OF 3 PROTESTERS



An international campaign forced the Iranian regime to temporarily halt its death sentences for three men who participated in the nationwide Iran protest last November. The sentences had been upheld by the regime’s Supreme Court two days earlier, leading to widespread protests on

social media. A Persian hashtag meaning “don’t execute” was reportedly used five million times and gained support of people from all walks of life and from all corners of the world including lawmakers and human rights defenders, before the Iranian regime’s judiciary responded to the pressure.

The vague statement of the judiciary officials leaves the concern that they may end up being executed and the international community must not allow this to happen. And after more than 40 years of dealing with the same behaviours from the Iranian regime, veteran policymakers should certainly know better than to fall for its schemes.

The Iranian regime has a very long history of this sort of thing. And unfortunately, because of the appeasement policy, Western governments deliberately closed their eyes to the regime’s human rights violations.



# UK PARLIAMENTARIANS EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR IRANIAN PEOPLE'S HUMAN RIGHTS



For the occasion of the grand online gathering on 17 July 2020, more than 200 British lawmakers from both houses of Parliament and across all political parties issued a signed declaration in which they condemned the growing human rights violations of the Iranian theocratic regime and called on the British Government to take concrete action to signal to the rulers of Iran that their abysmal human rights record is no longer tolerated. More specifically they called on Her Majesty's Government to proscribe the terrorist arm of the regime, the Revolutionary Guards Corp (IRGC), and its infamous intelligence ministry, the Ministry of Information and Security (MOIS), both responsible for terrorising the people of Iran as well as exporting terrorism to the region and the wider world, as terrorist organisations under the Terrorism Act.

In the statement the British Parliamentarians emphasised that they "are appalled by the impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of Iran's 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners. Some currently hold senior positions, including Head of the Judiciary and Minister of Justice. We are concerned that former Justice Minister Mostafa Pour-Mohammadi in August 2019 vowed to continue the massacre". The statement continued: "We believe inaction over Tehran's terrorism and human rights violations, as concessions to the regime, would only embolden the regime to continue such nefarious activities."



Washington DC



London



Vienna

At the same time as the global online summit, supporters of the cause gathered in London, Copenhagen, Paris, The Hague, Brussels, Stockholm, Gothenburg, Geneva, Vienna, Washington, and others, with social distancing, to express their support and solidarity.

**Concurrent with the UN General Assembly please join us to echo the voice of prisoners of conscience detained under harsh conditions in Iran**

**Online summit via Zoom  
3.30pm Friday 18 September**

**For details please send email to  
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