



HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT VIOLENCE IN IRAN

ABSTRACT

Mental health impact and IRGC Sanctions

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The Terms of Reference

The recent violence against women and girls by Iranian authorities
Opportunities for nations that value human rights to support those being persecuted and oppressed in Iran
The potential application of sanctions on those responsible for the widespread violence and killing of women, girls and protesters in Iran;
The appropriateness of Iran's ongoing status on the UN Commission on the Status of Women;
Other actions available to the Australian Government and other like-minded nations to respond to human rights abuses in Iran;
Related Matters: Mental health impact on Australian professional community

Note: There are videos and several external web pages referenced to this article. The printed version may not convey the actual goal of this matter, please read online to see full references.

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1. Executive summary

Iranian Australian community with the majority of high-profile professionals are part of the larger Australian community. They have married Australians, have kids, work in sensitive jobs, and overall are playing a big role in Australia. Their mental health matters.

IRCG is a terrorist organisation and settling them here in Australia will affect Australian safety and security. No matter how much money they want to bring here, they will have a very serious impact on everyone's safety if we let them here.

Enacting Magnitsky-style sanctions against key actors and members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Islamic regime oligarchs similar to the Russian oligarchs (March 2022) will assure IRCG is not finding Australia as their safe haven and will have a direct positive mental health impact for those who know this terrorist organisation closely, i.e. Iranian Australians

2. What is the status quo?

The community wants action from the government. These are various pieces of evidence showing community participation in this matter:

- Recent protests in various Australian capitals,
- the number of signatures in the below-mentioned petitions: [Senate petition](#) with more than 5,000 signatures, more than 50,000 signatures on [EN4559](#) petition, held on APH website,
- also [EN4572](#), and [EN4547](#) specifically referring to IRCG with currently more than 7000 signatures,

just showing people behind this statement I am writing.

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Ignoring involved people and signatories will have a serious mental impact on this community. They will feel rejected and may no longer feel themselves as part of the larger Australian community, as it shows Australia ignored them.

Acting on the items requested in the [Senate petition](#), which has been repeated in the House of Representative petitions in different wording will have a significant mental relief and a huge positive impact on all community members and their belongings e.g. friends, colleagues in professional networks, etc. Also showing Australia played the right role in Human Rights.

This feeling will save Iranian Australians and their belonging from the requirement of any mental support (which will have an impact on the Australian health system).

Acting on the requests mentioned in the petition will help bond the Iranian community way more with the broader community as they will feel heard and cared for. They will then respectively do more and put more effort and sacrifices into their day-to-day jobs which will have a significant positive impact on broader Australia. We are all one county, Australia.

The scale of Protest for Mahsa Amini dead in Australia

- <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/the-world-is-watching-people-in-australia-take-to-the-streets-in-solidarity-with-women-of-iran/pzzvneb9d>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-09-25/australians-hold-demonstrations-in-support-of-iranian-protesters/101471886>
- <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/say-her-name-melbourne-s-iranian-community-protests-over-mahsa-amini-death-2022-1001-p5bmh7.html>

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- <https://neoskosmos.com/en/2022/10/02/news/australia/say-her-name-say-her-name-thousands-gather-at-protest-against-iranian-oppression/>

A personal note:

I do love Australia. I love this country and I call it home. But when I see my relatives and family in danger on a daily basis, I just can not enjoy my drink on the beach and relax. I feel bad, I go to protest, I write petitions, I post in the media, I write letters to the Prime Minister, etc. I am sad... as I feel no one is hearing me.

I am not alone. Imagine there are a lot of 'me' in various positions. Placing sanctions on IIRG means those who ran away from Canada will not get settled down next to me here in Australia. I don't feel my enemy which I ran away from fifteen years ago, is now in my new homeland, Australia.

Here is a fact, which happened very recently:

Source: [How the Iranian regime is intimidating and surveilling its former citizens in Australia,](#)

"Sahar Gholizadeh remembers the exact moment she received the strange message demanding she make a fake confession.

She was struggling to process what she was being ordered to do.

"I have to confess and I have to come clean and I have to say that I've been brainwashed," she remembers the message saying.

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The order came after she used social media to out members of the regime allegedly involved in violent reprisal attacks on protesters back in Iran.”

This is a real example of how scary they are and how they may hostage dual citizens' families back in Iran.

IRCG are terrorists, their existence will affect everyone, we know that because we grow up in Iran, you may can't imagine how terrible these people are. And yes, they have a lot of money, but you don't want to sell Australia's safety. If they are coming here, it will happen. We are going to be in danger with these psycho people.

Magnitsky-style sanctions against key actors and members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) will help keep Australia safe. Australia is our home, we are all responsible to keep it safe and secure.

Another fact: IRCG, shot the PS752 flight in the air, [here is the public report](#). That said, traveling to and from Iran under any circumstances is a serious risk to life. You may say, well, don't travel, but we are talking about many migrants here. Say a newborn baby needs a grandmother to be on her side, say a relative visit or a trip to Iran for a marriage ceremony..., imagine every single flight to or from Iran will have tremendous waves of stress and anxiety attached to it. Why? because of IRCG, let's do something then. Mental health matters.

We, skilled migrant professionals across Australia, have not had a good teenage age, we have not had any precious time as young boys or girls, and we have been under pressure in universities, due to restrictive Islamic rules. We came here for a better life, and we settled. Now if we say anything against the

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Iran government, they hostage our families. Don't let us face these monsters again, please. Keep them away from Australia.

Lastly, I am a sample of thousands... watch this: [Public Questioning Politicians - October 2022 - YouTube](#) just showing protests and public statements in Sydney.

Since I landed in Australia in 2008, till today, I haven't seen anything but a spirit of mateship, love, and a very supportive community. I do truth Australian Parliament will work on this matter and progress through the right thing for the whole country.

3. Recommendations and Requesting Actions

There is a sense of urgency here, Australia has not been acting alongside the other commonwealth countries to address the urgency of this issue, we need to act ahead of IRCG.

- In order to keep IRCG away from Australia and maintain Australian safety and security, enact Magnitsky-style sanctions against key actors and members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Islamic regime oligarchs [similar to the Russian oligarchs \(March 2022\)](#). This is also explained [here](#)

Why do we need to act now? IRCG is a very serious terrorist organisation doing systematic attacks that will affect Australia's safety, here is a quick sample:

- [Advice for Malicious Cyber Activity by Iran | Cyber.gov.au](#) ,

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- [Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Affiliated Cyber Actors Exploiting Vulnerabilities for Data Extortion and Disk Encryption for Ransom Operations | Cyber.gov.au](#)

Note: There are some members currently in Australia.

How can Australia start?

- The list of some of these people is already identified with the Canadian government, we just need to share the knowledge and apply the same sanctions here in Australia.
- Also, the Australian community can identify and nominate those who are currently settled in Australia. We need a committee, a channel, and a workflow for investigating so rules can be applied for those belongings who already settled in the country. This can be done with help of <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/national-security/countering-foreign-interference> as a designated channel in each state.
- Update and enforce [Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing \(Iran Countermeasures\) Regulation 2014 \(legislation.gov.au\)](#)
- To support the request of the community, recall the mentioned petitions to [Senate petition](#) (*ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN'S REGIME, ONE OF THE WORLD'S STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM, MUST BE STOPPED*), and petition [EN4559](#), Immediately designate the ambassadors or other representatives of Iran's Islamic regime in Australia, serving either within embassies or international institutions, personae non grata, and order their removal from Australia in protest to the illegal and inhumane treatment of protesters in Iran.

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There is another Australian public interest in this matter, captured in this petition: [request-to-deport](#), you may read the signatories' comments.

Note: This has been done in the past: [diplomatic-expulsions – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](#).

- Deport or revoke the citizenship of Islamic regime oligarchs and their children and grandchildren in Australia.
- Ensure measures are placed to avoid Australian Taxpayers' Money is used to support the brutality of I.R. Government activities including money invested in Australia by the individuals connected to Iranian officials.
- Refrain from issuing visas to persons connected to the Islamic Regime including but not limited to the children and grandchildren of Islamic regime officials.

4. Conclusion

Australians are Australians, no matter where they came from, no matter what colour or ethnicity. The goal of this submission is to contribute to Australia's safety and security. Also contributing to enforcing unity and harmony in society. Keeping terrorist organisations, IRCG, out of Australia can assure we have done our part to keep this home safe for the whole family.