

Committee Secretary
The Human Rights Implications of Recent violence in Iran
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Dear Committee Secretary,

I write to you today to ask you take action to stop the wide range of human rights abuses Iran. You have the power to limit the influence of the Iranian Regime in Australia and globally.

My family and I have lived in Australia since the 14/11/1996. I remember that date because we arrived here as refugees. It was the first time in my life when I felt safe. I was 13 years old and by then I has already lived with a fake identity for approximately 5 years, been displaced multiple times and had been a refugee for 2 years in Turkiye. In the years leading up to this, I had 14 members of my paternal family jailed and tortured as political prisoners, 5 members of my maternal family arrested and punished as part of the Islamic Republics "Cultural Revolution". We had close friends executed. All of this happened because our families and friends had a different political opinion or ideology to the one that the Iranian Regime represents.

What happened to us in the 80's is now happening to majority of the Iranian population. Fear, discrimination, Political prosecution, gender, and religious segregation are regularities of everyday life in Iran. For those who raise their voice arrest, torture, rape, and murder are the methods the government uses to quash dissent. The extreme levels of violence the Iranian regime is using against protestors in comparable to some of the darkest moments in human history, except this is happening 2022 in front of the eyes of the world.

There are not many people or things who are not limited or prosecuted in Iran. I recently heard a simple line that broke my heart, but at the same time proved the insanity of this regime and their brutal ideology. They asked a young female protestor, if the revolution was successful, what she would do the next day? She Answered, "I would take my dog for a walk, without the fear of knowing they might take him away and kill him". TO HAVE A PET DOG IN IRAN IS ILLEGAL. This shows the insanity and the very basic human rights that the people are fighting for. Everything from the right to have a pet dog, to being able to express a different political opinion is illegal in Iran.

Unfortunately, condemnation is not a deterrent, nor has it ever been for the Iranian regime. The Iranian community worldwide is lobbying our politicians to introduce

sanctions on the member of the Iranian regime in their respective countries, stop them and their families benefitting from international the Educational, Business, Property and financial systems.

Individuals who represent and work for the Iranian government are instrumental in carrying out the regimes dirty work overseas. They help the Iranian regime by-pass current sanctions, spy on the local Iranian community and syphon Iranian public funds out of the country.

A recent article by the ABC showcased that the man responsible for cutting off the Internet in Iran is a university graduate from UNSW. This is one example why Australia has the responsibility to act towards the Iranian regime's cronies in Australia.

This is an opportunity for a country like Australia that respects human rights to support the oppressed and prosecuted in Iran. This is an opportunity for Australia to question the appropriateness of the ongoing status of Iran in the "UN Commission for Status of Women".

Why is Australia not taking diplomatic action against the IRI, the same way Canada, UK, USA, France, Germany, and Switzerland have?

I ask you to please recommend that Australia take the following actions

- Impose Magnitsky-style sanctions against the IRI, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (**IRGC**), their officials and individuals connected with each.
- Freeze the assets of the IRI and the IRGC and others affiliated with pursuing the terrorist objectives of the IRI's regime by investing on Australian soil.
- Impose travel bans against individuals affiliated with the IRI, the IRGC and the Iranian regime.
- Expel the IRI's ambassador from Australia, along with those who are closely connected with the IRI.
- Formally recognise the IRI as a terrorist nation, and the IRGC as a terrorist organisation.
- Put in place appropriate measures to avoid Australian taxpayers' money is not used to support the brutality of the IRI and its regime.

This required urgent action considering the large number of dead, injured and imprisoned.

I plead with you to be a voice for the people of Iran.

I thank you in advance