

To Whom It May Concern:

Protests have raged in Iran and across the world since [Mahsa Amini](#), a 22-year-old woman from the western city of Saqqez, died in Tehran after being detained by the morality police there last month. As women haven't taken to the streets to speak out against Iran's hijab law and other forces of gendered repression in their home country. Before 1979, a family protection law was in place for women; they could wear what they wanted. Now, women have been stripped of those rights. They can't dance in public. They can't sing in public. They can't ride a bicycle. They are segregated from men in the classroom, in the workplace, at beaches. And, of course, the compulsory hijab has become a symbol of that struggle in a country where women can't become judges. They can't become president. They can't become Supreme Leader. They can't become members of the Guardian Council. And without that access to two key political roles, they don't have any influence in changing their own futures. With the permission of a father or a judge, a man can still marry a girl in Iran who is as young as nine. It's a country—not a culture—in which women can't have control over their own lives and destinies. And yet, you've seen the brave and courageous women of Iran fight for four decades, and they are more educated—they outnumber men in Iran, as far as higher education is concerned. They're told what they can study and where they can work, and what you're seeing in the streets of Iran is women bravely starting the first feminist revolution that we've seen. And I think the world needs to get behind it.

University students, who have turned protests into a routine during weekdays, also held gatherings, sit-ins chanting antigovernment slogans across the country.

In the meantime, the death toll from the Islamic Republic's crackdown on Iran's 2022 protests has increased to 304, including 41 children and 24 women by 8 November.

This regime

is exporting a record number of its domestically-produced armed drones to Russia and will soon export its indigenous ballistic missiles to Moscow as well.

As an Australian/Iranian citizen I am worried about my both countries until Islamic Republic regime in Iran runs the country and embassies.