

For 40 years the Iranian people have been held hostage by an extremist regime which has destroyed Iran's natural resources, its social fabric, rich culture, temperate environment, and its economic potential. It has suppressed dissent and responded to their protests with state-sanctioned violence, imprisonment, torture, and executions. The regime holds the world record for executions, particularly of women and youth.

The current president of the regime, Ebrahim Raisi, is one of the main perpetrators of the 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners. Hundreds of current and former UN officials, legal and human rights experts and international NGOs have written [an open letter](#) to the UN Human Rights Council calling for an international investigation into the 1988 massacre.

Since 2018, eight major protests for democratic change in Iran have been brutally suppressed ([Amnesty International Report 2021](#)). In November 2019, more than 1,500 protesters, mostly young men, and women, were shot dead in the streets.

The Iranian people, especially the younger generation, are fighting for freedom. They have been deprived of their fundamental freedoms for which reason they rejected monarchic dictatorship and are opposing religious tyranny. Iran is on the verge of a major change. After 100 years of struggle against dictatorship, the Iranian people want a free, democratic Iran, a Republic based on free elections and the rejection of any dictatorship.

Every year, tens of thousands of Iranians and hundreds of international personalities from all over the world gather to be the voice of a nation that is resisting. The participants condemn the religious dictatorship and express their support for a free Iran and the opposition's 10-point program for a secular, non-nuclear republic, gender equality, end to discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, and respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international conventions on political freedom.

The Global Summit for a Free Iran will be held this year on 23 July 2022.

The Iranian people have the right to resist the regime for freedom. We call on our governments to stand with the Iranian people and their resistance, on the right side of history, and to recognize their right to freedom. ([A 2 MN clip on 40 years tyranny in Iran and the Global Summit](#))

We express our solidarity with the Global Summit for a Free Iran and its democratic goals.

Partial list of supportive parliamentarians & dignitaries:

Parliamentarian Committees for a Free Iran:

- British Committee for Iran Freedom (BCFIF)
- International Committee of Parliamentarians for a Democratic Iran (ICPDI)

- European Parliament Friends of a Free Iran (FoFI)
- Le Comité français pour un Iran démocratique (CFID)
- Comitato dei Senatori Italiani per un Iran Democratico
- Comitato italiano di parlamentari e cittadini per Iran Libero
- Deutsches Solidaritätskomitee für einen freien Iran (DSFI)
- Comité Belge des Parlementaires et Bourgmestres pour un Iran Démocratique
- Comité suisse pour la démocratie et laïcité en Iran
- Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran (CFDI)
- Australian Supporters of Democracy in Iran
- Friends of a Free Iran & Against Fundamentalism (Nordic)
- Comitetul Parlamentarilor Romani Pentru Iranul Liber
- The Dutch Group of Friends of a Free Iran

ISJ - International Committee in Search of Justice

Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-president of the European Parliament (1999 - 2014),
ISJ President

Ambassador Giulio Terzi, former foreign minister of Italy (2011-2013)

Struan Stevenson, former MEP-President of the European Parliament's
Delegation for Relations with Iraq (2009 - 2014)

Paulo Casaca, former MEP-former Chair of European Parliament's delegation for
relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

United Kingdom:

Rt Hon David Jones MP, former Secretary of State

Dr Matthew Offord MP

Bob Blackman MP

The Baroness Verma, former Baroness in Waiting (HM Household) (Whip) and
Parliamentary Under Secretary (Department for International Development)

The Baroness Harris of Richmond DL, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords

The Lord Clarke of Hampstead CBE

The Rt Hon. the Baroness Boothroyd OM, former Speaker of the House of
Commons

Steve McCabe MP, former Shadow Minister, and Opposition Whip

The Rt Hon. the Lord Dholakia OBE DL, Co-Deputy Leader of the Liberal
Democrat Peers and former Party Chair

The Prof. Lord Alton of Liverpool

The Rt Rev. the Lord Harries of Pentregarth DD, former Bishop of Oxford

Rt Hon Sir Roger Gale MP, former Vice-Chair of the Conservative Party

Rt Hon John Spellar MP, former Minister

John Cryer MP

Ian Mearns MP

Jim Shannon MP

France:

André CHASSAIGNE MP

Bertrand PANCHER MP

Brahim HAMMOUCHE MP
Yannick FAVENNEC MP
Philippe GOSSELIN MP
Constance LE GRIP MP
Éric DIARD MP
François PUPPONI MP
Frédéric REISS MP
Hervé SAULIGNAC MP
Hubert WULFRANC MP
Jean-Michel CLEMENT MP
Nadia ESSAYAN MP
Pierre-Yves BOURNAZEL MP
Yannick FAVENNEC MP
Alain VIVIEN, former Minister
Alain VIDALIS, former Minister
Alain NERI, former Senator
Jean-Pierre BRARD, former MP
François Colcombet, former MP
Martine PINVILLE, former MP
Jean-Pierre BRARD, former MP
Michèle de VAUCOULEURS, former MP
Jacques Boutault, former Mayor & MP
Guy Schmitt, Mayor
Bruno Macé, Mayor
Jacky Duminy, Mayor
Jean-François Legaret, former mayor
Jean-Pierre BEQUET, former Mayor
Yves BONNET, former director of DST
Gilbert MITTERRAND, Chair of Danielle Mitterrand foundation

Italy:

Senator Roberto Rampi
Hon. Stefania Pezzopane MP
Hon. Antonio Tasso MP
On. Elisabetta Zamparutti, former MP
On. Carlo Ciccio, former MP
Dr. Antonio Stango
Cristina Belpassi, Mayor
Donatella Paganelli, Mayor
Emanuele Faduzzi, Mayor
Francesco Cavallero, Mayor
Giovanni De Michelis, Mayor
Luca Panetta, Mayor
Mauro Giuseppe Castelli, Mayor
Paolo Bodoni, Mayor
Ricardo Travaglini, Mayor
Toni Matarrelli, Mayor
Roberto Rossini, Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL)

Germany:

Hermann-Josef Scharf, Deputy Chairman of the Christian Democratic Party of Saarland

Martin Patzelt, former MP

Belgium:

Senator Mark Demaesmaker

Dirk Claes, honorary Senator

Pierre Galand, honorary Senator, chairman of OMCT – Europe

Serge de Patoul, honorary MP

Nordic Countries:

Kimmo Sasi, former MP and Minister from Finland

Jan-Erik Enestam, former Minister from Finland

Lars Rise, former MP from Norway

Edvard Julius Solnes, former Minister from Iceland

Switzerland:

Laurence Fehlmann-Rielle, Federal MP

Pagani Remy, Geneva MP

Jean-charles Rielle, Geneva MP

Eric Voruz, former MP

Nils de Dardel, prominent lawyer

The Netherlands:

Prof. Henk de Haan, former MP, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

Poland:

Marcin Swiecicki, former Minister

Romania:

Romeo Nicoara, former MP

Maria Grecea, former MP

Maria Eugenia Barna, former MP

Mihai Deaconu, former MP

Andreu Gerea, former MP

Daniel Buidurescu, former MP

Liviu Titus Pasca, former Senator

Moldova:

Petre Stirbate, former MP

Sergiu Ceaus, former MP

Canada:

Tony Clement, former Minister

Australia:

Dr. Meredith Burgmann, former President of NSW Parliament House
Penny Sharpe MLC MP, Leader of the opposition in the legislative council &
Shadow Minister of Environment

Anna Watson MP

Lynda Voltz MP

Sonia Hornery MLA MP

Claire Moore MP

Bruce Childs, former Senator

Doug Cameron, former Senator

Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans, former MP

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Sylvia Hale, former MP

Rev Brian Medway, National President of CrossLink Christian Network Australia

Father Claude Mostowik, National President of Pax Christi Australia

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