



IFMA Appeals for Urgent Action Against Death Sentences for Women Activists in Iran

In a series of urgent appeals, the Iranian Association Against Executions (IFMA) has reached out to key international organizations, highlighting the plight of women activists in Iran who face politically motivated death sentences. These efforts are part of IFMA's ongoing campaign to bring global attention to the increasing use of the death penalty as a tool to suppress dissent, particularly against women who have played a pivotal role in advocating for human rights and social justice.

- **Appeal to WAVE and UN Special Rapporteur**

In its letters to Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) and *Ms. Reem Alsalem*, the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, IFMA underscored the cases of **Varishe Moradi** and **Pakhshan Azizi**, among others, who have been subjected to unjust trials, torture, and harsh treatment leading to death sentences. These women, recognized for their courage and dedication to human rights, are now facing the ultimate punishment for their activism.

IFMA called on these organizations to:

- **Raise Awareness:** Publicize the cases of these women activists to draw international support and mobilize action.
- **Advocate for Immediate Action:** Pressure the Iranian government to halt these executions and comply with international human rights standards.
- **Engage with Authorities:** Leverage their influence to urge Iranian officials to reconsider the death sentences handed down in politically motivated trials.

Positive Response from Amnesty International

In response to IFMA's letter, Amnesty International expressed their support and concern for the ongoing human rights violations in Iran. They provided key reports and campaign resources addressing the situation of women facing the death penalty in Iran. Amnesty's response highlights their ongoing efforts to:

Document and report on the use of the death penalty in Iran, with a focus on cases involving women and political activists.

Campaign globally to raise awareness and pressure the Iranian authorities to halt executions and comply with international human rights obligations.

Amnesty encouraged IFMA to share the following resources:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde13/8585/2024/en/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/middle-east/iran/>

<https://x.com/AmnestyIran/status/1841038467259584561>

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by sharing these resources, IFMA aims to amplify the voices of the affected women and build international solidarity against these injustices.