

## **Request for the Establishment of an Independent International Investigative Mechanism on Executions and Fair Trial Violations in Iran**

**To:** The United Nations Secretary-General, the United Nations Human Rights Council, and relevant Special Rapporteurs

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We respectfully submit this communication regarding a documented increase in executions in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including cases involving protesters, individuals accused of dissent-related activities, political prisoners, and persons charged with national security or politically motivated offences.

According to reports from human rights organizations and available documentation, at least twenty-five individuals were executed between March and May 2026 across multiple locations in Iran. Several of these individuals were reportedly arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests and charged with offences such as *moharebeh* (“waging war against God”) or *efsad-e fel-arz* (“corruption on earth”). Available reports further indicate serious due process violations, including denial of fair trial guarantees, restricted or denied access to legal counsel, allegations of torture and coerced confessions, and proceedings falling short of international legal standards.

Of particular concern are cases involving young individuals, including those aged 18–22, as well as public executions that were publicly promoted and disseminated by judiciary-affiliated and state-aligned media outlets, raising serious concerns regarding intimidation and the suppression of dissent. Additional documented cases involve political prisoners, individuals accused of affiliation with opposition groups, and dual nationals prosecuted under national security-related charges, raising further concerns regarding arbitrary deprivation of life, politically motivated prosecutions, and violations of due process guarantees under international human rights law.

These cases raise serious concerns regarding compliance with international human rights obligations binding upon the Islamic Republic of Iran, including:

- 1. The right to life under Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**
- 2. The right to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent, and impartial tribunal under Article 14 of the ICCPR**

**3. The prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, including the use of coerced confessions**

We respectfully urge the United Nations and relevant international human rights mechanisms to:

1. Establish or strengthen an independent international investigative mechanism mandated to document, verify, and preserve evidence relating to executions, torture, enforced confessions, and violations of fair trial guarantees in the Islamic Republic of Iran;
2. Request urgent engagement by relevant UN Special Procedures, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;
3. Increase international monitoring and urgent protective measures for individuals currently at risk of execution or subjected to proceedings inconsistent with international fair trial standards;
4. Call for the immediate suspension of pending executions and the establishment of a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in accordance with international human rights standards.

The documented pattern and nature of these executions raise serious concerns regarding systematic violations of international human rights obligations, including the right to life, fair trial guarantees, and protection from torture and coerced confessions. We respectfully urge the United Nations and relevant international human rights mechanisms to take immediate and concrete action in response to these documented cases.

Annexed to this submission is a table containing available information regarding individuals executed between March and May 2026, including names, ages, reported charges, dates of execution, and documented allegations of due process violations.

Respectfully submitted

**Attachment: Documentation of Executions (March -May 2026)**

**Overview**

*This document provides preliminary documentation of individuals executed in Iran between March and May 2026. The information has been compiled from available reports by human rights organizations, civil society sources and available public sources.*

*Due to severe restrictions on transparency in Iran, some information remains incomplete; however, all cases have been cross-checked with available sources.*

No	Full Name	Age	Date of execution	Place of execution	Notes
1	Kourosh Keivani	36	18.03.2026	Unknown	Swedish-Iranian national. Reportedly charged with espionage
2	Mehdi Ghasemi	-	19.03.2026	Qom (public execution)	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh (“waging war against God”). Concerns raised regarding lack of due process and reports of coerced confessions.
3	Saleh Mohamadi	19	19.03.2026	Qom (public execution)	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh (“waging war against God”). Concerns raised regarding lack of due process and reports of coerced confessions.
4	Saeed Davoudi	22	19.03.2026	Qom (public execution)	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh (“waging war against God”). Concerns raised regarding lack of due process and reports of coerced confessions.
5	Akbar Daneshvar Kar	60	30.03.2026	Qezel Hesar	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
6	Mohamad Taghavi	59	30.03.2026	Qezel Hesar	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).

7	Poya Ghobadi	33	31.03.2026	Qezel Hesar	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
8	Babak Alipour	35	31.03.2026	Qezel Hesar	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
9	Amir Hosein Hatami	18	02.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly sentenced to death for alleged involvement in the burning of a Basij base. Concerns raised regarding lack of due process.
10	Vahid Bani Amerian	33	04.04.2026	Tehran	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
11	Abol-Hasan Montazer	66	04.04.2026	Tehran	Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
12	Mohammad Amin Biglari	19	05.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly sentenced to death for alleged involvement in the burning of a Basij base.
13	Shahin Vahed Parast	31	05.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly sentenced to death for alleged involvement in the burning of a Basij base.
14	Ali Fahim	24	06.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests.
15	Mohamad Masoum Shahi	38	20.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh (waging war against God).
16	Hamed Validi	45	20.04.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh (waging war against God).
17	Amir Ali Jafari	24	21.04.2026	Unknown	Information limited.

18	Soltan Ali Shriazi fakhr	Unknown	23.04.2026	Unknown	Iranian-Spanish national. Reportedly affiliated with the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK).
19	Erfan Kiani	unknown	25.04.2026	Unknown	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests. Reportedly charged with moharebeh.
20	Sasan Azadvar	21	30.04.2026	Isfahan	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests.
21	Naser Bekrzadeh	23	02.05.2026	Urmia	Reportedly charged with espionage.
22	Yaghub Karimpour	42	02.05.2026	Urmia	Reportedly charged with espionage
23	Mehrab Abdolazadeh	29	03.05.2026	Urmia	Arrested in connection with the 2022 "Woman, Life, Freedom" protests. Reportedly charged with efsad-e fel-arz (corruption on earth)
24	Mohamad Reza Miri	21	03.05.2026	Khorasan Razavi	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests
25	Mehdi Rasouli	25	03.05.2026	Khorasan Razavi	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests
26	Ibrahim Dolat Abadi	unknown	03.05.2026	Khorasan Razavi	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests
27	Erfan Shakoorzadeh	29	11.05.2026	Qezel Hesar	Reportedly charged with espionage
28	Abdol Jalil Shahbakhsh	Unknown	12.05.2026	Zahedean	Reportedly charged with <i>baghi</i> (armed rebellion) through alleged membership in the armed group Ansar al-Furqan
29	Mohammad Abbasi	55	13.05.2026	Qezel Hesar	Arrested in connection with the January 2026 protests
30	Ehsan Afrashteh	32	13.05.2026	Isfahan	Reportedly charged with espionage