



# Unitatem et Libertas

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## **Public Statement and Legal Appeal Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's Arbitrary Arrests and Summary Executions**

The Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies and signatories below unequivocally condemns the Islamic Republic of Iran's ongoing campaign of arbitrary arrests, forced confessions, and summary executions of innocent civilians and political activists, under fabricated charges of espionage for Israel. This brutal crackdown has intensified dramatically since the outbreak of open hostilities between the Islamic Republic and the State of Israel, as the regime seeks to mask its military and strategic failures with domestic terror and extrajudicial killings.

**These actions constitute flagrant violations of multiple binding international instruments to which Iran is a State Party, including:**

- **The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**, Articles 6 (Right to Life), 9 (Freedom from Arbitrary Arrest and Detention), and 14 (Right to a Fair Trial).
- **The Convention Against Torture (CAT)**, which Iran is obliged to observe under the UN human rights framework.
- **Customary international law prohibiting arbitrary detention, torture, and extrajudicial execution.**

Furthermore, these acts meet the threshold of **crimes against humanity** as defined in **Article 7 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)**, including *murder, imprisonment or severe deprivation of liberty, and persecution against any identifiable political group*.

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## **Call to the United Kingdom and Democratic Allies**

The Association reminds the **Government of the United Kingdom** that it is bound under both domestic and international law to act decisively in the face of gross human rights abuses and potential crimes against humanity. In particular:

- **Under the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**, the UK has a legal and moral duty to promote and protect universal human rights.
- **Under the Genocide Convention (1948)** and customary international law, the UK is obligated to prevent and punish grave crimes under international law.
- The UK has incorporated the **Human Rights Act 1998**, giving effect to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) — although Iran is not a signatory, the UK must not be complicit through inaction, especially regarding asylum and non-refoulement obligations under the **1951 Refugee Convention**.

- The UK is a signatory to the ICC Rome Statute and must support accountability measures for perpetrators of crimes against humanity.
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## **Demands and Warning to the Perpetrators**

We therefore:

### **✓ Demand that the British Government:**

1. Publicly and unequivocally condemn the Islamic Republic's arbitrary arrests and summary executions.
2. Lead international efforts at the United Nations Human Rights Council and General Assembly to establish independent investigations and accountability mechanisms for these crimes.
3. Impose targeted Magnitsky-style sanctions against individual perpetrators, judges, prosecutors, and security officials responsible for these atrocities.
4. Provide urgent protection, expedited asylum, and humanitarian visas for Iranian dissidents, activists, and at-risk families.
5. Use all diplomatic channels to pressure the Islamic Republic to halt executions immediately and release all political prisoners unconditionally.

**✓ Warn all perpetrators** within the Islamic Republic's judiciary, security forces, and intelligence agencies that they will be individually identified, investigated, and prosecuted under future transitional justice mechanisms in a free Iran. Impunity will not last forever. Those who obey unlawful orders today will answer before independent Iranian and international courts tomorrow.

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## **Final Appeal**

We call on all governments, democratic societies, civil society actors, and international institutions to stand with the Iranian people in their fight for life, liberty, and human dignity. History will judge those who turn away from this crisis.

**For freedom, justice, and human rights in Iran — now and forever.**