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More than 200 Organizations and Experts Call for an End to Trump's Threats of War Crimes and Call for Accountability

We the undersigned human rights, humanitarian, civil liberties, faith-based and environmental organizations, think tanks and experts are deeply alarmed by President Trump's threat regarding Iran that "a whole civilization will die tonight" if his demands are not met. Such language describes a grave atrocity if carried out. A threat to wipe out "a whole civilization" may amount to a threat of genocide. Genocide is a crime defined by the Genocide Convention and by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as committing one or more of several acts "with intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, racial or religious groups as such."

The law is clear that civilians must not be targeted, and they must also be protected from indiscriminate or disproportionate attacks. Strikes on civilian infrastructure – such as the recent attack on a bridge and the attacks President Trump is repeatedly threatening to carry out to destroy power plants - have devastating consequences for the civilian population and environment.

We urge all parties to respect international law. Those responsible for atrocities, including crimes against humanity and war crimes, can and must be held accountable.

The undersigned remind those engaged in military operations of their obligation to refuse any patently unlawful order. Anyone who orders, carries out, or is otherwise complicit in President Trump's abhorrent threats must be held accountable.

Organizations

1. Amnesty International USA
2. Human Rights Watch
3. Oxfam America
4. Refugees International
5. 99 Coalition
6. Action Center on Race and the Economy
7. Al Otro Lado
8. Aldea - the People's Justice Center
9. American Atheists
10. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
11. American Committee for Middle East Rights (ACMER)
12. American Friends Service Committee

13. American Muslims for Palestine
14. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
15. Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)
16. ANAR
17. Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA)
18. ATHENA Network
19. Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
20. Baltimore, MD Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter Veterans For Peace
21. Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation
22. Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
23. Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
24. Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law
25. Center for International Environmental Law
26. Center for International Policy
27. Center for Victims of Torture
28. Center on Conscience and War
29. Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
30. Christians for a Free Palestine (CFP)
31. Church World Service
32. Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
33. Common Defense
34. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
35. Council for a Livable World
36. Council for Global Equality
37. Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
38. cylindr
39. DAWN
40. DAYLIGHT | Rule of Law, Access to Justice, Advocacy
41. Defending Rights & Dissent
42. Demand Progress
43. Emerald Pademelon Press LLC
44. Femena
45. Feminism Makes Us Smarter LLC
46. Foreign Policy for America
47. Foundation for Middle East Peace
48. Friends Committee on National Legislation
49. Fund for Global Human Rights
50. Georgetown Center for Asian Law
51. Girls for Gender Equity
52. Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

53. Haitian Bridge Alliance
54. HALT Solitary Campaign
55. Help Me Leave
56. Human Rights Activists (in Iran) HRA
57. Human Rights First
58. Humanity United
59. IfNotNow Movement
60. IMEU Policy Project
61. Impact Coalition on Strengthening International Judicial Institutions
62. Institute for Policy Studies, New Internationalism Project
63. Institute for Policy Studies, National Priorities Project
64. Interconnected Justice
65. International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)
66. International Mayan League / Liga Maya Internacional
67. Just Detention International
68. KNR Sisters
69. Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
70. Latin America Working Group
71. Lawyers for Good Government
72. Legal Empowerment Portal
73. Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School
74. Loretto Link
75. MADRE
76. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
77. Miaan Group
78. Migrant Roots Media
79. Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild
80. MPower Change Action Fund
81. Muslim Advocates
82. NAACP
83. National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
84. National Iranian American Council Action
85. National Partnership for New Americans
86. NBJC
87. Oasis Legal Services
88. Ohio Immigrant Alliance
89. Open Society Foundations
90. P Street
91. Peace Action
92. Peace Action, New York State

93. Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!
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96. Physicians for Social Responsibility
97. Ploughshares
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99. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
100. Project On Government Oversight
101. Public Citizen
102. Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
103. Quixote Center
104. Refugee Council USA
105. Reparations Pledge
106. Reparations4Slavery
107. ReThinking Foreign Policy
108. Rising Majority
109. Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center
110. RootsAction
111. Saferworld
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116. Stanley Center for Peace and Security
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119. The Alliance for Diplomacy and Justice
120. The Reckoning Project
121. The Sentry
122. The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
123. The Workers Circle
124. Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (CAREs)
125. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
126. United for Iran
127. Unlock the Box: The National Campaign to End Solitary Confinement
128. War Prevention Initiative
129. We Are All America (WAAA)
130. Welcoming America
131. Western States Legal Foundation
132. Win Without War

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