

URGENT ACTION

PROTESTERS AND DISSIDENTS AT RISK OF EXECUTION

Since the U.S.-Israeli unlawful attacks on Iran began on February 28, 2026, Iranian authorities have arbitrarily executed at least 36 individuals after being convicted of politically motivated charges following grossly unfair trials. At least 78 protesters, dissidents, and others with real or perceived links to banned opposition groups are under sentence of death and at risk of execution. They include 41 people arrested in relation to the January 2026 protests. At least five of them were children at the time of the alleged offense. Fears of further executions are heightened as Iranian authorities continue to weaponize the death penalty to repress dissent and senior officials call for expedited proceedings and “harsh” penalties against those arrested since the war started.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
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Head of judiciary, Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei

Send a copy of your letter to the address below

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To Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I am concerned that **at least 78 people are under sentence of death for politically motivated charges and at grave risk of execution**. They were convicted following grossly unfair trials, including before Revolutionary Courts, of overly broad and vaguely defined charges such as “enmity against God” (moharebeh), “corruption on earth” (efsad-e fel-arz), and “armed rebellion against the state” (baghi). Amongst those sentenced to death are at least 41 people arrested in connection to the January 2026 protests and seven arrested in connection to the 2022 Woman Life Freedom uprising. Among others at risk are 22 people sentenced to death for real or perceived affiliation with banned opposition groups and seven accused of spying for Israel or other national security-related offenses. At least five individuals from the 78 were under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged offense, in violation of international law which strictly prohibits the imposition of the death penalty for crimes committed by children.

I call on you to immediately halt all planned executions, quash all death sentences, and establish an official moratorium on all executions with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty. Pending this, take steps to bring national legislation in line with international law and standards, including by removing the death penalty for vaguely worded offenses, and repealing mandatory death sentences. I also urge you to allow international monitors, including UN Special Procedures and the International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran, access to detention facilities.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Since February 28, 2026, authorities have arrested thousands of individuals including protesters, dissidents, journalists, lawyers, human rights defenders, and members of ethnic and religious minorities. Authorities have labeled them as “traitors” or “enemy collaborators”. Senior officials have called for expedited trials and swift implementation of punishments, including executions.

At least 78 people are under sentence of death and at grave risk of execution on politically motivated charges. They include 41 people arrested in connection to the January 2026 protests: Abdolreza Fathi, Abolfazl Hashemian, Abdolfazl Karimi, Abolfazl Salehi Siavashani, Ali Pishevarzadeh, Amir Mohammad Zare, Behrouz Zamaninejad, Bita Hemmati, Daniel Harouni, Davoud Aminzadeh, Ehsan Hosseinipour Hesslerlou, Erfan Amiri, Hamidreza Fathi, Hamidreza Sabet-Ray, Hossein Ghaleh Beigi, Javad Talebpour, Kourosh Zamaninejad, Majid Nasiri, Mansour Jafari, Maryam Hodavand, Masih Abbaskhani Davanlou, Matin Mohammadi, Mehdi Eskanadari, Mobin Soltani, Mohammadreza Majidi-Asl, Mohamadreza Tabari, Mohammad Abdollahpour, Mohammad (Babak) Naghizadeh, Moslem Heidari, Navid Shirani, Pejman Haghighian, Ramezan Asadi, Reza Hassanlou, Reza Moazeni, Saeed Zarei Kordshouli, Shahab Dadkhah, Shahab Zohdi, Shahin Soleimani, Yaser Mokhtari, and Yaser Rajaifa and another person whose name is not known. Among those under sentence of death are seven people arrested in connection to the 2022 Woman Life Freedom uprising, namely: Armin Nourmohammadi, Farshid Hassanzehi, Fazel Bahramian, Mohammad Faraji, Mohammad Darvish Narouie, Mohsen Eslamkhah, and Raouf Sheikh Maroufi; and one person in connection to the November 2019 nationwide protests: Mohammad Javad Vafaei Sani. Others at risk of execution include 22 people for real or perceived affiliations with banned opposition groups: Abdolghani Shahbakhsh, Abdolrahim Ghanbarzehi Gorgij (Rahim Mirbaloch), Alireza Mardasi (Hamidavi), Eido Shahbakhsh, Ehsan Faridi, Farhad Baranzehi, Farshad Etemadifar, Turkish national Hatem Özdemir, Hossein Shahouzehi, Issa Eid Mohammadi, Karim Khojasteh, Manouchehr Fallah, Mansour Jamali, Massoud Jamei (Bavi), Nasimeh Eslamzehi, Omran Aghal, Peyman (Amin) Farahavar, Reza Abdali, Soleiman Shahbakhsh, Zahra Shahbaz Tabari, Yousef Ahmadi, Younes Bakhshi; and seven others convicted in politically-motivated cases, including spying for Israel, namely: Adham Naroui, Ahmadreza Djalali, Afshin Ghorbani Meishani, Ali Obeidavi, Gholamreza Khani Shekarab, Malek Davarshenas (Mousavi), and Pakhshan Azizi. At least five people sentenced to death were under the age of 18 at the time of the offense, namely: Matin Mohammadi, Erfan Amiri, Mohsen Eslamkhah, Soleiman Shahbakhsh, and Mansour Jafari. A further 12 individuals are at risk of being re-sentenced to death after their convictions and death sentences were overturned, including Abbas Derris, Ali (Souran) Ghassemi, Alireza Kafaei, Amir Mohammad Khoush Eghbal, Mehdi Imani, Milad Armoun, Mohammad Mehdi Hosseini, Kaveh Salehi, Pezhman Soltani, Rezgar Beigzadeh Babamiri, and Teyfour Salimi Babamiri – all in protest-related cases; and Verisheh Moradi, on allegations of affiliation with Kurdish opposition groups.

Since the 2022 Woman Life Freedom uprising, the Iranian authorities have increasingly used the death penalty as a tool of political repression to intensify fear.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Persian, English, or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: August 31, 2026

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