

Support Iranian Women's struggle for Freedom and Gender Equality

Urgent call for the security of 1000 women in Camp Liberty

and the release of the 7 abducted Ashraf residents including 6 women

For the past 35 years since Iran Spring was hijacked by the mullahs in February 1979, women of Iran have been the foremost victims of a religious and misogynous dictatorship ruling Iran. They are totally deprived of their most basic rights in every field. 30% of the 120,000 political opponents who have been executed by this regime were women. Amongst the 450 executed under Rouhani, the current president of the regime, 19 were women. Iran is amongst the very few countries that have not signed the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discriminations against women thus allowing systematic violation of women's rights by its constitutional law and other laws.

Under these circumstances, Iranian women have had a prominent presence in the Resistance movement. In this struggle, which has been going on for 35 years, tens of thousands of brave Iranian women have lost their lives for freedom. 52 percent of the members of the NCRI are women. The PMOI is led by women and Ashraf City, home to members of the main Iranian opposition in Iraq, was administered by women through its harshest times. Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, President of the Iranian Resistance, has brought together thousands of women as the vanguards of the resistance against religious fundamentalism side by side the freedom-loving men. Her 10-point platform for a future Iran includes complete gender equality and abolishment of all forms of discrimination against women.

As a humanitarian crisis, the dissidents in Camp Ashraf, including nearly a thousand women, have been repeatedly attacked in recent years by Iraqi forces at the behest of the Iranian regime. Last year, they were forcibly moved to Camp Liberty near Baghdad Airport. The latest attack on Camp Ashraf came on September 1, leaving 52 refugees dead, including six women. Seven were also abducted during this massacre, six of whom were women. Amnesty International has confirmed that they are now confined in a secret prison and are facing the risk of being extradited to Iran and in December 2013, Spanish Investigative Court, with universal jurisdiction, indicted National Security Advisor to Iraqi Prime Minister, for crimes against international community in the several massacres in Camp Ashraf.

In view of the above facts:

1. We call on the UN, US and the EU to take immediate action for the release of the 7 abducted residents, including 6 women, and for the security of the 3000 Camp Liberty residents including 1000 women;
2. We call on the United Nations Security Council to examine Iran's systematic and appalling situation of human rights particularly women's rights and take punitive action;
3. We support the 10-point platform of Mrs. Rajavi as a practical step to the establishment of peace, democracy and women's rights in Iran.

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Maryam Rajavi's Ten Point Plan for Future Iran

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1. From our point of view, the ballot box is the only criterion for legitimacy. Accordingly, we seek a republic based on universal suffrage.
2. We seek a pluralist system, freedom of parties and freedom of assembly. In the Iran of tomorrow, we will respect all individual freedoms. We underscore complete freedom of expression and of the media and unconditional access by all to the Internet.
3. In the free Iran of tomorrow, we support and are committed to the abolition of the death penalty.
4. The Iranian Resistance is committed to the separation of religion and the State. Any form of discrimination against the followers of any religion and denomination will be prohibited.
5. We believe in complete gender equality with respect to all political, social and economic rights. We are also committed to equal participation of women in political leadership. Any form of discrimination against women will be abolished. They will enjoy the right to freely choose their clothing. They are free in marriage, divorce, education and employment.
6. The future Iran will be the land of law and justice. We seek to set up a modern judicial system based on the principles of presumption of innocence, the right to defense, and the right to be tried in a public court. We also seek the total independence of judges. The mullahs' Sharia law and cruel and degrading punishments will have no place in future Iran.
7. The future Iran will respect human rights. We are committed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and international covenants and conventions, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women.
8. We recognize private property, private investment and the market economy. In our view, the chief principle is that all Iranian people must enjoy equal opportunity in employment and free enterprise. In our view, the Iran of tomorrow will be a country that protects and revitalizes the environment.
9. Our foreign policy will be based on peaceful coexistence, international and regional peace and cooperation, as well as respect for the United Nations Charter.
10. The free Iran of tomorrow will be free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction.