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**More than 100 Belgian parliamentarians strongly condemn the human rights violations in Iran and express support for the "No to Executions" campaign to stop executions**

Belgian parliamentarians from the main political parties and all regions of the country have joined the international outrage at the surge in executions in Iran. (see below)

The campaign against executions, both within Iran and abroad, has called : No to the daily hanging of youths, no to the execution of women, and no to the reign of the noose.

For 47 weeks, political prisoners in 25 prisons have been staging hunger strikes every Tuesday to protest against executions.

On 13 November, men and women imprisoned in Evin and Qezel Hesar prisons raised their voices in unison: “With one voice, united in determination, we will stand until the death penalty is abolished.”

More than 100 Belgian parliamentarians , including 4 political leaders and several presidents of parliamentary groups and committees, expressed their support for Maryam Rajavi's call for an end to executions in Iran and her firm commitment to [abolition of the death penalty, as outlined in her Ten-Point Plan](#).

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According to Amnesty International, “[Iran alone accounted for 74% of all recorded executions](#)” in the world 2023. This alarming trend has intensified after the new president took office. In August 2024 alone, over 100 prisoners, including 10 women, have been executed, indicating the persistence of this pattern.

Among the executed were several political dissidents, including Reza Rasaei, arrested during the uprising in November 2022 in Shahriar, Tehran province.

In its latest report in March 2024, the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission (FFMI) on Iran wrote: “The legal proceedings leading to death sentences were held in a summary fashion amid repeated calls by the State authorities to expedite the trials and carry out executions.” The FFMI has stated that “[many of the serious human rights violations outlined in the present report amount to crimes against humanity, specifically those of murder, imprisonment, torture, rape and other forms of sexual violence.](#)”

In his latest report in July, titled “[Atrocity Crimes and grave violations of human rights](#),” Professor Javid Rehman, in his capacity as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran, described the 1988 massacre, during which 30,000 political prisoners were executed, as a “crime against humanity” and “genocide” and wrote, “There is considerable evidence that mass

killings, torture and other inhumane acts against members of the PMOI were conducted with genocidal intent.”

Iranian authorities are using these executions for political purposes, seeking to install fear and terror to prevent the potential outbreak of uprisings by the Iranian people. Thus, any execution carried out under the ruling theocracy should be recognized as political in nature. Unfortunately, on the global stage, the lack of response to ongoing suppression, massacres, and executions over previous decades has emboldened the clerical regime to persist in its suppression and torture, particularly through executions.

Since the start of 2024, [political prisoners in 20 Iranian prisons have been staging a hunger strike every Tuesday](#) as part of the "No to Executions" campaign to halt executions in Iran. This campaign is expanding within Iranian prisons. Additionally, a significant movement has emerged outside of Iran to support this cause.

Against this backdrop, we support Maryam Rajavi's call to end executions in Iran and her steadfast commitment to [abolishing the death penalty, as outlined in her Ten-Point Plan](#) for Iran's future over the past two decades, which she again reaffirmed at the International Jurists' Conference on 24 August 2024, in Paris.

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