



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# The 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all member countries, including Iran became signatory.

Article 1 of the Declaration, which has deep roots in Iranian history and culture, proclaims: “*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*” It is worthwhile to remember that Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, over 2500 years ago, presented the first Human Rights doctrine, a document that remains the source of pride for all humanity today.

The history of human civilization shows that those countries, which have established their democratic system of government based on a human rights doctrine, have made great progress in areas of social, economic, cultural, and political development and guaranteed their national welfare. We celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and we hope that the people of Iran and other countries, who are suffering from despotic regimes, will succeed in gaining their human rights.

During the past thirty-one years, the Iranian people have been deprived of their human rights by the ignorant and fanatic leaders of the Islamic Republic. Despite these intolerable conditions, the people of Iran have demonstrated their opposition to the illegitimate regime with civil disobedience actions and by participating bravely in massive demonstrations across the country. A glance at the recent protests of Iranians indicates that they are through with this regime. They are increasingly frustrated, and they are looking for the right opportunity to set the stage for establishment of democracy in Iran. In response to people’s call for freedom and democracy, the Islamic Republic has reacted by savagely slaughtering hundreds of innocent Iranians such as Neda Soltan, torturing and raping men and women in prisons, presenting Stalinist-style show trials, and other atrocities, to prolong the existence of the regime and continue plundering Iran’s resources.

Fortunately, the world community has recognized that the Iranian people seek cooperation and mutual respect with the free world. However, it is the mullah regime that violates the human rights of Iranians, supports terrorist groups, and interferes in the affairs of other countries. The uncivilized actions of the regime have seriously harmed the interests and the international reputation of Iran.

Now that the people of Iran have risen up and they need the support, we ask the free countries of the world to effectively support us, in the same manner that they supported the freedom seekers of Poland and South Africa and similar to the historical international assistance that helped the establishment of a deep and enduring democracy in US. Indeed, the substitution of the uncivilized mullah regime with a responsible democratic government will have a very positive effect on peace and stability in the Middle East as well as the world.

Iranians are grateful to the countries that have condemned the Islamic republic for violations of the rights of the Iranian people, and they thank the countries that refuse to provide tools of repression to this despotic regime.

***Iranians will never forget those who support them in their quest for freedom!***

Co-signer Organizations:

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