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Ref: Execution of British-Iranian dual national.

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Mr. Alireza Akbari, a British-Iranian dual national, was arrested and charged with spying for the U.K government in 2019. He was executed on 14.01.2023, despite the Foreign Secretary's appeal for Mr. Akbari not to be executed.

The Islamic Republic has historically used the arrest of European nationals and dual nationals as pawns and leverage against the West, and this practice continues to this day. Research published in 2022 suggests at least 64 foreign and dual nationals [have been detained by the regime since 2010](#). At least 13 have UK links.

The Islamic Republic is facing a revolution that is spearheaded by remarkable and brave Iranian girls and women. This revolution is supported by all in Iran. Despite the brutal and unlawful crackdown resulting in over 700 deaths, the regime has not been able to suppress the revolution that is calling for freedom, democracy, and an end to the rule of the theocratic dictatorship.

State media and many government officials have blamed the West for their interference and for supporting the organic uprising in Iran, portraying the movement as insignificant youth who have been led astray by the West and Israel.

The execution of Mr.Akbari may be such a justification that the revolution against the tyrannical regime, which is an anachronism, is an uprising fostered by the evil West.

This execution may also be a clear indication to the West that Iran will not be dictated to by request and pleas from the West and an unmistakable message to any remaining moderates within this failing tyrannical regime.

The Islamic Republic has little, if any, regard for international laws and norms. The regime does not follow or adhere to its own internal laws and constitutions, let alone international conventions.

His Majesty's Government must now take firm and immediate action against the tyrannical and barbaric regime in Tehran and with regret, this action is long overdue.

On Thursday 12.01.2023, the house unreservedly condemned the Islamic Republic's actions in suppressing protests as well as the deplorable violent behaviour afforded to protestors.

The Association of Iranian Human Rights requests the proscription of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organisation and we urge H.M Government to include the IRGC on the list of proscribed terrorist organisations.

We also now call for the expulsion of senior Iranian diplomats and the immediate recall of our ambassador in Tehran. This will indicate clearly that the UK will no longer tolerate the inhumane, barbaric, and unacceptable actions of Tehran.

Sanctions aimed at the economy of the regime must now be considered, as well as the correct policing of existing sanctions. The Iranian economy, thanks to the incompetent management and endemic corruption of the regime, is on the verge of an implosion. Further sanctions will ensure Tehran will not have a free hand in recruiting mercenaries to suppress the freedom movement in Iran, as well as severely restricting funds for their multiple terror cells and proxies in the near East and their direct involvement in wars in Yemen and Syria.

Soon after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the UK government sanctioned Russian-registered aircraft. We request H.M Government considers the sanctioning of Iranian-registered aircraft. This will impose a logistical irritation and further economical pain on Tehran. There are many family members of the Iranian government living in the UK and we believe that they must not be allowed to be able to travel to the UK in comfort when thousands of unarmed protestors are in custody, facing torture and rape.

Our association and the wider Iranian diaspora sincerely hope that the UK government will now take immediate action against the Islamic Republic. The mass murder of the young, the execution, torture, and rape of young protestors in captivity as well as the threat of a nuclear-armed Islamic Republic must now end. This is the right thing to do.

Yours Sincerely,

*Association of Iranian Human Rights*