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Ref: The unlawful execution of protestors in Iran.

Mr Mohsen Shekari, 23, was executed on 08.12.2022 on charges of enmity towards God and pollution on Earth.

Mr Shekari, who worked in a coffee shop, was arrested at a demonstration on 25th September and initially accused of causing bodily harm against a member of the Islamic Republic para-military force.

In a sham court session, Mr Shekari was sentenced to death. He was denied a fair trial and representation. Mr. Shekari was presented to the state media after confessing his crime. At the time, he had bruises on his face. Forced confessions under duress and torture are a common practice in the courts of the Islamic Republic.

An estimated 18,000 protestors are in custody facing torture and rape. Recently, the Islamic Republic parliamentary members unanimously voted for the immediate execution of the arrested protestors.

This act is unlawful, cowardly and a breach of Human Rights and human decency.

There are now over 30 protestors in captivity including minors and medical staff who are in imminent danger of execution.

The international community and the free world need to act immediately as these unlawful executions and continued torture and rape of protestors in custody are occurring despite the recent U.N Human Rights Council's decision to investigate the breaches of Human Rights in Iran as well as the international outrage and condemnation.

The U.K. government, Members of Parliament, and many communities in Britain have stood in solidarity with the Iranian movement by condemning the brutal crackdown afforded to unarmed protestors, as well as the unlawful murder, torture, and rape of protestors which include minors.

The U.K. government has introduced new sanctions against the so-called morality Police and many individuals within the Islamic Republic government. It is now obvious that these measures, as well as the UN Human Rights Council's decision, have not phased the theocratic regime in Tehran as they have continued to murder unarmed civilians, arrest, torture, and rape many others with impunity. This execution should be considered as a direct and intentional message to the free world that your opinions, condemnations, sanctions, and respect for Human Rights and decency are not altering the minds and attitudes in Tehran.

The Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies condemns all executions and we urgently request that the U.K. government considers an immediate condemnation of this barbaric act and hold the Islamic Republic to account as well as consider further robust sanctions that will affect the economy of the Islamic Republic, prescribing the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, which has actively participated in the brutal crackdown of unarmed protestors, onto the list of terrorist organisations.

It is now evident that the regime in Tehran will not conform to international behaviour and norms, and they will not be intimidated by gestures that have no net effect.

Kind Regards,