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Association of Iranian Human
Rights and Allies

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Ref: Cold-blooded murder of an Iranian celebrating football.

The FIFA world cup 2022 has proven to be a controversial tournament with the hosts, Qatar, under fire for their track record of Human Rights, in particular gay rights.

The Iranian football team, representing the Islamic Republic, also proved to be controversial as most Iranians in Iran and abroad actively boycotted the team. The vast majority of Iranians regarded the team as the representatives of the regime on the international stage.

The Iranian national football team was presented to the President of the Islamic Republic, Mr. E. Raisi, before their departure to Qatar.

The players were under severe pressure to represent the regime in a good light. The entire team displayed their support for the people by not singing the anthem of the Islamic Republic during their match against England. This must have angered the authorities as media outlets, such as CNN and the Telegraph reported that the regime has threatened the player's families with 'jail or torture if they do not behave'.

The Iranians, to spite the dictatorial theocracy, supported England, Wales, and the USA against Iran. Mobile footage uploaded to social media shows Iranians celebrating England's victory against Iran.

After Iran's 1-0 defeat to the USA on 29.11.2022, tens of thousands of jubilant Iranians took to the streets to celebrate the fact that the team representing the dictatorship in Tehran had been knocked out of the tournament.

All were unarmed and in a jubilant mood, mostly dancing and celebrating.

A young Iranian, Mehran Samak, 27, was shot and killed in the Northern city of Anzali by the Islamic Republic security forces just because he honked his car horn in celebration. His shooting was witnessed by his traumatized fiancé.

Mehran, sitting in his own car and in heavy traffic did not pose a danger to anyone.

On 24.11.22, the Human Rights Council established an international fact-finding mission to investigate fully the Human Rights violations in Iran since the Iranian uprising and subsequent revolution on 16th September 2022.

The Islamic Republic will attempt to justify the gross breaches of Human Rights by claiming the protestors were armed, or in the service of foreign agencies. The regime will distort facts and forge documents in an attempt to deceive the U.N fact-finding mission.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that the regime has 'photoshopped' guns onto the family pictures of the protestors.

The regime has even resorted to dressing the murdered protestors in para-military or Police uniforms in a desperate propaganda attempt to show that the protestors are armed and are killing security forces.

After the U.N Human Rights Council decision, Iranian state media has shown para-military and security forces handing out flowers to pedestrians in a desperate attempt to soften their image. This is after over 500 murders and countless rapes of young girls in custody.

The democracies of this world, Human Rights groups, and especially the fact-finding mission must not be deceived by such despicable underhand tactics.

This is just one of many thousands of gross breaches of Human Rights in Iran since 16th September 2022. The senseless murder of unarmed civilians, as well as the gross breaches of Human Rights, will continue with the rule of the Islamic Republic.

The Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies condemns the brutal and senseless murder of Mehran Samak, along with the estimated 500 unarmed civilians who have been shot or beaten to death by the Islamic Republic security forces.

An estimated 16,000 protestors are now in custody. They face systematic torture and rape, and they are forced to sign confessions under duress.

The Islamic Republic parliament shamefully voted for the execution of these protestors as their crime is 'enmity to God and pollution on earth'.

We ask for your support in applying maximum pressure on the theocratic dictatorship in Tehran by demanding the immediate and unconditional release of all protestors.

We also request that the U.K government takes immediate meaningful actions in way of sanctions to curtail the economy and activities of the Islamic Republic, as well as recalling U.K representatives and expelling Islamic Republic representatives and diplomats from the U.K

Kind Regards,