

The Honourable Mike Gallagher
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Dear Mr. Gallagher,

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Call to Action: Special Representative for Iran, Robert Malley.

Since the murder of a young Iranian girl, Mahsa Amini, by the 'morality' police of the Islamic Republic, demonstrations, led mainly by brave young Iranian women calling for human rights, freedom, and in all cases, for the downfall of the Islamic Republic have now entered their fifth week. The protests have spread to over 160 towns and cities with Iranians, regardless of background and ethnicity, united together demanding the fall of the Islamic republic.

The demonstrators are not requesting a compromise or relaxation of laws; they are calling for the fall of the entire regime.

The protests have now been joined by strikes in the petrochemical industries, car manufacturers, teachers as well as traditional bazaars.

The Islamic Republic has responded with a brutal crackdown. Many young Iranians have now died in the demonstrations or custody. There is evidence of systematic torture and rape in custody.

Mr. Robert Malley is the special representative for Iran at the U.S Department of State. It is with regret that he announces that the protestors "*continue to peacefully demonstrate for their government to respect their dignity and human rights*".

This statement alone is an indication that Mr. Malley is out of touch with events within Iran and has failed to grasp the gravity of such an important and historical event. His comments are an insult to the many young Iranians who stood for freedom but were cut down without mercy by the paramilitary and security forces of the Islamic Republic.

None of the protestors are fighting for their dignity or rights to be respected by a theocratic dictatorship. They are demonstrating, fighting, and dying for their freedom as well as the freedom of Iran by calling for the downfall of the Islamic Republic.

The special representative needs to have in-depth knowledge of Iran, and with regret, it seems that Mr. Malley is not fit for this position within the U.S Department of State.

To honour the fallen youth and for the protection of Human Rights and freedom, the association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies requests that you would kindly support the notion that Mr. Malley should step down from his current role with immediate effect by petitioning the U.S Department of State.

Yours Sincerely,

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