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While executions in Iran have exceeded 400 since the beginning of 2023, and the prisons are overflowing with brave resistance activists, especially since the national uprising that erupted last September, the Iranian regime is calling for ever greater suppression. Deeply shaken and weakened by a clearly organized protest movement with a unity of action and slogans, the religious dictatorship is using every means to neutralize and eliminate abroad its main opposition, the People's Mujahedin of Iran (PMOI/MEK), whose resistance units valiantly led the rebellion.

The judicial authorities in Tehran, all notoriously involved in crimes against humanity, have just issued indictments against the PMOI as a whole and a list of 104 of its members. These people, who have been living abroad for decades, are refugees in the European Union or in Ashraf-3 in Albania, which has generously hosted them. In April 2016, the Albanian prime minister gave a written commitment to a vice-president of the European Parliament to protect their rights as specified in the international conventions on refugees.

These 104 people are accused by the religious dictatorship of resisting for freedom. The clerical power is using every possible means of manipulation and false information to have them extradited to Iran. But no one is unaware of the regime's record of 120,000 political executions, including 30,000 young political prisoners in the summer of 1988, 90% of whom belonged to the PMOI.

This campaign of legal terrorism aimed at manipulating the legal systems of Western democracies has already led to many abuses. One example is the release of the terrorist diplomat Assadollah Assadi, sentenced by Belgium to 20 years in prison for having attempted to blow up an Iranian Resistance rally. His release was in exchange for Belgian hostages imprisoned in Iran. There was also the Albanian police raid on Ashraf-3 on 20 June 2023, which left dozens injured and one dead, on the basis of false information sent by the Iranian regime.

However, when democratic states give in to blackmail and remain silent in the face of the attack on Ashraf-3, they send a green light to the tyrants in Tehran to launch other manipulative operations. The principles that form the bedrock of the European Union, to whose membership Albania aspires, would have the EU demanding accountability for every crime and every violation of international law by the Iranian regime. These same principles would require it to show absolute firmness in protecting these refugees.

We therefore call on you to condemn in the strongest terms the Iranian regime's attempts to abuse the judicial systems of the European Union and Europe to extend its cruel repression abroad.



We call on you to guarantee the rights and freedoms of these Iranian refugees within the framework of international conventions, both in the European Union and in Albania.

We call on you to set up an international tribunal as soon as possible to try the leaders of the Iranian regime implicated in four decades of crimes against humanity, in particular Supreme Guide Ali Khamenei, his President Ibrahim Raisi and his head of the judiciary, Mohseni-Eje'i, who were directly responsible for the 1988 massacre.

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