



In June 2009 millions of people came out on to the streets of Iran for freedom and an end to the Islamic regime. Whilst the June 12 election was a pretext for the protests - elections have never been free or fair in Iran - it has opened the space for people to come to the fore with their own slogans.

The world has been encouraged by the protesters' bravery and humane demands and horrified by the all-out repression they have faced. It has seen a different image of Iran - one of a population that refuses to kneel even after 30 years of living under Islamic rule.

The dawn that this movement heralds for us across the world is a promising one - one that aims to bring Iran into the 21st century and break the back of the political Islamic movement internationally.

This is a movement that must be supported.

Declaration

We, the undersigned, join Iran Solidarity to declare our unequivocal solidarity with the people of Iran. We hear their call for freedom and stand with them in opposition to the Islamic regime of Iran.

We demand

1. The immediate release of all those imprisoned during the recent protests and all political prisoners.
2. The arrest and public prosecution of those responsible for the current killings and atrocities and for those committed during the last 30 years.
3. Proper medical attention to those wounded during the protests and ill-treated and tortured in prison. Information on the status of the dead, wounded and arrested to their families. The wounded and arrested must have access to their family members. Family members must be allowed to bury their loved ones where they choose.
4. A ban on torture.
5. The abolition of the death penalty and stoning.
6. Unconditional freedom of expression, thought, organisation, demonstration, and strike.
7. Unconditional freedom of the press and media and an end to restrictions on communications, including the internet, telephone, mobiles and satellite television programmes.
8. An end to compulsory veiling and gender apartheid.
9. The abolition of discriminatory laws against women and the establishment of complete equality between men and women.
10. The complete separation of religion from the state, judiciary, education and religious freedom and atheism as a private matter.

Moreover, we call on all governments and international institutions to isolate the Islamic Republic of Iran and break all diplomatic ties with it. We are opposed to military intervention and economic sanctions because of their adverse affects on people's lives.

The people of Iran have spoken; we stand with them.

To sign up to Iran Solidarity or for more information and ways you can help, visit: www.iransolidarity.org.uk and iransolidarity.blogspot.com. If you'd like to take part in the daily acts of solidarity in Trafalgar Square, contact us at: BM Box 2387, London WC1N 3XX, UK; Tel: 07719166731; Email: iransolidaritynow@gmail.com.