

Invitation to Support Open Letter related to calls for justice and freedom, and for the protection of human rights for all citizens of Iran. If you support the message, please sign on to our open letter by 2pm EST on Wednesday 28th September. Confirmation via email to Richard J. Roberts at roberts@neb.com. Letter will be distributed by Nobel Women's Initiative and featured on www.nobelwomensinitiative.org

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Open Letter from Nobel Laureates to People of Iran

Nobel Laureates from around the world stand in solidarity with the courageous actions of the people of Iran and join them in their calls for justice and freedom, and for the protection of human rights for all citizens of the country.

Nobel laureates condemn the Iranian authorities' violence against women and protestors.

"We condemn these barbaric actions toward women and protesters in Iran," said laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2003. "Women should be free and there must be removal of all legal discriminations against women."

We are witnessing the protests across Iran in response to the cruel treatment of Mahsa Amini while in the custody of the police, and her death days later from her injuries. Mahsa's death sparked protests in her hometown of Sazez and in over one hundred towns and cities throughout Iran. According to videos received and verified including by the BBC Persian Service, the security forces opened fire on protesters resulting in injuries, hospitalizations and deaths. Women protesters removed their headscarves, waved them in the air and burned them in protest. Many have been arrested. The suppression of the peoples' human right to freedom of expression continues.

We, as Nobel Laureates, add our voices to the global condemnation of the actions leading to Mahsa Amini's death on 16 September 2022, and for the crackdown by Iran's morality police street patrols enforcing a compulsory dress code.

Joining with protesters in Iran, Nobel laureates call for the following demands to the Iranian government and security forces:

- End state persecution and harassment of women
- Removal of all discriminatory laws against women.
- End state violence against protestors and immediate release of those detained.
- Launch a transparent, independent investigation into Mahsa Amini's treatment by morality police, and her death.
- Ensure full accountability for all crimes committed against Mahsa Amini and peaceful protesters, journalist and civil society actors.

We call upon the international community, the United Nations Human Rights Bodies and mandate holders to support the people of Iran and hold the government accountable to international human rights commitments.

Nobel Laureates join with the people of Iran for human rights, justice and democracy.

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