

Media Release & Open Letter to the Prime Minister and Attorney General of Australia
25/1/2024

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Action Against Human Rights Violations by the Islamic Republic

Dear Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Attorney General Mark Dreyfus,

We, a coalition of 27 Australian-Iranian groups and organizations, are reaching out to express our deep dismay and unequivocal condemnation of the actions of the Islamic Republic. Specifically, we are appalled by the execution of two young protesters, Mohammed Ghobadlou and Farhad Salimi, without due process. This act represents a blatant disregard for even the most basic standards of justice and human rights and cannot be overlooked or understated in terms of its severity.

As Australians, we firmly uphold the values of democracy, freedom, and the rule of law. The actions of the Islamic Republic starkly contradict these values. We urge the Australian Government to take a resolute stand against such injustices and consider the following actions:

- 1- Severing Diplomatic Relationships: Given the gravity of these human rights violations, we believe it is imperative for the Australian Government to reassess and potentially sever its diplomatic ties with the Islamic Republic. This would serve as a statement of solidarity with the victims and a stance against tyranny.
- 2- Designating the IRGC as a Terrorist Organization: The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has played a central role in suppressing basic human rights and freedoms in Iran. Designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization would be a meaningful step in acknowledging and acting against their role in these violations.
- 3- Addressing Islamic Republic's Diplomats, Organizations, and Proxies in Australia: We call for a thorough review and action against the Islamic Republic's diplomats, organizations, and proxies operating in Australia. It is essential to ensure that they are not contributing to or supporting the regime's oppressive actions.

These proposed actions are not merely punitive; they are a necessary response to uphold the principles of justice, human dignity, and the rule of law. Australia has always been a nation that stands against oppression and for the rights of people to live in freedom and security. It is time to reaffirm these values in the face of a blatant disregard for human life and liberty.

We trust in the Australian Government's commitment to these principles and look forward to seeing decisive actions taken in this regard. The world is watching, and history will remember the choices made today.

Sincerely,
Australian Iranian Community Alliance Inc.