



### **The Norwegian and Sweden Minister of Foreign Affairs,**

Due to the speed of information exchange in the communication age, you are probably more or less aware of what happened in Iran last month. On November 16, Hassan Rouhani's government announced the tripling of oil prices. The people decided to peacefully turn off their cars to protest this decision. The increase in the price of oil means the increase in the price of transportation which has a direct effect on the price of all essential commodities.

Today, due to forty years of hostility by the leaders of the Islamic Republic, more than half of our country's population, which is one of the richest countries in the world, live below the poverty line. And what drove the Iranian people to the streets after the price of petrol was increased, was the defense of their trampled identities and dignity. More poverty means prostitution, the sale of kidneys, liver, and babies. It means divorce. It means more beggars who sleep in parks, streets and graves. It means more weight-carriers, fuel-carriers. It means more robberies. It means fraud and ultimately the death of trust and human values.

These quiet protests were marred by violence by the government. The plain clothed officers and the revolutionary guards destroyed public and private property and set fire to the banks to paint the protesters as rioters so that they could hold their drumhead courts. However, the videos that were shared by people and on the Internet called the government's bluff. Although international criminal law prohibits shooting at unarmed protesters, snipers from rooftops and helicopters opened fire at unarmed protesters who were in no way an immediate threat to the regime. Many were also killed by direct shots from a very close distance. While the government tried to hide its crimes by shutting down the Internet, a video revealed a tragedy in Mahshahr where a group of protesters were strafed while trying to hide in a forest of reeds.

The voices of women and children were heard among the screams. In the meantime, even passersbys who were not present at the protests or those standing outside the windows of their homes were shot. All the killings in Iran took place while similar demonstrations in other countries would only face tear gas or water tanks. Over the course of a week more than 1500 people were killed, 12000 were arrested and 7000 were injured. Among the dead were 18 children.

Those arrested are also held in inhumane conditions and some of them are getting killed under torture.

Given the pressures on families and the Internet shutdown, there is no accurate information on the circumstances of those arrested and the exact number of those killed. For this reason only the names of some of those killed and arrested are attached.

So far, Leila Vaseghi, the governor of Ghale Hassan Khan, who has confessed to her role in the massacre of protesters, will have a criminal case opened in the World Court, and she will be arrested

on an international arrest warrant if she leaves Iran. Following this act, to hold accountable the commander and killers of unarmed children and protesters in Iran.

The leaders of the Islamic Republic have been enabled by the silent policy of the international community to keep on killing people; and their representatives in international assemblies have lied to upset the truth. Now we demand to summon the Iranian ambassador and the leaders of the Islamic Republic to hold them accountable for the killing of innocent people during November, and also ask for the unconditional release of those arrested and the closure of the Iranian embassy in Norway and Sweden.

With respect.

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