

## **Our demands for a new Iran policy**

Dear Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock,

Iran is currently at the beginning of a revolution: mass protests against the regime are taking place all over the country. The protesters, who come from all strata of society, want to finally get rid of the nightmare Islamic Republic and are fighting for their freedom.

We declare our solidarity with the Iranian people who demand freedom and with all Iranians who fight for human rights for women.

However, the regime is using extreme and brutal violence against the population. In this dangerous situation, the protesters demand that this time the governments of democratic states under the rule of law do not keep the Iranian regime alive with their support.

The German government should act consistently to put a stop to the regime. Only consistent action can improve the situation for Iranians.

With today's rally we would like to present our demand for a new Iran policy, which should be based on the motto: No more support for the regime, but every support for the protest movement, because the future belongs to it.

In this sense, we thank you for clearly siding with the protesters in Iran. We welcome the fact that you have publicly invited representatives of Iranian civil society to talks. It is good and important that the Federal Government has decided to put a stop to deportations to Iran.

And we welcome the fact that the German government has announced sanctions against the regime in Iran. These must hit the regime hard. That is why we call on you and the entire German government to:

- ... halt all official negotiations with the Islamic Republic, because the regime can only hold on to power by committing serious human rights violations,
- ... impose tough sanctions against Iran's repressive elite. This includes a complete ban against the Revolutionary Guards.
- ... impose a far-reaching visa ban on all state representatives of the regime and their families.

- ... cancel any deal that provides the regime with income that finances violence against its own people. To this end, all trade relations should be stopped immediately.
- ...follow Canada's example and impose sanctions on all members of the repressive apparatus. Canada's sanctions list includes 10,000 members of the Revolutionary Guards who are no longer allowed to enter the country. Canada's government calls the Revolutionary Guards a "terrorist organization." We urge you to use equally clear language. Following the example of the ban on activities against Hezbollah, a ban on activities against the Revolutionary Guards should be imposed.
- It is right that sanctions should be imposed at EU level. However, complicated coordination processes must not be allowed to slow down necessary sanctions. Germany should lead the way with sanctions at the national level in such a case. Therefore, the Bundestag should pass a Magnitsky Act that makes sanctions possible quickly and effectively at the national level.
- ... demand the unconditional release of all foreign hostages. The regime is using the hostage-taking policy to try to extort concessions and funding from the West.
- ... to revoke Iran Air's landing and takeoff permission. Because Iran Air is also involved in the criminal war in Syria supported by Russia and Iran.
- ... to grant protection to Iranian dissidents and women's rights activists who have fled to Germany.
- ... to close the Islamic regime's outposts in Germany, which include the Islamic Center Hamburg, and to expel Iranian representatives. This also serves the internal security in Germany and the security of the Iranians protesting here for freedom in Iran.

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Long live free and secular Iran!

Yours sincerely,

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