

Human Rights and Iran - Demands on the New German Government

In view of systematic and most serious human rights crimes in Iran, both in the past and in the present, the organizations "International Women in Power", "Menschenrechte Einundzwanzig" and the "Mideast Freedom Forum Berlin" appeal to the new German government:

We demand that Germany join Amnesty International and the UN Special Rapporteur on Iran, Javād Rehmān, in calling for Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to be investigated under international law for his involvement in past and ongoing crimes. We demand that the German government support the establishment of an international commission of inquiry to investigate the 1988 mass executions.

We demand that the German government stop downplaying the excessive and systematic violations of human rights in Iran as a "precarious human rights situation," as it does in the new coalition agreement, and instead publicly and firmly condemn them.

We demand that the German government react to executions and torture of opposition members with immediate sanctions against those responsible, especially by banning them from entering the EU and Germany and by freezing funds.

We demand that the German government not only show solidarity with the democrats in Belarus, but also declare for Iran: "We stand by the people [in Iran] and support their desire for new elections, democracy, freedom as well as the rule of law and demand the unconditional release of all political prisoners."

We also demand that the German government invite relevant representatives of the Iranian opposition, and in particular the women's rights movement, to exploratory talks and high-profile manifestations.