



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the latest attacks against women and women's rights defenders in Iran, and Iran's arbitrary detention of EU nationals
(2023/2979(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the latest attacks against women and women's rights defenders in Iran, and Iran's arbitrary detention of EU nationals (2023/2979(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Iran,
 - having regard to Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas widespread and systematic violations of human rights of women and girls are evident in Iran; whereas women and girls are protesting against abusive and degrading Iranian laws such as mandatory veiling; whereas the 2023 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought has been awarded to Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran;
- B. whereas on 29 October, during the funeral of Amita Garawand, a young Iranian woman who has reportedly lost her life at the hands of the morality police, Iranian authorities carried out violent and arbitrary arrests and imprisonments with the purpose of silencing demands for freedom and justice;
- C. whereas Nasrin Sotoudeh, distinguished Iranian lawyer, was detained at the funeral of Amita Garawand for not wearing the hijab and is facing arbitrary charges of "conspiring against national security."
- D. whereas Narges Mohammadi, human rights defender and 2023 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has been arbitrarily detained and denied adequate medical care with access conditioned on compliance with abusive laws related to mandatory veiling;
- E. whereas Johan Floderus, a Swedish citizen and EU official, was arrested on 17 April 2022 at the Tehran airport and was taken to the Evin prison where he is arbitrarily detained; whereas Iran allegedly requested a prisoner exchange for Floderus, and wanted Iranian official Hamid Nouri in exchange, who is sentenced to life imprisonment in Sweden for his involvement in mass killings in Iran;
- F. whereas Swedish-Iranian national Dr Ahmadreza Djalali was arrested 2016 by the Iranian security forces; whereas he was sentenced to death on spurious espionage charges following a grossly unfair trial based on a confession extracted under torture;
1. Strongly condemns the ongoing deterioration of the human rights situation in Iran; calls on the Iranian authorities to end all measures that are depriving women and girls of their rights;
 2. Strongly condemns the violent assault and unjust detention carried out by Iranian authorities during the funeral of Armita Geravand; calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately release all women and girls and anyone arbitrarily detained solely for peacefully exercising their human rights;

3. Strongly condemns the detention of Narges Mohammadi; expresses its deep concern about her health condition; calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Narges Mohammadi and assure continuous medical care, without conditioning that on compliance with mandatory hijab use;
4. Calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Johan Floderus and allow for his immediate return home;
5. Reiterates its call on the Council to designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation and to expand the EU sanctions list to all those responsible for human rights violations in Iran;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and the Government and Parliament of Iran.