

Justice for the Victims of the 1988 Massacre in Iran (JVMI)

Open letter to UN High Commissioner Volker Türk

August 2024

Dear High Commissioner,

We, current and former UN and international human rights and legal experts and organisations as well as Nobel laureates and statesmen serving democracy and human rights, write following the publication of a landmark report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding Iran's atrocity crimes over the past 45 years.

We would like to commend Prof. Javaid Rehman for his six years of distinguished service to the cause of human rights in Iran as Special Rapporteur and in particular for his courage and determination in seeking truth and accountability for the mass executions of tens of thousands of political prisoners in 1981-1982 and the 1988 massacre. We look forward to working with Prof. Rehman's successor, Dr. Mai Sato, in pursuing the quest for truth and accountability, ending impunity, and guaranteeing non-recurrence.

Special Rapporteur Rehman has challenged the culture of impunity in Iran by underlining in his report that the 1988 extra-judicial executions and enforced disappearances of thousands of political prisoners constitute ongoing crimes against humanity.

His report further states "there is considerable evidence that mass killings, torture and other inhumane acts against members of PMOI were conducted with genocidal intent."

"Khomeini's 1988 fatwa is manifestly clear that he intentionally and purposefully ordered the mass executions of all steadfast PMOI members, an ordinance which was also subsequently implemented against members of other groups. The wilful executioners implemented Khomeini's fatwa in full knowledge that they were committing international crimes by systematically and deliberately murdering political prisoners all across the country in a coordinated manner."

"The magnitude and numbers of those involved in these crimes is enormous stretching from the Supreme Leader, the Sharia's judges, the prosecutors, representative from the Ministry of Intelligence, members of the "death commission" and their facilitators; prison guards, members of the Revolutionary Guards and all those who facilitated the commission of these crimes in international law and their subsequent ongoing concealment."

The Special Rapporteur's report opens a pathway to justice and an end to impunity in Iran. In line with his recommendations, we urge Your Excellency to use your good offices and call on the Human Rights Council to establish an international accountability mechanism to take actionable measures aimed at ending impunity for Iran's atrocity crimes, chief among them the 1988 massacre.

In light of the Special Rapporteur's landmark report, we also encourage the co-sponsors of the Canadian-led annual UN Third Committee resolution on Iran to include a specific reference to the 1988 massacre in this year's resolution to meaningfully counter the ongoing culture of impunity in Iran.

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