

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 15, 2011

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

On April 12, 2011, the European Union designated 32 individuals as Iranian human rights abusers. Of those, the United States currently lists only seven as violators of Iranian human rights.

Therefore, we urge you to immediately investigate for possible designation as human rights abusers the following 25 individuals listed by the European Union as Iranian human rights abusers pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions and Divestment Act (CISADA) and Executive Order 13553 (names and descriptions as published by the European Union):

1. **AHMADI-MOQADDAM Esmail:** Chief of Iran's National Police. Forces under his command led brutal attacks on peaceful protests, and a violent night time attack on the dormitories of Tehran University on June 15, 2009.
2. **ALLAHKARAM Hossein:** Ansar-e Hezbollah Chief and Colonel in the IRGC. He co-founded Ansar-e Hezbollah. This paramilitary force was responsible for extreme violence during crackdown against students and universities in 1999, 2002 and 2009.
3. **ARAGHI (ERAGHI) Abdollah:** Deputy Head of IRGC's Ground Forces. He had a direct and personal responsibility in the crackdown of protests all through the Summer of 2009.
4. **FAZLI Ali:** Deputy Commander of the Basij, former Head of the IRGC's Seyyed al-Shohada Corps, Tehran Province (until February 2010). The Seyyed al-Shohada Corps is in charge of security in Tehran province and played a key role in brutal repression of protesters in 2009.
5. **HAMEDANI Hossein:** Head of the IRGC's Rassoulollah Corps in charge of Greater Tehran since November 2009. The Rassoulollah Corps is in charge of security in greater Tehran, and played a key role in violent suppression of protesters in 2009. Responsible for the crackdown of protests through Ashura events (December 2009) and since.

6. **KHALILI Ali:** IRGC General, Head of the Medical Unit of Sarollah Base. He signed a letter sent to the Ministry of Health June 26 2009 forbidding the submission of documents or medical records to anyone injured or hospitalized during post-elections events.
7. **MOTLAGH Bahram Hosseini:** Head of the IRGC's Seyyed al-Shohada Corps, Tehran Province. The Seyyed al-Shohada Corps played a key role in organising the repression of protests.
8. **RAJABZADEH Azizollah:** Former Head of Tehran Police (until January 2010). As Commander of the Law Enforcement Forces in the Greater Tehran, Azizollah Rajabzadeh is the highest ranking accused in the case of abuses in Kahrizak Detention Center.
9. **SAJEDI-NIA Hossein:** Head of Tehran Police, former Deputy Chief of Iran's National Police responsible for Police Operations. He is in charge of coordinating, for the Ministry of Interior, repression operations in the Iranian capital.
10. **SHARIATI Seyed Hassan:** Head of Mashhad Judiciary. Trials under his supervision have been conducted summarily and inside closed sessions, without adherence to basic rights of the accused, and with reliance on confessions extracted under pressure and torture. As execution rulings were issued en masse, death sentences were issued without proper observance of fair hearing procedures.
11. **DORRI-NADJAFABADI Ghorban-Ali:** Former Prosecutor General of Iran until September 2009 (former Intelligence minister under Khatami presidency). As Prosecutor General of Iran, he ordered and supervised the show trials following the first post-election protests, where the accused were denied their rights, an attorney. He also carries responsibility for the Kahrizak abuses.
12. **HADDAD Hassan (alias Hassan Zareh Dehnavi):** Judge, Tehran Revolutionary Court, branch 26. He was charge of the detainee cases related to the post-election crises and regularly threatened families of detainees in order to silence them. He has been instrumental in issuing detention orders to the Kahrizak Detention Centre.
13. **Hodjatoleslam Seyed Mohammad SOLTANI:** Judge, Mashhad Revolutionary Court. Trials under his jurisdiction have been conducted summarily and inside closed session, without adherence to basic rights of the accused. As execution rulings were issued en masse, death sentences were issued without proper observance of fair hearing procedures.
14. **HEYDARIFAR Ali-Akbar:** Judge, Tehran Revolutionary Court. He participated in protesters trial. He was questioned by the Judiciary about Kahrizak exactions. He was instrumental in issuing detention orders to consign detainees to Kahrizak Detention Centre

15. **MOGHISSEH Mohammad (a.k.a. NASSERIAN):** Judge, Head of Tehran Revolutionary Court, branch 28. He is in charge of post-election cases. He issued long prison sentences during unfair trials for social, political activists and journalists and several death sentences for protesters and social and political activists.
16. **PIR-ABASSI Abbas:** Tehran Revolutionary Court, branches 26 and 28. He is in charge of post-election cases, he issued long prison sentences during unfair trials against human rights activists and has issued several death sentences for protesters.
17. **MORTAZAVI Amir:** Deputy Prosecutor of Mashhad. Trials under his prosecution have been conducted summarily and inside closed session, without adherence to basic rights of the accused. As execution rulings were issued en masse, death sentences were issued without proper observance of fair hearing procedures.
18. **SALAVATI Abdolghassem:** Judge, Head of Tehran Revolutionary Court, branch 15. In charge of the post-election cases, he was the Judge presiding the “show trials” in summer 2009, he condemned to death two monarchists that appeared in the show trials. He has sentenced more than a hundred political prisoners, human rights activists and demonstrators to lengthy prison sentences.
19. **SHARIFI Malek Adjar:** Head of East Azerbaidjan Judiciary. He was responsible for Sakineh Mohammadi-Ashtiani’s trial.
20. **ZARGAR Ahmad:** Judge, Tehran Appeals Court, branch 36. He confirmed long-term jail warrants and death warrants against protesters.
21. **YASAGHI Ali-Akbar:** Judge, Mashhad Revolutionary Court. Trials under his jurisdiction have been conducted summarily and inside closed session, without adherence to basic rights of the accused. As execution rulings were issued en masse, death sentences were issued without proper observance of fair hearing procedures.
22. **BOZORGNIA Mostafa:** Head of ward 350 of Evin Prison. He unleashed on a number of occasions disproportionate violence upon prisoners.
23. **ESMAILI Gholam-Hossein:** Head of Iran’s Prisons Organization. In this capacity, he was complicit to the massive detention of political protesters and covering up abuses performed in the jailing system.
24. **SEDAQAT Farajollah:** Assistant Secretary of the General Prison Administration in Tehran - Former Head of Evin’s prison, Tehran until October 2010 during which time torture took place. He was warden and threatened and exerted pressure on prisoners numerous times.

25. **ZANJIREI Mohammad-Ali:** As Deputy Head of Iran's Prisons Organization, responsible for abuses and deprivation of rights in detention center. He ordered the transfer of many inmates into solitary confinement.

In addition, on March 2, 2011, you testified that there is "certainly evidence" that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is responsible for human rights abuses in Iran.

Therefore, we urge you to designate President Ahmadinejad as an Iranian human rights abuser pursuant to Section 105 of CISADA and Executive Order 13553.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



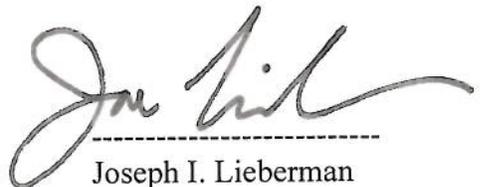
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