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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 150 of the Rules of Procedure

on Human Rights situation in Iran, notably the cases of Ms. Taraneh Rahimi and Ms. Leila Abolhasani
(2026/2912(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on Human Rights situation in Iran, notably the cases of Ms. Taraneh Rahimi and Ms. Leila Abolhasani (2026/2912(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 150(5) and 136(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the human rights situation in Iran remains dire and the regime continues to brutally suppress its citizens; whereas the Iranian authorities carried out the largest killing of protesters in the country's modern history during the 2025-2026 uprising, with thousands killed, including at least 236 minors, and mass detentions, torture and executions;
- B. whereas Leila Abolhasani, who was arrested on the night of 8 January 2026, was reportedly convicted of “enmity against God” and arson and sentenced to death, whilst no evidence was presented against her;
- C. whereas Taraneh Rahimi, who was arrested roughly a month after the protests of 8 and 9 January 2026, was sentenced to death by a Revolutionary Court as part of a wider wave of protest-related prosecutions;
- D. whereas in 2026 the Iranian authorities have executed at least 31 people convicted of offences in connection with the January 2026 protests, following torture-tainted grossly unfair trials; whereas Iran has one of the world's highest execution rates per capita and the authorities are reportedly using the ongoing war as cover to accelerate executions;
- 1. Strongly condemns the death sentences against Leila Abolhasani and Taraneh Rahimi; urges the Iranian authorities to revoke the sentences and immediately and unconditionally release them; stresses that reports have indicated that both women have been subject to torture and other forms of ill-treatment;
- 2. Recalls that Taraneh Rahimi’s sister Romina has also been detained and condemned to 25 years in prison; deplores that the Iranian authorities have denied both the right to see their families;
- 3. Recalls that in a recent statement, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Iran raised serious concerns about the increasing number of women sentenced to death on security-related charges, including Zahra Shahbaz Tabari as well as Varisheh Moradi, Arghavan Fallahi and Bitra Hemmati, whose death sentences were overturned on appeal but who remain at risk of being sentenced to death again upon retrial;
- 4. Calls on the Iranian regime to halt any use of violence against civilians, suspend all executions and put an end to its repression of civilians; demands the release of all individuals in arbitrary detention;

5. Condemns the Iranian regime's persecution of religious and ethnic minorities, such as Christians and Baha'is; deplores that over recent months the regime has intensified its campaign against women's rights activists, journalists and human rights defenders;
6. Calls on Iran to introduce an immediate moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty;
7. Urges the Council to impose targeted sanctions on those responsible for these sentences and for the repression of protesters;
8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to closely monitor the situation of those detained for exercising their fundamental rights and to seek trial-observation access;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the VP/HR, the Commission, the Member States, the United Nations and the Office of the President of Iran.