

Our demands for a new Iran policy

Dear Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock,

Iran is currently at the brim of a revolution: mass protests against the regime are taking place across the country. The protesters, who come from all walks of life, finally want to get rid of the nightmare that is the Islamic Republic and are fighting for their freedom.

We express our solidarity with the Iranian people who are demanding freedom and with all Iranian women who are fighting for human rights for women.

But the regime is using extreme and brutal force against the population. In this dangerous situation, the protesters are demanding that this time around the governments of democratic constitutional states do not support the Iranian regime, as in keeping them alive.

The federal government should act consistently to put a stop to the terror of the regime. Only consistent action can improve the situation for the Iranians.

With today's rally we would like to present to you our demand for a new Iran policy, which should be based on the motto: no more support for the regime, but all support for the protest movement, because the future belongs to them.

With that in mind, we thank you for standing firmly with the protesters in Iran. We welcome the fact that you have publicly invited representatives of Iranian civil society to talks. It is good and important that the federal government has decided to stop deportations of asylum seekers back to Iran.

And we welcome the fact that the German government has announced sanctions against the regime in Iran. These must hit the regime hard. That is why we call on you and the entire federal government to

- stop all official negotiations with the Islamic Republic because the regime can only stay in power through serious violations of human rights.
- to impose harsh sanctions on Iran's repressive elite. This includes a complete ban on the Revolutionary Guards.
- to impose a visa freeze on all regime state officials and their families.

- rescind any agreement that provides the regime with income that funds violence against its own people. To this end, all trade relations should be stopped immediately.
- follow the example of Canada, to impose sanctions on all members of the repressive apparatus. Canada's sanctions list includes 10,000 members of the Revolutionary Guards who are no longer allowed to enter the country. Canada's government describes the Revolutionary Guards as a "terrorist organization". We urge you to use equally clear language. Following the model of the activity ban against Hezbollah, an activity ban was to be imposed on the Revolutionary Guards.

It is right that sanctions should be imposed at EU level. However, it must not be the case that complicated coordination processes slow down the necessary sanctions. In such a case, Germany should proceed with sanctions at the national level.

- to demand the unconditional release of all foreign hostages. With the policy of taking hostages, the regime is trying to extort concessions and financial resources from the West.
- that Iran Air be deprived of landing and take-off permission. Iran Air is also involved in the criminal war in Syria supported by Russia and Iran.
- that Iranian dissidents and women's rights activists who have fled to Germany be granted protection.
- the closure of the outposts of the Islamic regime in Germany, including the Islamic Center Hamburg, and the expulsion of Iranian representatives. This also serves the internal security in Germany and the security of the Iranians protesting here for freedom in Iran.

Long live free and secular Iran!

Sincerely,

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Im Namen der Unterzeichnenden