

Women*, Life, Freedom



From Prisons in Iran,
To Burning Tents in Palestine

Power to the people means people's revolution for liberation

Feminist solidarity against fascism, warmongering, imperialism, and Zionism

Our struggle is not only against the dictatorship in Iran; our voice is raised not just against gender oppression and the persecution of minorities in Iran. Our fight is against all individuals, governments, and oppressive criminal forces whose hands are stained with the blood of thousands and who have contributed to the destruction of many ecosystems. In the war between regressive fronts, we support the popular revolution for liberation and decisively say: The slaughter and colonization by the Israeli regime must end. We, feminists from the geography of Iran, stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine, Lebanon, and Yemen, and resist Israel's warmongering, murderous colonial advancements, terrorism, and killing machine.

For decades, the people of Southwest Asia have either been under the grip of dictators, colonizers, and capitalists in the region—exploited and colonized—or on the brink of war. In these confrontations with death, our insistence on 'Life' is stronger than ever. 'Jin, Jiyan, Azadi' (Woman, Life, Freedom) is our roadmap to reclaim the dignity of life. We believe in bottom-up grassroots organizing to realize liberation, the right to self-determination, and a life based on social justice. We have no need for the sermons of a fascist war criminal and the head of an apartheid state.

On the anniversary of the intensification of the genocide of the people of Palestine and the continuation of the war in Lebanon, we say no to the masculine voice of war in the region, and while we fight against the dictatorship and regressive forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, we also stand against the colonialism and crimes of the Zionist regime and its imperialist backers. We see the fight against Israel's fascism and colonialism as intertwined with our own struggle for self-determination.

We do not view our fate as separate from the fate of the nations of Palestine, Lebanon, and other peoples of the region. This shared destiny is the result of the interconnectedness of the colonial and murderous regimes established in the region, as well as the intervention of imperialist powers. We know too well that our liberation is not possible without the liberation of all nations in the region, without the people's revolution.

Jin, Jiyan, Azadi (Woman, Life, Freedom)

Long live the resistance of oppressed people in Palestine, Iran, and the entire Global South!

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Jin, Jiyan, Azadi as in **FREE PALESTINE**



Iranian women activists and supporters of the “Women*, Life, Freedom” movement have consistently emphasized the need to transcend the binary narrative of “either Israel or the Islamic Republic” since the onset of the recent conflict. From behind prison walls and beyond, they have articulated the critical importance of solidarity with Palestine, urging a collective resistance against warmongering.

These activists recognize that the struggles of women in Iran and the plight of the Palestinian people are interconnected, rooted in broader systems of patriarchal and imperialist violence. They assert that the fight for justice and human rights cannot be limited to a singular focus on one region or one group; rather, it must encompass a comprehensive understanding of how various forms of oppression intersect globally. In their statements and messages, these Iranian women activists have highlighted the urgency of building solidarity across borders, calling for a unified front against all forms of violence, whether perpetrated by state actors in Iran or foreign powers in Palestine. They remind us that true liberation is collective, requiring the dismantling of oppressive systems that affect marginalized communities everywhere.

This collection will explore the powerful messages conveyed by these activists, illustrating their unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and solidarity. Their voices serve as a beacon of hope and resilience, challenging us to recognize our shared struggles and to stand together against the injustices faced by women and oppressed peoples around the world.

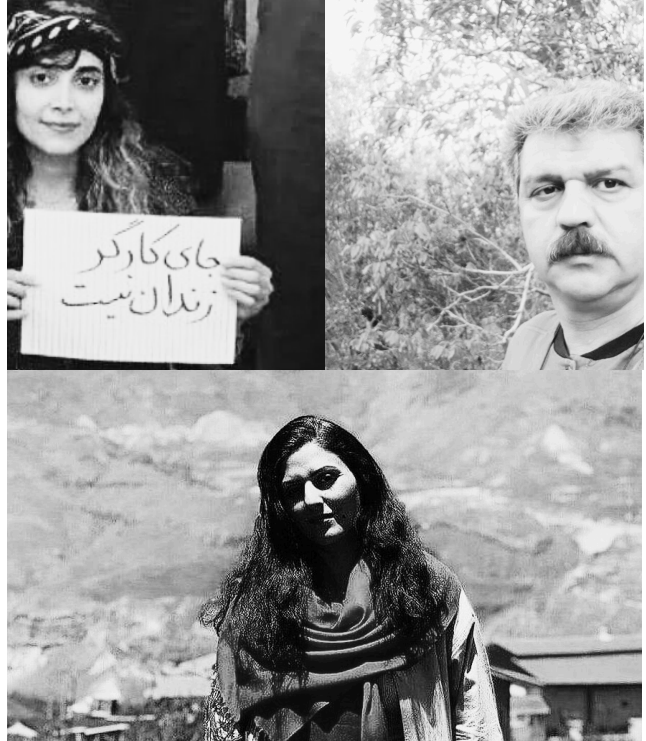
Atefeh Rangriz: For Palestine, For Us, For Our Resistance



Atefeh Rangriz, a researcher, writer, and women's rights activist, sent a poignant voice message while being held indefinitely at the Semnan Intelligence Detention Center and Shahroud Prison, shortly after the war began. Atefeh was first arrested on May 1, 2019, during an International Workers' Day demonstration outside the Iranian parliament. After weeks of interrogation by intelligence officials, she was brought before the prosecutor's office at Evin Prison, facing multiple charges, including "gathering and colluding against national security," "spreading propaganda against the system," "disrupting public order," and "insulting officers on duty." Her second arrest occurred amid a wave of rearrests targeting protesters and opposition figures leading up to the anniversary of Jina (Mahsa) Amini's tragic death.

“For Palestine, for us, for our resistance. Palestine; The Occupied Land; Home to the Olive Trees; Home to the Winds of Struggle and Resistance; It is for you that I write even though my hands are tied... We will neither forget nor forgive the fire reigning on you. We have always fought for justice and we will never cease to do so... [interruption by prison's auto notice]. We oppose the fires that kill, execute, commit genocide...”

Nine Political Prisoners: La guerre n'est une bénédiction que pour les forces réactionnaires



Anisha Asadollahi (translator and labor rights activist), **Reza Shahabi** (trade unionist and prominent board member of [spell out acronym] SWTSBC), **Kayvan Mohtadi** (translator and labor rights activist), **Golrokh Iraee** (writer and human rights defender), **Arash Juhari** (labor rights activist), **Maziar Seyednejad** (workers' rights activist), **Omid Masir** (political prisoner), **Mehran Raoufi** (political prisoner), and **Foad Fathi** (trade union activist) issued a statement from Evin Prison a month after the war began:

“War is a blessing for reactionary forces. We experienced this during the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq that helped the Islamic Republic of Iran consolidate its power and resulted in the massacre of thousands of political prisoners in the 1980s. A regime that last year and the year before slaughtered thousands of children and teenagers now seeks to conceal its reactionary nature under the pretext of defending the Palestinian people.”

“The strongest enemy of this monster today is the awareness and will of the people of the Middle East, manifested in the slogan ‘Women, Life, Freedom.’ The interpretation of this slogan means supporting human dignity and opposing discrimination and apartheid in all its forms.”

Elaheh Mohammadi: To Wael Al-Dahdouh and All Palestinian Journalists



Elaheh Mohammadi is an Iranian journalist recognized for her courageous reporting on social and gender issues, most notably her coverage of Jina (Mahsa) Amini's funeral. Jina, a young Kurdish woman, died after being violently arrested by the morality police, sparking the Jin, Jiyan, Azadi (Women*, Life, Freedom) movement. Amid severe repression of free speech in Iran, Elaheh's work on this pivotal event led to her arrest in September 2022, gaining widespread international attention. In 2023, she was honored by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Elaheh Mohammadi, who was honored with the 20th José Couso Press Freedom Award along with Nilufar Hamedi, reached out to the Professional Association of Journalists of Galicia and the Press Club of Ferrol, organizers of the award, despite her difficult situation in Iran. Mohammadi stated that she felt "truly honored and proud to have been chosen" to receive the award, and she extended the recognition **"to Wael Al-Dahdouh and all Palestinian journalists who have made great sacrifices to draw attention to the situation in Gaza."** Finally, the journalist expressed her hope **"for a world where journalists can work in safety and freedom, especially those who bravely report on oppression and refuse to be silenced."**

Narges Mohammadi: Le déclin de l'humanité à l'échelle mondiale



Narges Mohammadi, Iranian human rights activist and Nobel laureate known for her tireless advocacy for women's rights and human rights in Iran.

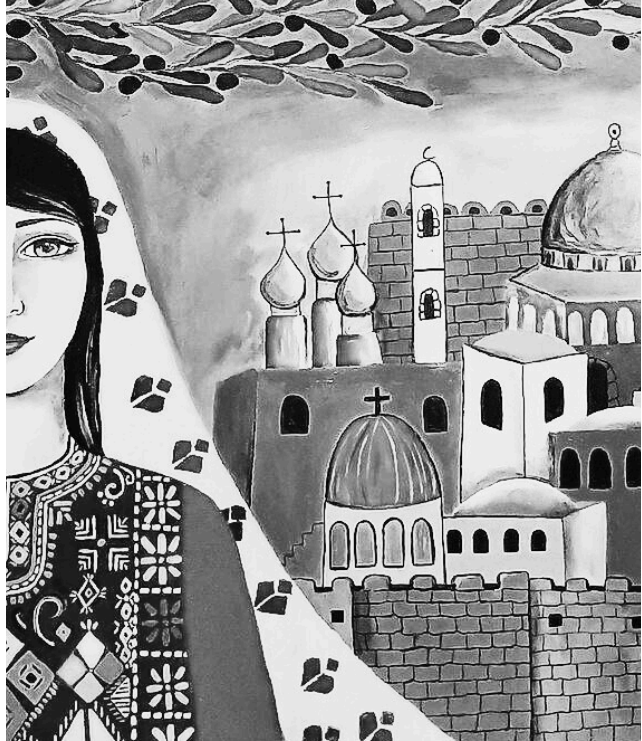
Sentenced to 16 years in prison in 2016 for her activism, she was released in 2020 but returned to prison in 2021, where she has reported on the abuse faced by detained women. In October 2023, while still incarcerated, she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her fight against the oppression of women and her commitment to promoting human rights and freedom for all, a decision condemned by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Children burning in refugee tents is an image of the decline of humanity in the world. Whatever the outcome may be, it will undoubtedly not be a 'gain' for humanity, but will rather add to the losses of mankind and this era.”



Dasgoharan:

“Palestine is not a geographical territory. It is the symbol of humanity, justice, freedom, and democracy” Naji al-Ali



In the wake of the revolutionary movement "Women, Life, Freedom" in Iran, a group of Baluch women launched an Instagram page to amplify their voices. These women confront unique forms of gender-based oppression specific to their circumstances and face diverse challenges in their struggle for resistance. Identifying themselves as "Dasgoharan," they are determined to represent their narratives without relying on external interpretations. Rejecting the typically centralized human rights perspective that aims to highlight the "voiceless," they emphasize their own agency and experiences.

“We believe that those who stand for Woman Life Freedom cannot remain indifferent to the struggles of subjugated and oppressed nations in other parts of the world; for the fate of people in the Global South is interconnected, and they cannot be complicit in the machinery of slaughter and warmongering. Deep solidarity with the liberation struggles of other nations is a cornerstone of the political fight against oppression, repression, and exploitation in Iran. We must condemn the warmongering against oppressed and occupied nations, and this cannot be achieved solely through humanitarian and symbolic gestures”



Feminists and Human Rights Activists: There are Double Standards in International Law Regarding Israel



A total of 262 Iranian activists from the justice-seeking movement, feminist advocates, researchers, social activists, human rights defenders, and former political prisoners, both inside and outside of Iran, have signed this letter. The full list of signatories, along with the complete text and its English translation, is available.

“As human rights activists from a country where we have struggled to hold our government to account for human rights violations, we look to international law mechanisms to seek redress for the injustices we have suffered. We are dismayed to see these institutions and mechanisms undermined and put at great risk of being rendered completely irrelevant as a result of the double standards being applied to the state of Israel. It is deeply troubling to see the same countries that purport to support human rights offering military, financial, and political support to Israel, even in the face of abundantly clear evidence of Israel’s countless international crimes.”



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“We fear that the international community’s unwillingness to put an end to this unparalleled scale of violence will only normalize heinous atrocities in all future conflicts. We are also concerned about the expansion and repercussions of this conflict in our region and for our work as rights activists.”

“Therefore, we call on the international community—and specifically countries that are currently supporting the Israeli state—to push for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and the unobstructed provision of humanitarian aid to Palestinians. We call on the supporters of Israel, and especially the US, Germany, and the UK, to end their military aid to the country and press for the entry of independent UN investigators into Gaza, where they can investigate allegations of war crimes and genocide.”



268 “Women*,
Life, Freedom”
Fighters:
We chant “Jin, Jiyan,
Azadî” until Palestine is
free!



A group of 268 advocates for "Jin, Jiyan, Azadi" expressed their solidarity with the Palestinian people, particularly those in Gaza, in a statement released over a month into the conflict. The full text of the statement, along with the list of signatories, is available in multiple languages.

“As we witness genocide being perpetrated by the Israeli state’s occupying forces against Palestinians, overwhelmingly the people of Gaza, as well as the residents of the West Bank, we are filled with anger, pain and devastation. We are deeply troubled by the racist, dehumanising language and hate speech casually broadcasted by the Western media, which has deliberately facilitated facilitated the ongoing violence. Sitting in an unspeakable grief for the countless lives and voices lost during this tragic period, we recognise that mere words and statements cannot restore the lives that we mourn. We firmly believe that the present circumstances demand immediate and urgent action to halt the ongoing genocide and end the systematic oppression of the Palestinian population under settler-colonialism and apartheid.”



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“Jin, Jiyan, Azadî” was our call to reclaim life through reclaiming our bodies. A roar of anger from our violated and oppressed bodies in pursuit of “life” not as it has been dictated to us but as an opportunity for imagining otherwise, continuing the legacy of those freedom fighters who came before us. In the past year, we have been able to reclaim “revolution” from the rotten and patriarchal “revolutionary” discourse of the Islamic Republic. We reclaimed “revolution,” embodied it through the depths of our collective voices and redefined it through our feminist values and desires. Jina, deciphered “revolution”: Jin Jiyan Azadî.”



Mothers for Peace
in Iran:

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A collective of mothers from across Iran, representing diverse ethnicities and faiths. Their youth was spent fighting against the dictatorship of the Shah and imperialism, motivated by the hope of building a prosperous and free Iran while establishing justice. They endured great sacrifices during the eight-year Iran-Iraq War and beyond, striving to realize the ideals of their homeland. With pride and honor, they have instilled the spirit of justice, freedom, independence, and peace in the veins of their children.

“The staggering number of UN staff, journalists, doctors, and aid workers killed by the Israeli army over the past month is unprecedented in the history of wars in the last hundred years. Such brutal and savage massacres are undoubtedly a war against humanity. How can we explain to our children and youth that the UN is unable to stop a war that, according to your own words, constitutes a crime against humanity?”



ژن، ژيان، ئازادى زن، زندگى، آزادى امراة، حياء، حرية

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