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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 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on latest attacks against women, women's rights defenders in Iran, and its arbitrary detention of EU nationals  
(2023/2979(RSP))

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on latest attacks against women, women's rights defenders in Iran, and its arbitrary detention of EU nationals  
(2023/2979(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rules 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 1.10.23, 16-year-old Armita Garawand was violently attacked at a Tehran metro station by somebody enforcing Iran's degrading and discriminatory veiling laws, causing her hospitalisation and death;
- B. whereas on 29.10.23, human rights defender and Sakharov Prize laureate Nasrin Sotoudeh was arrested attending the funeral of Armita Garawand and severely beaten in custody; whereas 2023 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi remains unjustly imprisoned since 2021 for human rights activism;
- C. whereas the government of Iran arbitrarily detains EU and dual EU-Iranian nationals;
  - 1. Condemns in the strongest terms the latest attacks against innocent women, girls and women's rights defenders in Iran and calls on the Iranian leadership to immediately stop the systemic oppression; expresses its continued solidarity with women and the peaceful protest movement in Iran;
  - 2. Calls the Iranian government to immediately and unconditionally release 2023 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Narges Mohammadi, Sepideh Gholian Golrokh Iraee, Nasrin Javadi and Bahareh Hedayat and all women and others arbitrarily detained for peacefully exercising their human rights;
  - 3. Urges the Iranian government to withdraw the Bill Promoting the Culture of Chastity and Hijab and abolish compulsory veiling;
  - 4. Demands the immediate unconditional release of all arbitrarily detained foreign and dual nationals, including EU nationals, such as Jamshid Sharmahd, Nahid Taghavi and Johan Floderus, Ahmad Reza Djalali; denounces the targeted imprisonment of foreign nationals, including those held amid indications they are hostages;
  - 5. Urges the authorities of Iran to provide the UN Fact-Finding Mission with full, unimpeded access to enact its mandate;
  - 6. Calls on HR/VP to continue condemning the killing and arbitrary arrest of Iranian girls and women and dissenting people across Iran, reiterate the EU's solidarity with the Iranian people and signal Iranian officials that ending systematic impunity in Iran remains an EU priority;
  - 7. Calls on the HR/VP and Member States to publicly condemn the compulsory veiling bill which violates women's civil and political rights and restricts their freedom of movement;

8. Welcomes the latest imposition of EU restrictive measures against Iranian individuals and entities responsible for serious human rights violations from 15.09.2023; calls on the Council to continue identifying and sanctioning perpetrators;
9. Calls on EU member states to initiate criminal investigations into crimes committed by the Iranian authorities under universal jurisdiction;
10. Calls on the EU Member States and the EEAS to activate all diplomatic efforts to free EU nationals and dual nationals detained in Iran; calls on concerned EU Member States to investigate whether the detention of their citizens amounts to hostage-taking, and if so, take all measures to ensure accountability;
11. Calls the Member States to facilitate visas, asylum and emergency grants for those who need to flee Iran, particularly women and girls; reiterates its call on the Commission and Member States to increase technical and capacity support to Iranian civil society;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the EU institutions, HRVP, the Member States, and Iran;