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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 the 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 the 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 its previous resolutions on Iran,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948,
 - having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966,
 - having regard to the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages of 1979,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas women's rights continue to be systematically violated in Iran; whereas women are subject to the obligatory wearing of the veil and if they refuse, face state harassment, violence and death;
- B. whereas on 1 October, Armita Garawand fell into a coma after a violent confrontation with female police officers on the Tehran metro for refusing to wear the veil; whereas she passed away on 28 October and her tragic death has been compared to that of Mahsa Amini;
- C. whereas since Amini's death, an increasing number of women have refused to wear the veil in public and as a result, hundreds have been arrested;
- D. whereas every year, hundreds of women are brutally killed in 'honour killings' and their perpetrators often face no justice for the crimes they have committed;
- E. whereas Iran engages in state sponsored terrorism and hostage diplomacy; whereas European nationals face arrest, unfair trials, and are sentenced on false espionage charges; whereas in September 2023, it was revealed that Iran arrested Swedish national and EU official, Johan Floderus, when he visited Iran in April 2022; whereas Iran had put pressure on the EU not to publicise his arrest, under the false premise that it would help with his release; whereas Dr Ahmadrza Djalali, a Swedish-Iranian national remains on death row in Iran;
1. Deplores the ongoing deterioration of human rights in Iran, including the repression of women's rights; calls on Iran to end all measures that punish women and girls for peacefully exercising their rights and to end the discriminatory laws and veiling requirements for women in Iran;
 2. Deplores Iran's grave abuse of its death penalty, which put over 600 people to death so far in 2023, including juveniles and women, the most since 2015, representing an alarming rise and making Iran the world's largest per capita executor; calls on the international community to take into account Iran's brutality against its people,

including the shocking rise of executions, in its policies;

3. Deplores the use of hostage diplomacy by Iran; calls for the unconditional release of Johan Floderus, Ahmadreza Djalali, other EU nationals, and all unlawfully detained human rights activists and prisoners of conscience in Iran;
4. Expresses its dismay that the Commission financed campaigns trivialising the wearing of the Islamic veil; urges the EU to not finance any campaign that promotes the wearing of the veil;
5. Reiterates its call on the Council to expand the EU sanctions list to all those responsible for human rights violations in Iran, and to designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to all relevant parties.