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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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on behalf of the Renew Group

**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 Rules 144 of its Rules of Procedure;
- A. whereas Armita Geravand died after being assaulted by Iran's morality policy for not wearing a headscarf on 1 October 2023; whereas since attending her funeral, human rights lawyer and Sakharov Prize winner Nasrin Sotoudeh was arbitrarily arrested and released on November 15, 2023;
- B. whereas Narges Mohammadi was awarded the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize "for her struggle against the oppression of women and her fight to promote human rights"; whereas she has been detained since November 2021 alongside other women rights defenders; whereas legal sanctions against women for violating rules on wearing a headscarf increased with stricter legislation since September 2023, using facial recognition technology;
- C. whereas Swedish national Johan Floderus visited Iran as a tourist and has been detained in Evin prison since April 17, 2022 under bogus espionage charges; whereas in May 2022 Swedish-Iranian dissident Habib Chaab was executed; whereas Swedish-Iranian academic Ahmedreza Djalali has been arbitrarily detained since April 2016 and sentenced to death since;
- D. Whereas around twenty EU nationals remain arbitrarily detained in Iran; whereas some have been released in 2023, in return for financial and judicial agreements benefitting Iranian authorities;
1. condemns in the strongest terms the brutal murders of women by Iranian authorities, including Armita Geravand, since the historical protests for women rights that have inspired the world in September 2022; recalls its unwavering support for their aspirations to full equality;
  2. deplores the detention of all women rights defenders including Narges Mohammadi, Sepideh Gholian, Golrokh Iraee, Nasrin Javadi and Bahareh Hedayat and calls for their immediate and unconditional release; urges authorities in the meantime to provide them with full legal and medical protection;
  3. condemns the continued judicial harassment of Sakharov Prize winner Nasrin Sotoudeh and calls for all charges to be dropped;
  4. urges Iranian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release all arbitrarily held EU nationals, including Johan Floderus, and in the meantime to grant them full legal

and medical rights; denounces the cynical use of innocent EU nationals in Iran's hostage diplomacy; calls on the Council to expel Iranian ambassadors from all EU capitals;

5. equally condemns the arbitrary detentions and executions of peaceful protesters in Iran, as well as the impunity in which hundreds of critical voices have been murdered and tortured; is appalled that 580 individuals have been executed between January and October 2023;
6. urges the EU to launch an EU Strategy to Counter Hostage Diplomacy with a dedicated taskforce on Iran, to better assist detainees' families and effectively prevent further hostages, including by increasing warnings against visits to Iran;
7. Reiterates its call to expand the EU sanctions list to all those responsible for human rights violations, and calls on the Council to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organisation;
8. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the EU High Representative, the Commission, the Government and Parliament of Iran;