



## Plight of The Women In Iran



Good Afternoon ladies & gentlemen,

As an Iranian woman, I represent millions of Iranian women, who prior to the tragic Islamic revolution of 1979, had significantly contributed to our nation's prosperity.

Prior to such tragic event, we the women of Iran, free from any harassment by the government, were responsible for many key positions throughout the nation.

In those days, the women of Iran enjoyed such basic right of being treated equally as men, regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, and personal preferences, and were able to work very hard side by side of the men of Iran, towards the goal of prosperity and happiness for all Iranians.

History shows that Prior to the attack of Islamic army 1400 years ago, the great women of Iran such as Poorandokht, Irandokht, and Artemedis, who had managed to prove their qualification by becoming capable queens and stateswomen, played a crucial role in pushed the Persian Empire to the highest levels of civilization and prosperity!

Ladies and gentlemen,

Again, unfortunately, history shows that the barbaric Islamic revolution of twenty five years ago completely turned the plight of women around in Iran!

It is with profound sorrow and regret, that we the women of Iran have to acknowledge that the hard-line Islamic fundamentalist, for the past twenty five year, have managed to savagely strip women of Iran of all their rights!

Today, in Iran, women increasingly, play an incredibly small role in government affairs, or simply said, any affair outside of cooking, cleaning and child rearing!



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Today in Iran, sexual discrimination against women and violence is rampant, and its effects are unimaginable.

In fact today in Iran, discrimination is so bad, that only about 6% of Iranian women hold professional jobs. All public facilities are segregated, and many professions are literally unavailable to females!

Domestic abuse is quite simply considered “a husband’s right” when brought to court, and women have half the right of a man when faced prosecution on any legal matter!

Today in Iran, according to the Islamic rules, before a convicted virgin girl is executed, in order to ensure the lack of possibility for her soul to enter Heaven, the prison guards are to rape such women!

In most cases, the crime of these women may have been such frivolous charges like harboring political ambitions, or wishing a purely plutonic relationship with any man other than their husbands.

Today in Iran, it is very clear to see that the hardships and obstacles women face are the results of the barbaric teachings and practices of the present Islamic regime.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am asking you:

Is it humane for Iranian women to be stoned to death, according to the pre historic laws of Islam?

Is it humane for young virgins of Iran to be sexually and savagely molested before being publicly hanged?



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Is this right for Iranian women to be forced to wear covers, from head to toe, in order to appear in public?

Is it right to maim young men and women for petty thefts that are not even proven to begin with?

Is it humane for young girls to be forced to submit to arranged marriages and often have to marry men much older?

Is it not because of poverty and absolute devastation imposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran that the women of Iran have to bear enduring and intolerable miseries just to survive?

The most disheartening part of the plight of women in Iran is the rapidly growing rate of prostitution and suicide! Today in Iran, the sale of very young and virgin girls to Arab nations has become a very common practice! Daily, young girls and women are subjecting themselves to such practice or suicide, out of dire destitution of having no means to survive!

The physical and mental abuse has literally pushed thousands of women of Iran over the edge. No human being deserves to live under such conditions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The women of Iran have risen to stop this inhumane madness! Suffering such hardships for the last twenty-five years is enough! Today in Iran, women along with men and the young, have risen to stand for democracy by demanding separation of religion and government!



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The mullahs must step down from governing, and face the reality that people of Iran, and in particular women of Iran, will no longer tolerate the brutal and inhumane practices of their regime.

Only then, can the fate of women of Iran be resurrected to what it used to be. A fate of enjoying democracy by being treated humanely, and having equal rights as men!

Thank you and have a great day.

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