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MEPs condemn violent crackdown on protests, urge Iran respect fundamental rights

Iran

Today, the European Parliament voted on a resolution on the death of Mahsa Jina Amini and the repression of women's rights protesters in Iran. The Greens/EFA strongly condemn the death of Mahsa Jina Amini, and all victims of unrestrained violence of security forces. The Greens/EFA call on the Council and Commission to apply pressure to the Iranian authorities to immediately stop violence against protesters and to keep the internet accessible for all.

Ernest Urtasun MEP, Greens/EFA Vice-Coordinator of the Foreign Affairs Committee and European Parliament rapporteur of the resolution on the death of Mahsa Jina Amini and the repression of women's rights protesters in Iran, comments:

“It's been over two weeks since Jina Amin was killed by Iranian morality police and the Iranian authorities have been unable to provide accountability for her or any of the 76 protesters deaths that have occured since. We therefore call on the Iranian authorities to hold an independent, impartial and prompt investigation into the death of Jina Amini and to stop the violence directed against peaceful protesters and human rights defenders.

“Over the past four decades, Iranian women have continued to peacefully protest against the compulsory hijab rules and the violations of their fundamental human rights. Today we want to express our solidarity with women in Iran and the protests across the country.

“We call on the EU and its Member States to use all engagements with the Iranian authorities to put an end to the violent crack-down of protests and to ask for the abolishment of all laws and practices that deprive women of their autonomy and rights. Respect for human rights needs to be a core component in the development of EU-Iran relations.”

More:

On Tuesday, the European Parliament debated the resolution with High Representative Josep Borrell. Watch the debate here.

European Parliament resolution on The death of Mahsa Jina Amini and the repression of women's rights protesters in Iran

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