

# NEWS RELEASE

## Human Chain Project

Bringing People to Bridges

### To be released immediately

There have been several high-profile reports of executions in Iran recently, but what has perhaps been less reported is the scale on which these executions are taking place. Iran will not publish figures, and international Human Rights groups can only estimate on documented cases.

It is alarming that disappearances, instances of torture and executions are increasing at an exponential rate. In this December alone there have been 32 confirmed executions in Iran, and thousands more are awaiting their fate on death row without visiting rights from loved ones or lawyers. The state-run judiciary is responsible for these profound injustices, yet it is accountable to no one.

The Human Chain Project will organize multi-city, international human chains to bring attention to these inexcusable atrocities.

We are Iranian and Non-Iranian Human Rights Defenders from all over the world who have joined together to stand shoulder to shoulder for the same objectives

The aim of the Human Chain project is to form a human chain around the world on March 5 to show our opposition to these acts. The project seeks for immediate action regarding this ongoing wave of executions. Freedom-loving individuals and human rights activists join under this project umbrella to demand the following:

1. Abolition of all forms of execution in Iran
2. Unconditional release of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience
3. Annulment of all current execution orders.

We have no political or hidden agendas with this campaign, but would like to see the simple act of people holding each others' hands in defiance of these atrocities.



Human chains will be formed around the globe carrying banners immortalizing the known names of the victims of these executions as well as the names of those known to be on death row, and subject to persecution.

This document has been circulated around the world in 21 languages.

We urge you to stand by us to be "the voice of the voiceless".

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