

Dear Ayatollah Khamenei,

I have been watching the events in Iran over the past number of weeks with serious concern. I have seen peaceful protests attacked, protesters beaten and, in some cases, killed, and read of thousands being arrested.

I call on you to release all those imprisoned for simply exercising their rights to freedom of speech and assembly. For those accused of engaging in criminal acts, I call on you to ensure they receive a fair trial, with no reliance on forced "confessions" and that they are not sentenced to death.

All those imprisoned must be protected from torture and other forms of ill-treatment. To ensure this, you should clarify who is in detention and where they are being held and allow them access to their families and lawyers of their choice.

Finally, I call on you to clarify who has been killed, and to ensure that all deaths at the hands of security forces or in custody are properly and independently investigated and that anyone responsible for abuses is brought to justice promptly and fairly.

Yours sincerely,