

Ukraine Solidarity Network Statement on Iran Uprising

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THE UKRAINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK (U.S.) expresses its solidarity with the latest mass uprising in Iran, which has been brutally crushed by the Islamic Republic, even as the reactionary forces of monarchy and another U.S. and Israeli military assault threaten to hijack the Iranian people's struggle against religious fundamentalism and authoritarianism.

As the Ukrainian democratic socialist organization Sotsialnyi Rukh (Social Movement) has stated: "The events in Iran will have a significant impact on the whole world and our country in particular. While Putin's Russia is using Iranian drones, among other things, to terrorize the population of Ukraine and attack civilian infrastructure with genocidal intentions to put millions of people at risk of freezing without heating and electricity, the sympathies of ordinary Iranian women and men are on the side of the victims."

The threats by the Trump administration and Israel to intervene militarily for the second time since June 2025 will only strengthen the repressive hand of the Iranian theocratic capitalist oligarchy. It will allow the Iranian regime to tar all resistance as agents of these foreign powers, and to threaten military retaliation and wider war against both Israel and the Gulf monarchies.

The uprising, which emerged from late December 2025 to mid-January 2026, involved people of all classes, genders, ages, nationalities, and religions. It took place in all 31 provinces of Iran. Although negative and monarchist slogans against the regime were prominent, and protest slogans did not have the democratic social content of the 2022 Woman, Life, Freedom movement, participants included many progressives and opponents of both monarchy and imperialist intervention. It has been confirmed that the Iranian regime has killed at least 6,900 people in the course of two weeks and arrested approximately 50,000. It has also shot people in the eyes, neck, torso with military-grade weapons. More opponents of the regime continue to be arrested and executed. Internet access which was almost completely shut down during the uprising remains limited.

The Iranian government tries to discredit Iranian people's protests by labeling all protesters as "terrorists," monarchists, or U.S./Israeli spies. The Russian government also continues to attack the struggle of the Ukrainian people against Russia's imperialist war as a "proxy war" led by "fascists."

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Those Iranians in exile who can speak out without the threat of repression can try to dispel Russian disinformation about the nature of the Ukrainian struggle for self-determination against Russian imperialism. They can issue statements to oppose the Iranian government's sale of drones and missiles to Russia.

Ukrainian progressives have tried to inform Ukrainians about progressive struggles in Iran such as the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement that arose in 2022.

Social Movement and the *Commons* Journal have also published articles to inform their readers about the long history of Russian colonialism and imperialism in Iran and about why the 1979 Iranian Revolution against monarchy turned into a religious fundamentalist counter-revolution.

The Ukraine Solidarity Network (U.S.) takes a strong stand against the Islamic Republic, monarchist forces, and U.S. and Israeli military intervention in Iran. A Trump administration that is deporting hundreds of thousands of immigrants, putting people in concentration camps, killing innocent protesters on the streets and calling them "terrorists" cannot liberate the Iranian people. The Israeli government of Netanyahu which is responsible for the mass slaughter of over 73,000 Palestinians in Gaza cannot bring liberation to the Iranian people. Trump and his Putin-admiring gang have only begun to show their capacity for promoting brutality against innocent protesters in the United States.

The path to a democratic alternative for the Iranian people requires a principled opposition to all authoritarian and imperialist forces, and recognition of the rights of women and all oppressed national, religious, and sexual minorities. It also requires international solidarity with peoples directly affected by the Iranian government's military interventions, beginning with Ukrainians, Syrians, and Palestinians.

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