

## **University of Toronto Students for a Free Iran (UTSFI) Charter** **October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

We are the University of Toronto Students for a Free Iran and today we say enough with inaction across our campuses! We are UTSFI and we believe it is our responsibility as academic in a free society to do all we can in support of the Iranian people's struggle against oppression.

UTSFI's core mission is bring together Iranians and Iranian-Canadians at the University of Toronto to promote diversity and freedom in Iran and across the world. For years, the Iranian diaspora in Toronto has missed on the opportunity to properly invest in academia as a platform to demand justice for the people of Iran and to confront the criminality of the Islamic Regime located in Iran. Today, we are in awe of our classmates in Iran. The bravery of the young students across Iran has woken us from our slumber. We have formed UTSFI so that the academic community here in Toronto can become a loud echo of the struggle for freedom in Iran.

UTSFI is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan, and non-religious student organization. We are politically non-partisan and will not promote the interest of any political party. However, UTSFI does not neglect, nor distract from the historical struggle of the Iranian people for freedom, and the unacceptable history of criminal oppression based on gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and political affiliation in Iran. UTSFI seeks to establish an open and inclusive space for the Iranian community to emerge as a free society in its fight against the darkness of theocratic oppression.

UTSFI is committed to channel and help the voice of the oppressed in Iran, and it extends a helping hand to all campus groups fighting oppression and injustice around the world. Particularly, we voice our solidarity with the Afghan community. Our Afghan friends are facing and fighting a form of oppression so tragically familiar to the Iranian community.

The innocent victims of the terrorist regime located in Iran are far too many to count. The subjugation of a whole gender, the discrimination against all minorities, The Cinema Rex Fire of 1978, the Kurdistan Massacre of 1979, the massacre of thousands of political prisoners in 1988, the Aban massacre of 2019, and the shooting down of PS752 with two missiles, all these acts of criminality and savagery have one set of actors in common: a band of incompetent criminals, called the Islamic Republic of Iran. UTSFI pledges to stand in support of the struggle to get justice for the victims of this criminal oppression. As an Iranian-Canadian student group, we share our voice with the PS752 association in chanting loudly: we will not forget, we will not forgive.

The future is free, if we fight for it. The people of Iran have paid an outrageous price for their freedom and the right to a decent living in a continuous struggle and throughout decades. As Iranian students at the University of Toronto we believe the time has come to dedicate ourselves to the fight for a free Iran. UTSFI will continue to echo and assist the Iranian struggle for freedom and justice, on the university grounds and throughout the Canadian society.