

# **OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN**

**Atefeh  
Rajabi:  
Hanged  
at 16 for  
"Inchastity"**



# **SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF IRAN**

**12 pm, Sunday 7 October, Piccadilly Circus**

# **In the last three years, the rulers of Iran have:**

**Stoned to death women and men accused of adultery - Hanged a 16 year old girl, Atefah Sahaaleh, who had been sexually abused since childhood, for "crimes against chastity" - Hanged two gay teenage boys, later alleging that they had committed rape - Engaged in brutal persecution and ethnic cleansing of Iran's Ahwazi Arab minority - Sponsored a conference in Tehran for anti-Semitic and racist**

**Holocaust deniers from  
around the world - Arrested  
and brutalised bus drivers,  
students, teachers and other  
workers trying to engage in  
trade union activity -  
Violently broken up a  
demonstration by thousands  
of women in Tehran to mark  
International Womens' Day -  
Arrested women for dressing  
"immodestly" and young  
people for holding rock  
concerts - Imprisoned and  
tortured academics,  
journalists and webloggers  
and closed down reformist  
newspapers.**

# ***We are demonstrating in opposition to Al Quds Day and the Government of Iran, and in support of the people of Palestine, Israel and Iran.***

## **What is Al Quds Day?**

In 1979, Ayatollah Khomeini, the leader of the Islamic regime in Iran, called for a demonstration on the last Friday of Ramadan to support the "liberation" of Jerusalem (Al-Quds). Since then, Islamist groups supporting Khomeini's extremist ideology and the theocracy he established in Iran, have held Al Quds Day demonstrations across the world.

The Islamic Republic of Iran and its supporters have latched onto the Israel/Palestine issue in order to rally support for a regime which imprisons, tortures and executes thousands of Iranians, students, women, gays, trade unionists, liberals, socialists, ethnic minorities, and political dissenters.

## **Who are we demonstrating against?**

The demonstration we are opposing is organised by supporters of the Iranian regime calling themselves the "Islamic Human Rights Commission". The IHRC is not a human rights group.

Over the years the IHRC has joined forces with other anti-democratic Islamist groups, including the vicious Hizb ut Tahrir. Regrettably, this demonstration is also being supported by the 1990 Trust, which is a non-Islamist advocacy group that supports black people in Britain.

## **The Islamic Republic of Iran abuses human rights**

Following Khomeini's ascent to power in 1979, the Islamic Republic of Iran has executed tens of thousands of Iranians. Minorities, dissenters, and opposition groups have been brutally repressed. Iran's significant Bahai religious minority has effectively been outlawed and the adherents of that religion persecuted. It is estimated that 4000 lesbians and gays have been executed. Women have been segregated, compulsorily veiled and discriminated against.

## **What about Palestine?**

We are demonstrating in solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis and against the demonisation of either of those two peoples. We support a free and independent Palestine and condemn the Islamic regime's repeated threats to destroy Israel. We support a consensual resolution of the conflict which takes account of the hopes and needs of both Israelis and Palestinians.

## **Why are we here?**

Although we have different views on the Middle East conflict, we are here to stand up for the universal values of freedom and equality, emancipation and human rights. We cannot allow supporters of the murderous theocracy established by Khomeini to march unopposed through the streets of London.

# **We hope you feel the same way STAND WITH US**

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