

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/379**of 20 February 2023****implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 of 12 April 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 April 2011, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 359/2011.
- (2) On 25 September 2022, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy issued a declaration on behalf of the Union deploring the widespread and disproportionate use of force by the Iranian security forces against non-violent protestors, noting that it had resulted in the loss of lives as well as a large number of injuries. The declaration also spelled out that those responsible for the killing of Mahsa Amini must be held accountable, and called on the Iranian authorities to ensure transparent and credible investigations to clarify the number of deaths and arrests, to release all non-violent protestors and to provide due process to all detainees. Furthermore, the declaration stressed that Iran's decision to severely restrict internet access and block instant messaging platforms blatantly violates the freedom of expression. Finally, the declaration stated that the Union will consider all the options at its disposal to address the killing of Mahsa Amini and the way in which Iranian security forces have responded to the ensuing demonstrations.
- (3) In this context, and in line with the Union's commitment to address all issues of concern with Iran, including the human rights situation, as confirmed in the Council Conclusions of 12 December 2022, 32 persons and two entities should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 359/2011.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJL 100, 14.4.2011, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

The following persons and entities are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 359/2011:

Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'174.	ESMAEILI Mohammad Mehdi محمد مهدی اسماعیلی	DOB: 1975 POB: Kabudarahang, Hamedan, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Associated entity: Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance; Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)	Mohammad Mehdi Esmaeili is the Iranian Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance. Under his authority, the Ministry has threatened artists/musicians who do not follow the government line with travel and work bans. He has personally and publicly threatened filmmakers who had published a statement asking the security forces to show restraint against peaceful protesters with arrest and work bans. An important number of artists and journalists have been arrested under trumped up charges since he became Minister, indicating that the repressive threats were followed by repressive acts. Esmaeili also works on curtailing freedom of expression even further by currently pushing a bill through Parliament that will criminalise the sharing of any information deemed critical of the regime or any reporting deemed critical of the regime. Under Mohammad Mehdi Esmaeili's authority and with his stated approval, numerous Iranian artists, musicians, filmmakers and journalists were threatened, arrested and prosecuted on trumped charges and their freedom of expression was further significantly curtailed. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
175.	NOURI Yousef یوسف نوری	DOB: 1961 POB: Ilam, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Minister of Education Associated entities: Ministry of Education Iran; Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)	Yousef Nouri has been Iran's Minister of Education since November 2021. Under his responsibility, Iranian students' education is continuously aligned to the government's opinions and Ayatollah Chamenei's teachings. In September and October 2022, security forces were seen taking Iranian school pupils into custody for allegedly being involved in anti-Hijab-protests. As Education Minister, Nouri is responsible for the detention of students in correctional facilities. Nouri confirmed that some school students had already been arrested. He said they were sent to "psychological institutions" which hold students to "reform and re-educate" them to prevent "anti-social" behaviour. He added that students could only return to school after being "reformed." By being responsible for students' arbitrary detention in order to reverse anti-government opinions, Nouri violates the basic human right to education by which education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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176.	KARIMI Farzin فرزین کریمی مزلقان چای (a.k.a. KARIMI MAZLGHANCHAY Farzin)	DOB: 07.12.1992 POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male ID number: 0440273961 Function: Member of Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS); co-founder of Ravin Academy	Farzin Karimi is a member of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) and co-founder of EU-listed Ravin Academy, an entity that trains individuals in cyber security and hacking, and recruits from among these trainees for the MOIS. The MOIS is widely involved in infiltrating internal opposition groups, monitoring domestic threats and expatriate dissents and arresting alleged spies and dissidents. Farzin Karimi is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
177.	MOSTAFAVI Seyed Mojtaba سید مجتبی مصطفوی (a.k.a. MORTAZAVI, Mojtaba; MOSTAF, Mojtaba)	DOB: 02.04.1987 POB: Tehran, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male National ID: No 0080467741 (Iran) Function: member of Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS); co-founder of Ravin Academy	Seyed Mojtaba Mostafavi is a member of Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) and co-founder of EU-listed Ravin Academy, an entity that trains individuals in cyber security and hacking, and recruits from among these trainees for the MOIS. The MOIS is widely involved in infiltrating internal opposition groups, monitoring domestic threats and expatriate dissents and arresting alleged spies and dissidents. Seyed Mojtaba Mostafavi is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
178.	ESMAELI Vali ولی اسماعیلی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: head of the parliament's Social Commission	Vali Esmaeli is a lawmaker and hardliner, as well as head of the Iranian parliament's Social Commission. He is one of the 227 members of parliament who signed a statement on 6 November 2022 praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God". Esmaeli called protestors "foreign agents" and justified human rights violations committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran. As a member of the Iranian parliament, Esmaeli has supported the killing, detention, and torture of people during the nationwide protests in 2022. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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179.	NADERI Ahmad احمد نادری	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Member of the Iranian Parliament's presidium	<p>Ahmad Naderi is a lawmaker and hardliner, as well as a member of the Iranian parliament's presidium/board of directors.</p> <p>He is one of the 227 members of parliament (MP) who signed a statement on 6 November 2022 praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God".</p> <p>Reading out a statement of 233 MPs in the public session of the parliament on 2 October 2022, he praised and supported the performance of the security and law enforcement forces in suppressing the protesters. As a member of the Iranian parliament, Naderi has supported the killing, detention, and torture of people during the nationwide protests in 2022.</p> <p>He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	20.2.2023
180.	ELAHIAN Zohreh الهیان زهره	Nationality: Iranian Gender: female Function: Member of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of the Iranian Parliament	<p>Zohreh Elahian is a lawmaker and hardliner, as well as a member of the National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of the Iranian parliament.</p> <p>She is one of the 227 members of parliament who signed a statement on 6 November 2022 praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God". As a member of the Iranian parliament, Elahian supported the killing, detention, and torture of people during the 2022 nationwide protests in Iran.</p> <p>She is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	20.2.2023
181.	FARAHANI Ahmad Amirabadi احمد امیرآبادی فراهانی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Member of the Iranian parliament's presidium	<p>Amirabadi Farahani is a lawmaker and hardliner, as well as a member of the Iranian parliament's presidium/board of directors. He is one of the 227 members of parliament who signed a statement on 6 November 2022 praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God". As a member of the Iranian parliament, Farahani has supported the killing, detention, and torture of people during the nationwide protests in 2022.</p> <p>He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	20.2.2023

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182.	DELKHOSH-ABATARI Seyyed Kazem سيد كاظم دلخوش اباتری	POB: Someh, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Spokesman of the Judiciary and Legal Commission of the Iranian parliament	Seyyed Kazem Delkhosh-Abatari is the spokesman of the Judiciary and Legal Commission of the Iranian parliament. During the 2022/2023 protests, he helped develop a plan to prosecute journalists and media outlets that publish news not conforming to the official narrative of the Islamic Republic. The repression of journalists in Iran has intensified since the early days of the 2022 protests as nearly 70 journalists have been arrested so far. As the spokesman of the Judiciary and Legal Commission of the Iranian Parliament, Delkhosh-Abatari has been involved in suppressing the media and journalists following the eruption of protests across Iran in 2022. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
183.	JALALI Hossein حسين جلالی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Member of parliament	Hossein Jalali is a lawmaker and hardliner, as well as a member of the Iranian parliament. He is one of the 227 members of parliament who signed a letter praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God". He personally confirmed the existence of the respective letter and has reaffirmed its demands. As a member of the Iranian parliament, Jalali has personally called for the execution of protestors. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
184.	MOUSAVI Seyyed Nezamoldin سيد نظام الدين موسى (a.k.a MOUSAVI Nezam)	POB: Khorramabad, Iran Gender: male Function: Spokesman of the Iranian Parliament's board of directors	Seyyed Nezamoldin Mousavi is the spokesman of the Iranian Parliament's presidium/board of directors. During the 2022/2023 protests, he held a meeting with judicial authorities and legislators with the aim of accelerating the execution of the sentences handed down to arrested protestors. As the spokesman of the Iranian parliament's presidium/board of directors, Mousavi has urged the judiciary to speed up trials and accelerate the executions of sentences handed down to protestors, thereby defying their right to a fair trial and is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran. Mousavi is also one of the 227 members of parliament who signed a statement on 6 November 2022 praising security forces for killing protestors and urging the judiciary to accelerate trials and sentence protestors to death by declaring them as "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God". He called protestors "foreign agents" and justified human rights violations committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mousavi has supported the killing, detention, and torture of people during the nationwide protests in 2022. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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185.	NESARI Habibollah Jan حبيب الله جان نثاری	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: deputy of training and education of the Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF)	Habibollah Jan Nesari is currently the deputy of training and education of the EU-listed Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF). Between 2016 and 30 December 2019, he served as a deputy commander of the Special Units of the LEF. In his capacity as deputy commander, he was responsible for supervising the forces in using lethal and non-lethal weapons during the nationwide protests in November 2019, which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of protestors. He was found guilty of crimes against humanity by the International People's Tribunal on Iran's Atrocities for his role in the crackdown on protestors in his capacity as deputy commander. As part of the security forces, the police forces are found to have designed and implemented a plan to commit crimes against humanity as well as murder, imprisonment, enforced disappearances, torture and sexual violence in order to quell the protests and conceal the crimes committed during the November 2019 protests. As deputy commander, Nesari is personally responsible for the human rights violations carried out by the LEF. The LEF, who he is currently training, is part of the violent crackdown on protestors during the protests that erupted in September 2022, including by the deadly use of force against Iranian protestors. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
186.	BABAEI Hassan حسن بابایی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Head of the State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties	Hassan Babaei is the is the Head of the State Organization for Registration of Deeds and Properties and a senior figure in the Iranian judiciary. In this functions, Hassan Babaei is responsible for numerous violations of the right to fair trial during the 2022/2023 protests in Iran. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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187.	GHANNAD Qazi قاض قناد (a.k.a. QANAD Qazi)	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Revolutionary Court prosecutor and judge	Qazi Ghannad is a Revolutionary Court prosecutor and judge. During the 2022/2023 protests, he violated the right to fair trial and sentenced protestors to death who were later executed by the Iranian regime. As prosecutor, he handed down the death sentence in the case of Majid Rahnavaard in 2022. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
188.	MANSOURI Seyed Hadi منصوری هادی سید	POB: Mashhad, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: head of the fourth branch of the Revolutionary Court of Mashhad	Seyed Hadi Mansouri has been a judge and head of the fourth branch of the Revolutionary Court of Mashhad since December 2017. During the 2022/2023 protests, he participated in the campaign of death sentences pronounced against protesters, thereby also violating their right to a fair trial. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
189.	HOSSEINI Hojjat al-Eslam Hossein حسینی الاسلام حسین حجت	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Head of the Judiciary for the Kurdistan province	Hojjat al-Eslam Hossein Hosseini is the Head of the Judiciary in the Kurdistan region. During the 2022/2023 protests, he participated in the repression of the demonstrations and is responsible for implementing grave human rights violations in the repression of peaceful demonstrators. He is complicit in implementing those violations, including torture, cruel and inhuman and degrading treatment. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
190.	JABARI Mohammad محمد جباری	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Prosecutor of Kurdistan province	Mohammad Jabari is the prosecutor for the Kurdistan province. In this function, he is responsible for several human rights violations since the 2019 protests, including death sentences and repression of demonstrations. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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191.	MOSTAFAVINIA Hojjat al-Eslam Ali نیا مصطفوی علی الاسلام هجت (a.k.a. MOSTAFAVI (Hojjatoleslam) Ali)	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: cleric; General Prosecutor of Sistan and Baluchestan province Address: Zahedan	Hojjat-al-Eslam Ali Mostafavinia is a cleric and the Chief Prosecutor for Sistan and Baluchestan province. He previously served as a prosecutor in Sistan and Baluchestan, as well as in South Khorasan. In his capacity, he was in charge of prosecuting demonstrators who were arbitrarily detained during the Zahedan protests, which took place in October 2022 and were bloodily repressed by police forces causing deaths and casualties. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
192.	SHAMSABAD Mehdi آباد شمس مهدی (a.k.a. SHAMSABAD Mahdi)	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Prosecutor of Sistan and Baluchestan province	Mehdi Shamsabad is the prosecutor of Zahedan in Sistan and Baluchestan province. In this capacity, he is responsible for serious human rights violations during the 2022/2023 protests, including death sentences and repression of demonstrations, and issuing degrading punishment including death penalty by flogging. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
193.	HARIKANDI Hossein Fazeli هریکندی فاضلی حسین	POB: Babol, Mazandaran province Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: general prosecutor of Alborz province	Hossein Fazeli Harikandi is the general prosecutor of Alborz province. In this function, he responsible for condemning several hundreds of demonstrators to the crime of “corruption on earth” during the 2022/2023 protests, putting them at risk of death penalty. He also corroborated the government’s thesis of the death of M. Sarina Ismailzadeh in 2022. She died as a result of police violence. However, the state issued a statement saying she committed suicide and therefore did not die as a result of the violent repression of demonstrations in the Alborz province. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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194.	MADADI Hassan حسن مددی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: acting prosecutor in Alborz province	Hassan Madadi has been the acting prosecutor in Alborz province since at least 2020. In this capacity, he is responsible for several serious human rights violations, most notably that of the denial of the right to a fair trial during the 2022/2023 protests. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
195.	TAGHANAKI Soghra Khodadadi صغری خدادادی	DOB: 27.03.1971 Nationality: Iranian Gender: female Function: Director of Qarchak Women's Prison Passport number: B50799950 (Iran) (individual) Address: Varamin, Tehran, Iran	Soghra Khodadadi Taghanaki is the director/warden in the Qarchak Women's Prison. The prison is known for inhumane detention conditions, including poor health and sanitary conditions, refusal of medical care, food shortages, excessive use of force against prisoners, torture, sexual assault and extrajudicial killings. Qarchak prison is one of the main places where women arrested during the peaceful 2022/2023 protests following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of Iran's Morality Police are being held. Soghra Khodadadi Taghanaki is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
196.	PASANDIDEH Heidar حیدر پسندیده	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: warden of Sanandaj prison	Heidar Pasandideh has been the warden of Sanandaj Central Prison in the Kurdistan province of Iran since 2020. Under his administration, prisoners have been arbitrarily executed in Sanandaj Central Prison. As a warden, he has overseen and therefore bears responsibility for the detention and torture of prisoners arrested during 2022/2023 protests following the death of Mahsa Amini. Therefore he is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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197.	PIRI Morteza مرتضی پیری	DOB: 05.07.1977 POB: Zabol, Sistan and Baluchestan province, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: warden of Zahedan Central Prison ID number: 4072307122 Address: Zahedan, Iran	Morteza Piri is the warden of Zahedan Central Prison in the province of Sistan and Baluchestan. The prison is known for inhumane detention conditions, including poor health and sanitary conditions, refusal of medical care, excessive use of force against prisoners and extrajudicial killings. Under his administration, Zahedan Prison has conducted numerous executions with a disproportionate number of them targeting Iran's Baluchi minority. In his capacity, he has been involved in the crackdown of 2022/2023 protests following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of Iran's Morality Police. Morteza Piri is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
198.	AZIZI Allah-Karam الله‌کرم عزیزی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: head of the Rajai Shahr Prison Address: Moazzen Blvd, Gohardasht, Karaj City, Alborz Province, Iran Associated entities: Rajai Shahr Prison	Allah-Karam Azizi is the head of EU-listed Rajae Shahr Prison (a.k.a. Rajai Shahr Prison, Rajaishahr, Raja'i Shahr, Reja'i Shahr, Rajayi Shahr, Gorhardasht Prison, Gohar Dasht Prison) in Iran. In his position, he is responsible for committing serious human rights violations in Iran, namely torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, as well as mistreatment and torture of prisoners. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
199.	KHOSRAVI Mohammad Hossein محمد حسین خسروی	DOB: 23.09.1974 POB: Birjand, South Khorasan province, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Director-General of Sistan and Baluchestan Province Prisons, Former Warden of Zahedan Central Prison ID number: 0653027761 Address: Sistan and Baluchestan Province, Iran	As Director-General of Sistan and Baluchestan Province Prisons, Mohammad Hossein Khosravi oversees prisons in the province of Sistan and Baluchestan. Prisons in the province, including Zahedan Central Prison are known for inhumane detention conditions, including poor health and sanitary conditions, refusal of medical care, excessive use of force against prisoners and extrajudicial killings. Under his administration, Zahedan prison alone has conducted numerous executions with a disproportionate number of them targeting Iran's Baluchi minority and has been involved in the crackdown of 2022/2023 protests following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in the custody of Iran's Morality Police. Mohammad Hossein Khosravi is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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200.	CHEHARMAHALI Ali علی چهارم‌حالی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: director general of Alborz prisons Address: Alvand Building, Below Mader Square, Karaj, Mehravila, Iran	Ali Cheharmahali is the director general of prisons in the province of Alborz and former Director of EU-listed Evin Prison. In his position, he is responsible for committing serious human rights violations in Iran including torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment during the 2022/2023 protests. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
201.	FADAVI Ali علی فدوی	DOB: 1961 POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: deputy commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)	Ali Fadavi is the deputy commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The IRGC has been heavily involved in the active and violent suppression of the 2022/2023 protests in Iran and is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations. In his role, Fadavi is steering, facilitating and condoning serious human rights violations committed by the IRGC. Therefore, Ali Fadavi is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
202.	SHARIF Ramezan شریف رمضان	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) spokesman	Ramezan Sharif is a spokesman of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The IRGC has been heavily involved in the active and violent suppression of the 2022/2023 protests in Iran and is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations. In his role, Sharif is covering up and condoning serious human rights violations committed by the IRGC. Therefore, Ramezan Sharif is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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203.	JOMEIRI Fathollah فتح الله جمیری	POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Head of Intelligence Protection Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)/Security Unit of the IRGC	Fathollah Jomeiri is the head of the Intelligence Protection Organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), also called the Security Unit of the IRGC. This unit is responsible for protecting vital infrastructure and key areas of the country, important individuals, such as regime VIPs, but above all protecting the regime. The IRGC has been heavily involved in the active and violent suppression of the 2022/2023 protests in Iran and is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations. In his role, Jomeiri is steering, facilitating and condoning serious human rights violations committed by the IRGC. Therefore, Fathollah Jomeiri is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
204.	KAAMFAR Behdad کامفر بهداد	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: prosecutor at the Karaj Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office	Behdad Kaamfar is a prosecutor at the Karaj Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office which prosecutes cases in the Karaj Revolutionary Court. In that function, he is responsible for exercising repression against protesters through severe penalties, including the death penalty. The Iranian judicial authorities in particular use the criminal charge of "Muharebeh", or "enmity against God" which allows for the death penalty for opposing state organs and that is frequently used for repression against protesters. In particular, Kaamfar represented the prosecution in a case in November/December 2022, in which a number of protesters were convicted ostensibly of attacks against the Basij. In that trial, Kaamfar led the prosecution to a number of death penalties for "Muharebeh", in particular against Mohammad Mehdi Karimi, Amid Mehdi Shokrollahi, Reza Aria Farzaneh Gharehassanlou, Hamid Gharehassanlou, Ali Moazzami Goudarzi and Hossein Mehdi Mohammadi. In leading such prosecutions and employing such criminal offences contrary to principles of justice, and thus causing the death of individuals opposing the Iranian states, Behdad Kaamfar is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023

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205.	FATHI Murad مراد فتحی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Director of prisons for the province of West Azerbaijan	Murad Fathi has been the Director of prisons of West Azerbaijan province since 22 November 2022. He has previously held the same position in Kordestan province. In prisons under his control, cases of torture of prisoners have taken place during the 2022/2023 protests, leading in some instances to the death of detainees from torture and/or lack of medical care. Those detained and tortured include protesters arrested in both those provinces. In participating in the repression of protesters and overseeing torture in prison facilities under his command, in some cases leading to the death of prisoners, Murad Fathi is responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023'

Entities

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'32.	Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF) Cooperation Foundation بنیاد تعاون فراجا بنیاد تعاون ناجا (a.k.a. NAJA Cooperation Foundation)	Address: Marzadaran Blvd, Teheran, Tehran, Iran Type of entity: Cooperation Foundation associated with the Law Enforcement Force of the Islamic Republic Associated entities: Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF) (a.k.a. NAJA; FARAJA) فرماندهی انتظامی جمهوری اسلامی ایران	Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF) Cooperation Foundation is an economic collaborative controlled by the EU-listed LEF (also known as NAJA) and is active in Iran's energy, construction, services, technology, and banking industries. The LEF Cooperation Foundation is an important financing arm of the LEF, consists de facto of a financial holding that provides and channels funds and is used to circumvent sanctions. Additionally the Cooperation Foundation with its subsidiaries is one of the few suppliers exclusively involved in manufacturing and importing equipment that is used to suppress protests in Iran. The LEF Cooperation Foundation therefore provides financial resources and equipment for repression to the LEF which uses the support to commit serious human rights violations. The LEF Cooperation Foundation is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023
33.	Police Science and Social Studies Institute پژوهشگاه علوم انتظامی و مطالعات اجتماعی فراجا	Place of registration: Tehran, Iran Address: QCC3+HPP District 3, Tehran, Tehran Province, Iran Type of entity: Institute associated with the Law Enforcement Force of the Islamic Republic (LEF) Associated entities: Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF) (a.k.a. NAJA; FARAJA)	The Police Science and Social Studies Institute, affiliated with the EU-listed Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF) (also known as NAJA) produces "anti-riot drones" that are used by law enforcement forces in suppressing peaceful protesters. Additionally, the institute promotes and conducts research on the use of drones for police forces. The Police Science and Social Studies Institute is associated to the Law Enforcement Forces of Iran and provides equipment that is used to commit serious human rights violations. It is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	20.2.2023'