

Statement by WLUML: Commemorating the 'Woman, Life, Freedom' Movement: A Global Solidarity Against Oppression

Today, we honor the courageous women of Iran, whose voices have ignited a global movement for justice, equality, and freedom. [The 'Woman, Life, Freedom'](#) uprising has become a powerful symbol of resilience, awakening the world to the ongoing struggle for basic human rights in Iran. Two years ago, the killing of Mahsa (Jina) Amini at the hands of the Morality Police sparked a nationwide protest that challenged



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decades of oppression, gender-based discrimination, and the **regime's gender apartheid** policies. The Islamic Republic of Iran's draconian campaign to enforce compulsory veiling through brutal morality police and security forces has been met with fierce resistance.

Despite a violent crackdown by the Iranian regime—claiming the lives of over 500 women, men, and children, leaving more than 1,000 seriously injured, and resulting in the reported arrest of 22,000 people, many of whom were children—the women of Iran and the nation remain steadfast in their defiance. Their unwavering strength and courage continue to defy oppression, and their determination serves as a testament to the unbreakable spirit of those who refuse to live in silence. The regime has been shaken to its core, its ideological [supporters resorted to poisoning](#) girls in large numbers at schools, with impunity. Yet every act of defiance, every protest, and every stand taken by these brave



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women and men speaks louder than the regime's violence. Their bravery has united people around the world, reminding us that the fight for freedom knows no borders.

This movement has also cast a spotlight on the broader struggles against oppression in the region. It has drawn attention to the plight of Afghan women, who face severe restrictions and violence under the Taliban, and to the people of Gaza, who continue to suffer under the weight of conflict and devastation. The 'Woman, Life, Freedom' movement reveals that these battles are not isolated but are part of a **global fight against tyranny, inequality, and injustice.**

We must call upon the UN and international community to end their double standards and **uphold the international laws** that generations have struggled to establish—laws that defend justice and human rights for all.

Let us continue to stand in solidarity with the women of **Iran, Afghanistan, Gaza, Palestine, Sudan, and all those around the globe** who struggle for their fundamental rights. Through unity and global awareness, we can amplify their voices and demand the freedom and dignity that every person deserves.

Let us follow the example of the people of Iran, who have rewritten their 'Woman, Life, Freedom' anthem to echo the struggles of women and people in Afghanistan and Gaza: [ANTHEM.](#)

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