

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran A/HRC/22/56 para 78(b)

Full recommendation:

Immediately investigate allegations of reprisals against individuals that cooperate with international human rights instruments and organizations and to take measures to “ensure adequate protection from intimidation or reprisals for individuals and members of groups who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights.”

Assessment

The Islamic Republic of Iran actively persecutes individuals that cooperate with international human rights mechanisms such as the office of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran. The case mentioned in the Special Rapporteur’s report is that of five Kurdish prisoners who were arrested under charges of “contacting the office of the Special Rapporteur” “reporting prison news to human rights organisations,” and “propaganda against the system inside prison.”¹ The Secretary-General also reported on the issue of reprisals against individuals reporting information to UN mechanisms in his 2017 report on the situation of human rights in Iran.² The report mentions the case of a woman who was also charged after trying to inquire regarding her brother who had been in prison for over 30 years. The woman in question, Raheleh Rahemipour, had been harassed by the authorities and had charges brought up against her as an indirect result of her reporting her brother’s case to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. Amnesty International has periodically reported on human rights defenders being persecuted for cooperating with international mechanisms.³

Recommendation Status:

This Recommendation has **NOT** been implemented.

¹ https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/IR/A-HRC-22-56_en.pdf

² <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G17/077/54/PDF/G1707754.pdf?OpenElement>

³ <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/MDE1364462017ENGLISH.PDF>