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**Urgent Warning Statement by the “1Kalameh Lawyers’ Network”**

**Addressed to the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the International Community**

*On the Risk of Summary Trials and Continued Judicial Killings*

Following the issuance of direct orders by Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, calling for harsh repression of protesters participating in the recent nationwide demonstrations, and despite the fundamental national and international right of the Iranian people to peaceful, unarmed protest and assembly, the Head of the Judiciary, the Prosecutor General, and the Tehran Prosecutor have issued official statements emphasizing expedited, extraordinary proceedings and the imposition of the harshest punishments against detained protesters.

Given the Islamic Republic’s well-documented record during the November 2019 protests and the 2022 protests of the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement—during which hasty, closed-door trials, conducted without due process, without access to independent legal counsel, and resulting in extrajudicial death sentences and executions—there is a serious and credible risk that, in the coming hours and days, Iran will witness summary trials, sham courts, and the issuance of death sentences against detained protesters.

**Warning to the International Community**

The 1Kalameh Lawyers’ Network calls on the international community, United Nations mechanisms, international human rights bodies, and democratic governments to act immediately and decisively, particularly in light of the widespread internet shutdowns and the Islamic Republic’s deliberate efforts to isolate protesters from the outside world.

We urge the use of all available diplomatic, legal, and political tools, including but not limited to:

- Calling for an emergency session of the United Nations;

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- Applying diplomatic pressure through embassies and foreign missions in Tehran;
- Summoning ambassadors of the Islamic Republic of Iran in host countries to formally warn against the killing of protesters.

The objective of these measures must be to prevent legally invalid trials and to halt all forms of extrajudicial executions and death sentences against protesters. Silence, delay, or purely symbolic responses at this critical moment may result in the irreversible loss of many innocent lives.

### **Warning to Judges, Prosecutors, and Investigating Magistrates**

The 1Kalameh Lawyers' Network issues a direct warning to judges, prosecutors, and investigating magistrates within the judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

Any participation in processes that violate the right to a fair trial—including closed hearings, arbitrary detention orders, denial of access to independent legal counsel, and the issuance of extralegal judgments—constitutes a clear violation of your legal, professional, and ethical obligations.

Accordingly, we call upon all judicial officials to:

- Refrain from participating in criminal processes that violate fundamental human rights and the principles of fair trial.

We further emphasize and remind all judicial authorities that:

1. Criminal and international responsibility for issuing and enforcing extrajudicial and unlawful sentences is individual, direct, and non-derogable.
2. No political, administrative, or security order can justify violations of the right to life, human dignity, or fundamental rights of citizens.