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Dear Listeners

Iran is supposed to be rich in identities, languages and cultures but finds today itself in contradiction even with the hopes of the peoples who founded it.

Political opponents always suffer the same abuses. Minorities are persecuted, their right to exist as individuals in their own right is forbidden, on pain of being imprisoned, tortured and killed. The condition of women is alarming, that of minors is beyond comprehension.

The war in Syria has become the battleground of many foreign powers, of which Iran is a part. The Iranian objectives in Syria is to avoid the rise of the Kurds at all costs.

In this regard, let us observe the Kurdish situation there. They are formally forbidden to learn their language, to gather as a community and any claim to self-determination or independence is repressed in blood. Iran want to suppress any distinctive mark that is representative of a community. And I ask you, If no one speaks Kurdish or transmits the memories of this people, who will feel Kurdish?

As long as people are conditioned, as we see in Iran, as long as their cultures and languages are synonymous with torture and death, the regimes that apply these guidelines cannot be qualified as human.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as long as free and oppressed peoples throughout the world show credit and complacency for these regimes, these abuses will continue.

Principles and values are not like a pie, where everyone takes the slice he wants whenever he wants.

The freedom to think is not negotiable. If you are negotiating with one plan while supporting another, then do not be surprised to lose the credibility that your people grant you.

Thank you for your attention

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