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The Honorable Shabana Mahmood
Secretary of State for the Home Department
Home Office
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3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Secretary of State Mahmood:

We write to urge you to fast-track legislation proscribing the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization and join the United States, the European Union, Canada, and Australia in applying maximum pressure on IRGC in the wake of its long history of terrorism, and its brutal repression of the Iranian people. Every day the British Parliament fails to vote on this legislation is another day that the IRGC evades the full impact of our nations' combined sanctions.

As you know, the Islamic Republic of Iran is a leading state sponsor of terror. The IRGC is integral to the Islamic Republic's overseas operations and has not only committed terrorist acts throughout the Middle East but has also carried out attacks in the UK and against UK citizens. The IRGC's attacks abroad span from cyberattacks and surveillance operations to targeted assassinations and synagogue bombings. Additionally, as you know, the U.S. Department of Justice has unsealed several indictments against IRGC operatives in the shocking murder-for-hire schemes targeting a former national security adviser and U.S. Secretary of State, among others.

Most recently, evidence is mounting that Iran is mounting adversarial activities on UK soil and in European Union nations amid the Iran war. Scotland Yard counter-terror police are investigating Iranian links to an antisemitic firebomb attack.¹ The Dutch think tank International Centre for Counter-Terrorism found evidence of likely Iranian involvement in the March 9 detonation of an improvised explosive device in front of a synagogue in Liège, Belgium and an explosion outside a Rotterdam synagogue in the Netherlands, as well as the March 23 firebombing in London.² In February, the UK's National Cyber Security Centre warned of IRGC-instigated phishing attacks against Britons with links to Iranian and Middle Eastern affairs.³

As recently as December 2025, the UK Parliament's own Intelligence and Security Committee sounded the alarm that the Islamic Republic of Iran poses a "wide-ranging, persistent and unpredictable threat" to the UK and that dissidents and opponents of the Ayatollah's regime in the UK are at risk of physical threats.⁴

This all comes in addition to the IRGC's brutal repression of the Iranian people. The IRGC is estimated to have murdered tens of thousands of Iranians during protests earlier this year, and it continues to carry out brutal crackdowns and violence

¹ Counter-terror police investigating 'Iran-backed firebombing', by Charles Hymas, Robert Mendick, Samuel Montgomery, Rozina Sabur, and Martin Evans, The Telegraph, March 23, 2026, <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2026/03/23/golders-green-fire-jewish-volunteer-ambulances/>

² Hybrid Threat Signals: Assessing Possible Iranian Involvement in Recent Attacks in Europe, by Julian Lanches, March 23, 2026, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, <https://icct.nl/publication/hybrid-threat-signals-assessing-possible-iranian-involvement-recent-attacks-europe>

³ GCHQ issues alert over cyber attackers working on behalf of Iranian government, by Sian Elvin and Jane Dalton, February 20, 2026, The Independent, <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/gchq-uk-alert-cyber-attackers-iran-b2620171.html>

⁴ Making the Case for the UK to Proscribe Iran's IRGC, by Kasra Aarabi, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, January 17, 2023, <https://institute.global/insights/geopolitics-and-security/making-case-uk-proscribe-irans-irgc>.

against innocent people. During the Masha Amini protests years ago, the Labour shadow government pledged to support IRGC designation upon retaking office.

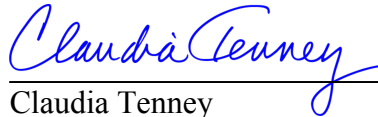
We respectfully urge you to act on legislation to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization immediately. As the people of Iran rise up to protest their brutal oppression by the mullahs and face crushing violence in response, designation of the IRGC as a terror group is long overdue. Anything short of appropriately designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization represents a failure to stand with innocent Iranian protesters and the UK's own allies.

The US House of Representatives is united in calling on the UK to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization. We strongly urge you and your colleagues to stand on the right side of history and immediately proscribe the IRGC to end their impunity in committing atrocities against the people of the United Kingdom, the United States, Iran, and around the world.

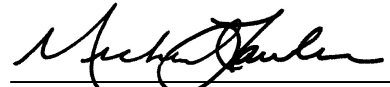
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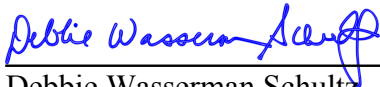
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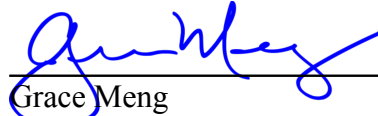
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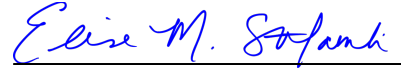
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