

# DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRAN AFTER MAHSA AMINI'S DEATH WOMAN, LIFE AND FREEDOM

For the past four days, Iran has been rocked by multitudinous mobilizations. It is mostly girls and boys, pouring into city squares: on their mouths the name of Mahsa Amini, a young woman of Kurdish descent who died at age 22 after being arrested in Tehran on Sept. 13 by morality police for a lock of hair outside her veil. This is the first time that women and men have come together to stage such large-scale demonstrations against the compulsory veil and the brutality of patriarchal and theocratic repression toward the female gender. There are female students burning their veils while male students shield them, some cutting their hair in protest. The slogans resound: "Woman, Life and Freedom," "We are all Mahsa, let's fight together!", "Don't be afraid, we are all together," "We fight, we die but we take Iran," "From Kurdistan to Tehran Iran bleeds," "Until when will the disgrace of killing for the veil continue?"

The armed forces respond with tear gas and bullets: to date there are 5 dead, 250 arrested and 75 injured but the protests continue and tell us of anger, hope and courage, calling on us to react.

For Mahsa, for women's freedom, for young people in struggle, against the Iranian regime and patriarchal oppression.

**Let's take to the streets**

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