



Iranian Morality

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Many people are taking to the streets in protest against the Iranian Morality Police. The uproar was caused by the death of Iranian woman Mahsa Amini. Amini was arrested for wearing too tight of pants that didn't align to the dress code in Iran. Three days after she was arrested, she died from severe head trauma after falling into a coma. She was only 22. A woman, who was arrested along with Mahsa, was telling Mahsa's father that she was beaten in the van that was transporting them to the prison while begging for mercy. "The cameras in the van did not function, so the family does not know what happened in the van and at the detention center." One source said. There was a statement from the hospital on Instagram that she was brain dead when she arrived. The post was later taken down and the hospital changed their story. Her premature death has ruined her dreams of becoming a wife and mother.

Iran is trying to blame other countries and "thugs" for the unrest in the country. Many people are fighting for the rights and safety of women in the middle east. From protesters in Iran to Los Angeles, Iranian government officials are in hot water. Protesters are seen chanting "Women. Life. Freedom." and even taking scissors to their hair to show their support for the women in Iran. The protesters are also seen burning their headscarves and pictures of their ruler chanting "Death to the Dictator." Many protesters were severely injured. "Two young men were hit and beaten up by plainclothes police and anti-riot police, then dragged to the van in front of (the) subway entrance gate," an eyewitness told CNN. "A wounded girl lying on the sidewalk was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and five others arrested on the north side of Enghelab Square." These protester words are very concerning for the well being of all of Iran, not just the women. State media has stated that over 40 people have died since the protests started. "If the dust settles and we stop protesting, they are going to kill even more of us. They are going to detain even more people and they are going to turn us to North Korea," the impassioned

protester said. "This is not the end. I promise you that." These protests have broken many barriers that were seen as impossible to break. These protests are causing the United States' relationship with Iran to dwindle. Many Iranians are blaming the United States for fuelling the protests, though there isn't any evidence to support that claim. "I say clearly that these riots and the insecurity were engineered by the US and the occupying, false Zionist regime (Israel), as well as their paid agents, with the help of some traitorous Iranians abroad," said Khamenei, an 83-year-old Iranian citizen says. This is the biggest challenge the Iran republic has ever faced.