

An explanatory report on terrorist attacks against law enforcement forces during the January 2026 unrest in the Islamic Republic of Iran



**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Deputy for Legal and International Affairs**

Peaceful assembly constitutes one of the most paramount mechanisms for fulfilling people's rights. If such demonstrations are accompanied by violence, in this circumstances, every government, in order to maintain public security and order retrieval, which is the right of all citizens, takes necessary measures to control the situation. The first precondition for observing peaceful assembly is to avoid violence and actions which are contrary to public order and security. The second precondition is that protesters do not disrupt public interests or cause harassment of citizens while expressing their demands. Unfortunately, since 8 of January 2026, the assemblies that took place in different parts of Iran under the pretext of economic problems have gone beyond peacefulness and have turned into perturbations and vandalism.



photo : Abdolrahman Rafati

Security has always been one of the fundamental concerns of man throughout history. Security is a prerequisite and basic infrastructure for the progress, welfare, and development of any society in various dimensions. In order to attain the aims which stated in the constitution for accomplishment of progress and prosperity, the Islamic Republic of Iran has tried to provide the highest level of security for its own citizens over the past 47 years. In order to achieve the aforementioned goals, the Islamic Republic of Iran has pursued a strategy of not allowing other countries to interfere in its own internal affairs.

Following the protest and strike in the Tehran market due to currency fluctuations and the rise in the price of gold, peaceful demonstrations were formed in various cities to protest to the economic crisis. These demonstrations continued with the acceptance by the Islamic Republic of Iran and in accordance



with the principles of the constitution on the right to protest, assembly, association and freedom of expression.



simultaneously, the country's officials, in response to the people's economic demands, tried to compensate for the increase in the price of currency and basic goods in the form of subsidies and providing public goods to the people. It is worth mentioning that the phase of peaceful protests in various cities of the country changed from economic context to organized violence and terrorist acts against people from January 18 onwards. Law enforcement and security forces, who are called security guards in Iran, tried to establish and maintain order and security for the demonstrations in accordance with the principles and rules. It is worth noting the anti-Iranian tweet of former US spy agency chief Mike Pompeo, who stated at the outset of the peaceful

assemblies of people that the Iranian people were not alone and Mossad agents were present among them. Therefore, it became crystal-clear that the legitimate protest of the Iranian people were destined to be initially turned into chaos and unrest and then become a platform for terrorist groups to take action, so that in addition to ISIS-like actions against the police and security forces, which have led to the martyrdom of a large number of law enforcement forces, a large number of people who were present on the streets, including women and children, passers-by, businessmen and vehicle drivers, as well as participants in the protests, would also be killed. Therefore, widespread terrorist acts, such as attacks on businesses, shops and stores that are functioning, warehouses, public transportation, government and law enforcement centers, Basij bases and police stations, were put on the agenda and implemented in the most severe criminal ways.



In some of these crimes, various types of firearms and cold weapons, homemade explosives, machetes, axes, knives and carpet-cutting razors were used by the terrorists present in the battle field. Considering the above-mentioned documents, the number of martyrs of law enforcement and security forces increased unprecedentedly. The heartbreaking issue is the cruelty and crimes of the terrorists in burning and beheading security forces.

According to the announcements of the law enforcement and security authorities, significant number of law enforcement forces have been martyred at close range and by means of announced means and in the most heinous possible way. Base on the documents, many law enforcement forces were martyred solely for the sake of their occupations and jobs and killed by the terrorists in the course of killing. Above all, the terrorists have burned security forces alive, beheaded and injured many law enforcement officers. The dimentions of the terrorists' actions illustrates the extent of their actions in different provinces and their attempts to kill people from all ethnicities and races.