THE STATEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION ON SOUTH AZERBAIJANI PRISONERS IN IRAN

People cherishing freedom, dearest Azerbaijanis,

Happy Novruz to all who cherish peace and freedom! Happiness and success are what we wish you in the upcoming new year. We call all Azerbaijanis and people treasuring liberty to join the struggle for bringing down the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Republic is against peace and friendship, why we apply to You in order to reach and gain our freedom, maintain peace and stability both in Azerbaijan and in the region.

In 30 years, the outrageous regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been ruling over the fate of people of South Azerbaijan, overtaking their social, cultural and economical lives. During these dark years, the regime obliterates the wealth of Azerbaijanis, tortures, executes and imprisons them.

Khomeini, who took advantage of the struggle of Azerbaijanis who had had enough from the Shahenshah Royal regime, profited even from the victims and martyrs. He also through taking advantage of people's feelings for their religion started the 8-years-war between Iran and Iraq. Thus he could misdirect the revolution, when he also got thousands of Azerbaijanis killed in the war.

Thereover, Khomeini's regime for continuously executing brave sons of Azerbaijan, is condemned by UN, European Parliament and other human rights organizations. The bloodthirsty regime, has day after day become more hated and isolated both worldwidely and internally, and so shall it remain.

Everyone knows and remembers the 80-years-struggle of the people of Azerbaijan with leadership of Sattarkhan, Bagirkhan, Heydar Amioglu, Colonel Muhammedtagikhan Pesyan, Khiyabani and Pishavari. It has passed more than 80 years since the regimes of Royal Shah and Islamic Republic of Iran continue applying their non-humanistic policy of occupation and fascism, imprison our fighters, deprive Azerbaijanis their civil and natural rights.

The Persian chauvinism sees its existence in keeping others in slavery and occupying our – Turks', lands. It has ruled over our fate in more than 80 years, it denies our national identity, humiliates our culture and forces its faked "great civilization" to Azerbaijanis. It does everything in its power in order to persianalize students and all other social classes.

We all participating in today's demonstration would like to point that the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran try to violate our human rights and freedom in all fields as culture, society, economics and politics. The regime has its methods of checking the emotional state of Azerbaijanis, which it applies regularly.

100 thousands of Azerbaijanis, showed their protest on the streets of South Azerbaijan. But as result of the violation shown by the special groups from the police, tens Azerbaijanis were killed, hundreds were injured, many people's eyes were cut out. Thousands of young Azerbaijanis who were at the demonstrations were imprisoned. In their slogans, they demanded the chauvinist regime to leave Azerbaijan, since these occupant powers do not have any other function than plundering, oppressing and dictatorship. The Islamic regime today is condemned by the world society and the resistance of our people strengthens day-by-day.

Surely, as the result of the struggle of brave Azerbaijani women and men, the chauvinistic regime will be overthrown and then our people's struggle for self-determination will be strengthened.

The Iranian regime insists on its program on nuclear weapon. Certainly the treat of such colonialist regime, is much bigger in the region and the world, than in the country itself, which would result in increase of poverty and war. Existence of a such regime in the region is against peace. Therefore we apply to everyone in the world cherishing freedom, politicians, human rights organizations, medias, to support us in our struggle against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Thus, it would help to overthrown a such regime.

We ask all honest people to shed light on the issue of the nation of South Azerbaijan.

We all support South Azerbaijan's struggle against the regime and call every inhabitant of South Azerbaijan to join this struggle demanding the national and human rights such as the right of self-determination.

We condemn the crimes committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran and consider the regime being guilty for every single bloodshed. Iran should know that it's nothing else but honorable for us to die for our country (South Azerbaijan) and its freedom.

The martyr and their families are the proudest people. The colonialist regime should know that our nation sees it as its duty to free itself from oppression and retreating from this national and humanistic goal is not an option. We are not afraid of tortures or executions! Our experiences in history in Iran are proof.

By applying to You, we ask you to condemn the crimes committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran and to show your solidarity with us in our humanistic struggle for freedom. We ask you to be a part of out struggle, for humanity and for the right of millions of people to rule over own destiny.

Once again, merry spring holidays! Our way to freedom is about overthrowing the Islamic Republic of Iran and gain the right of self-determination. We wish to succeed in the struggle for freedom of the nation of South Azerbaijan. By uniting we shall succeed.

We demand unconditional freedom for our imprisoned compatriots Asger Akberzade, Hadi Hamidie Shafig, Abbas Lisani, Mehdi Nuri, Firidun Mehdipur and Rza Dagistani!

Azerbaijani associations in Stockholm:

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