



**Afghan Student Association  
University of California, Berkeley**

***Official Statement in Support of Iranians***

**To the UC Berkeley Community,**

As a community of Afghan students, we know the deep pain and sorrow felt with watching our homeland experience some of the greatest acts of oppressive violence. We've watched our home stripped of happiness, of freedom, of everything that makes us so unique. Afghanistan has seen some of the worst humanitarian crises in the past decades; we know this pain all too well.

Recently, the Iranian regime has carried out similar tactics against its own citizens. Mahsa Zhina Amini, a Kurdish woman, was brutally murdered by the Iranian morality police this past week in Tehran. Since then, we've seen a rise in police brutality throughout Iran. We empathize with the Iranian people and extend our condolences to our Iranian neighbors. Despite political tensions between Afghanistan and Iran, we are two sides of the same coin. Our battles are theirs and theirs ours.

The Afghan Student Association of UC Berkeley stands in solidarity with our Iranian brothers and sisters. ASA's priority this year is to focus on raising awareness for Afghan women and we make it an internal promise to fight for the rights of all women, regardless of their nationality or religion. Mahsa's life was cruelly cut short, illustrating the lack of freedom and expression that many Middle Eastern women have today. We hope that by raising awareness about Mahsa and her story, we can draw light to the experiences that countless other Iranian women face and can continue to grow as a community that supports and uplifts women.

During this difficult time, ASA has kept a promise to maintain support for our Iranian neighbors and offer comradery. As Afghans, this is a battle we all know too well. ASA urges all to educate themselves and extend their love and support to the Iranian community.

*For anyone struggling during this  
board for connections to resources and we*

*difficult time, please reach out to the ASA  
are more than willing to connect you.*

With kind regards,  
Afghan Student Association Board  
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