

Patriotic Arab Democratic Movement in Ahwaz (PADMAZ)

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Thank you, Madame chair.

Since its establishment in 1925, Irani State instead of protecting the non-Persian nations such as the Ahwazi, Arab, Baluchi, Turks, the Kurds, it has followed the policy of cultural and lingual assimilation. All the countries resources has been used to serve the culture and the language of the dominant group the Persians. Other nations were gradually forced to abandon their identity and culture and assimilate in the dominant identity. The Ahwazi nation is one of the victims of the slow cultural genocide implemented by the central government in Iran. The Iranian successive regime, including the current one, have tried to change our national identity through their systematic policies of racial discrimination, ethnic cleansing, racism, persecution, forceful change of the demography and changing the name of the region and the cities. The Ahwazi have been subjected to cultural, social and political deprivation. The prohibition of the political parties, cultural organization, in addition to the lack of Arabic media, and more importantly, the deliberate impoverishment of the Ahwazi by the central government, all have resulted in the marginalizing of the Ahwazi arabs, making them a stranger in their own land.

PADMAZ highly recommend that the United Nations calls?? Iran to let the United Nations Rapporteur on minorities and the human rights issues to visit the country.

Ms Chairperson, from day one of the occupation of the Ahwaz, also known Arabistan, Iran in a newly establish state, forcefully displaced of the Ahwazi people to the northern part of Iran. This policy is still being implemented under various excuses and in different means. For example, although the Iran war finished more than 55 years ago (CUT OFF BY CHAIR. TIME UP.)