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**HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION UNVEILS LANDMARK IRANIAN
ARCHIVE, A DIGITAL CATALOG OF EVIDENCE POINTING
TOWARDS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY COMMITTED BY THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN DURING THE WOMAN, LIFE,
FREEDOM MOVEMENT**

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WASHINGTON D.C., BERLIN, BERKELEY & LOS ANGELES — Following the release of the UN Fact-finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran's [report](#) to the UN Human Rights Council, a coalition of international organizations has announced the launch of the **Iranian Archive**. This landmark archive forensically preserved +1,000,000 vulnerable digital artifacts recording serious human rights violations committed by the Islamic Republic of Iran against Woman, Life, Freedom movement protesters. The Iranian Archive is intended to support future investigations and accountability proceedings.

Many of the events documented appear to be serious human rights violations and may amount to crimes against humanity. Evidence collected includes, among others: intentionally blinding protesters, forced disappearances and deaths of

children, and targeted abuse based on gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. Journalists and other frontline defenders have also been systematically targeted.

The coalition behind the Iranian Archive is led by the [Atlantic Council's Strategic Litigation Project](#) and [Mnemonic](#), in partnership with [The Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law](#), [UC Berkeley's Human Rights Center](#), [Amnesty International's Digital Verification Corps](#), the [Iran Human Rights Documentation Center](#) and the [Azadi Archive](#). The archive joins other [standalone archives](#) created to support international investigations on atrocities in Syria, Yemen, Sudan, and Ukraine.

“Social media remains a crucial tool for capturing human rights violations and elevating their visibility internationally,” said the coalition behind the Iranian Archive. “We rigorously scraped and forensically preserved Twitter/X, Instagram, Facebook and Telegram information shared by Iranian protesters since the death of Mahsa Jina Amini in September 2022. The evidence illuminates a bleak portrait of Iran’s systematic human rights abuses, but crucially, it also gives us a sophisticated ability to move meaningfully towards accountability.”

Due to security concerns, the Iranian Archive’s organizers are currently only making the records available to prosecutors, international investigative mechanisms and organizations working towards accountability for the violent crackdowns against civilians during the nationwide protests which began in 2022. Requests can be sent to the international organizations listed above, or to the project manager of the Iranian Archive at Mnemonic at kelly@mnemonic.org and c.c. to rapid-response@mnemonic.org.

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