

# 13 More Join NCRI Lawsuit Against Ebrahim Raisi Ahead of His UNGA Address

*Thousands to Stage Rally Across UN, Calling for Raisi's Prosecution, Responsible for Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide During the 1988 Massacre in Iran*

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Thirteen more plaintiffs have joined a federal [lawsuit](#) against the Iranian regime's president Ebrahim Raisi for crimes against humanity and genocide, bringing the total number of plaintiffs to 16.

The lawsuit, filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on August 17, 2022, charges Raisi with genocide, crimes against humanity, extrajudicial killings, and torture, among other offenses. The Alien Tort Statute (ATS) and Torture Victim Protection Act are the statutory basis of the lawsuit, which was initiated and [facilitated](#) by the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI).

The plaintiffs are survivors or direct relatives of the victims of the [1988 massacre](#) in Iran, which was carried out based on a fatwa by the regime's then Supreme Leader, Ruhollah Khomeini, against members and supporters of the main Iranian opposition movement, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI), also referred to as the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK).

Of the 16 plaintiffs, there are four U.S. citizens, one Canadian citizen, two British citizens, one Swiss citizen, one French citizen, one German citizen, and six MEK members based in Ashraf 3, in Albania.

On Wednesday, September 21, thousands of Iranian Americans, supporters of the NCRI and the MEK, will stage a major rally at 9:00 am at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (47th Street and 2nd Avenue) against Ebrahim Raisi as he addresses the UNGA, and will call for his prosecution for crimes



The 81st US Attorney General Michael Mukasey briefs reporters about the statutory basis of the August 17 lawsuit against Ebrahim Raisi, filed by the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), during a press conference held by NCRI's Washington office on Aug 25, 2022

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BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 1988, based a fatwa (edict) issued by Ruhollah Khomeini, the founder of the Iranian regime, 30,000 political prisoners already serving their terms, were murdered within a few months, 90% of whom were MEK activists. Many prominent international jurists have described this massacre as a clear example of crimes against humanity and genocide. Ebrahim Raisi, who was the deputy prosecutor of Tehran at that time, as one of the four members of Tehran's Death Commission, personally

sent thousands of political prisoners to the gallows in two minutes “trials.” During the November 2019 nationwide uprising, 1,500 defenseless demonstrators were killed while Raisi, as the then Judiciary Chief, directly played an active role in the massacre of the demonstrators.

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