

NCRI-US: World Cup 2026, Los Angeles Press Conference and Photo Exhibition on the Repression of Athletes in Iran

FIFA Must Expel IRGC-Controlled Iranian Football Federation

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, June 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Wednesday, June 10, 2026, on the eve of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, a press conference and photo exhibition will be held in Los Angeles, calling on FIFA to suspend and expel the Iranian regime from international football for its interference, systematic suppression of athletes, and violation of FIFA's governing statutes.



PRESS CONFERENCE AND PHOTO EXHIBITION

Ahead of the World Cup, NCRI Urges FIFA to Expel Iran's Regime, Over Repression of Athletes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 11:00 a.m. PDT Los Angeles, CA



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Athletes Executed by Iran's Regime

Four decades of silencing champions



1984
Habib Khabiri
Captain, National Football Team
Executed by firing squad



1988
Forouzan Abdi
National Women's Volleyball Team
Killed in the 1988 prison massacre



2020
Navid Afkari
Greco-Roman Wrestling Champion
Hanged after peaceful protest



2023
Mohammad Mehdi Karami
Karate Champion
Executed amid nationwide protests



2026
Saleh Mohammadi
Wrestler - age 19
Executed after the January 2026 protests

LA Press Conference by former members of Iran's National Football Team calling on FIFA to expel Iran's federation for the murder of athletes

Some renowned former members of Iran's National Football Team, as well as other athletes, will share their experiences at the conference. An extensive photo exhibit will highlight the stories of athletes who have been killed by the regime.

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Speakers will present evidence demonstrating the direct interference of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Iran's football and sports institutions.

As the world's attention turns to the 2026 FIFA World Cup, members of the Iranian American community in Southern

California will also hold a march following the press conference. Carrying portraits of athletes killed or executed, including those during Iran's January 2026 uprising, participants will honor their courage and sacrifice.

#FIFAWorldCup #WorldCup2026

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. PDT

WHERE: Los Angeles, CA

WHO: Athletes and the National
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US)

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HABIB KHABIRI

National football star and former captain of Iran's national team

Imprisoned for his political beliefs after the 1979 revolution

EXECUTED

BY THE IRANIAN REGIME IN 1984 AT THE AGE OF 29 for affiliation with the MEK

Remembered as a symbol of courage, dignity, and sacrifice

MANY IRANIAN ATHLETES HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED, IMPRISONED, OR KILLED FOR THEIR BELIEFS.

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Habib Khabiri the former captain of Iranian national football team was executed in 1984 for his affiliation with the main Iranian opposition movement, the MEK.



FOROUZAN ABDI

IRAN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPION

EXECUTED AT 31

A celebrated athlete imprisoned for seven years

Executed by the Iranian regime during the 1988 massacre for affiliation with the MEK

One of many Iranian athletes persecuted for their beliefs

Honor her memory. Stand with the people of Iran.

FROM FOROUZAN ABDI TO TODAY'S PERSECUTED ATHLETES, THE IRANIAN REGIME HAS USED SPORTS AS A TOOL OF REPRESSION.

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Forouzan Abdi, the former captain of Iranian Women's National Volleyball Team was executed in 1988 for her affiliation with the main Iranian opposition movement, the MEK.

IRAN **Athlete** **Fallen for Freedom**



Babak Alipour **2026**
Rock climber

Babak Alipour, a rock climber was executed in March 2026 for his affiliation with the main Iranian opposition movement, the MEK.

IRAN Athlete Fallen for Freedom



Sasan Azadvar **2026**
Karate athlete

Sasan Azadvar, a karate champion, was arrested during the January 2026 uprising and executed in April 2026

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