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Abbreviations and glossary

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A

Artesh	Regular army
ASMLA	Arab Struggle for Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz
Asylum Procedures Directive	Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection.

B

Basij	Mobilisation

C

CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	country of origin information

D

Diyeh	Blood money paid to the victim or their closest relative

E

Efsad fil-arz	A crime of 'corruption on Earth', punishable by death
EU	European Union
EU+	Member States of the European Union plus Norway and Switzerland
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum

F

FARAJA	Law Enforcement Command of the Islamic Republic of Iran

H

***hadd* (plural: *hudud*)**	A category of crime under Islamic Law. Punishment for crimes against God prescribed in the Quran, sometimes punishable by death.
***Herasat* office**	A security service in the ministry of Intelligence

I

IPA	internal protection alternative
IRGC	Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps

K

KDPI	Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran
Kolbar	Worker who transports goods on his/her back across the Iran, Iraq, Syria and Türkiye borders (mainly referring to Kurds)

L

LGBTIQ	LGBTIQ people are persons: • who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual); • whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary); • who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and • whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer)

M

Moharebeh	A crime of 'waging war against God', punishable by death

N

NGO	Non-governmental organisation

P

PMOI/MEK/MKO	People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI), also known as Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK) or Mojahedin-e-Khalq Organization (MKO)

Q

QD **(Qualification Directive)**	Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted
QR **(Qualification Regulation)**	Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
Qesas	Retributive punishment for murder and other violent crimes

S

Sharia	The religious law of Islam, Islamic canonical law
SOGIESC	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics
Sokhtbar	Fuel carrier (mainly refers to Baluches)

T

Ta'zir	Crimes punished at the discretion of the judge

U

UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
US	United States of America
USDOS	US Department of State

Z

Zina A criminal offence in Islamic law referring to unlawful sexual intercourse, fornication or adultery.

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