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A

<i>Artesh</i>	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

<i>Basij</i>	Mobilisation
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C

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

D

<i>Diyeh</i>	Blood money paid to the victim or their closest relative
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E

<i>Efsad fil-arz</i>	A crime of 'corruption on Earth', punishable by death
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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
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H

<i>hadd</i> (plural: <i>hudud</i>)	A category of crime under Islamic Law. Punishment for crimes against God prescribed in the Quran, sometimes punishable by death.
<i>Herasat</i> 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
<i>Kolbar</i>	Worker who transports goods on his/her back across the Iran, Iraq, Syria and Türkiye borders (mainly referring to Kurds)

L

LGBTIQ	<p>LGBTIQ people are persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
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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 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
(Qualification Directive)

QR 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
(Qualification Regulation)

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.