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Dear Tim,

Re: Lack of Coverage of protests in Iran

I am writing on behalf of Iranian protestors and their supporters in Iran, Scotland, and the wider UK following the Global Day of Action for Iran last Saturday, 1 October 2022.

The murder of Mahsa Amini three weeks ago is an attack on women's rights. The protests that followed, including the 'Women, Life, Freedom' demonstrations in Iran, are powerful symbols of direct action against an anti-democratic, illiberal, and oppressive regime. The lack of coverage by the BBC and other state-funded media outlets on each of these events has not gone unnoticed.

The BBC has an important role to play in the dissemination of news to and the education of people in the UK and around the world. I would appreciate an explanation for the lack of coverage of these important events. I would also welcome your comments on how you think the BBC should use its reach to ensure international coverage of issues that, directly or indirectly, affect us all.

Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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