

PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN PUBLISHERS

We, at the International Alliance of Independent Publishers, would like to declare our full solidarity with Iranian publishers, well known across the world for their invaluable contributions to the cultural heritage of humanity. We are concerned about the situation regarding freedom of expression in Iran, especially for publishers, and we demand, on their behalf and ours, the right to publish freely, without any restrictions or censorship. We believe that more open cultural exchanges between Iran and the rest of the world will be mutually beneficial, and will help build a more peaceful and “bibliodiverse” world. As publishers, as friends of the Iranian people, we are ready to do our part.

Founded in 2002, the International Alliance of Independent Publishers is a non-profit association which coordinates an international network comprising **80 publishing houses and groups of publishers from 45 countries**. The Alliance organizes international meeting and carries out advocacy work to foster independence. It also backs international publishing projects — in the form of assistance with translation or co-publishing. Finally, the Alliance contributes to the promotion and diffusion of productions from the South to the North and modestly tries to invert one-way trade flows. The Alliance thus contributes to enhancing the accessibility of works and ideas, to defending and promoting bibliodiversity and to denounce all forms of censorship.



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