

PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN PUBLISHERS

We, the International Alliance of Independent Publishers, would like to declare our full solidarity with Iranian publishers, well known in the world for their invaluable contribution to the cultural heritage of humanity. We are preoccupied with the situation of freedom of expression in Iran, especially for publishers, and we ask for a full right to publish, without any restrictions and censorship. More open cultural and editorial 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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