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As noted in the chapter [Refugee status](#), some profiles of applicants from Iran may be at risk of death penalty or execution. In such cases, there would often be a nexus to a reason for persecution falling under the definition of a refugee (for example, [Members and sympathisers of opposition parties and movements \(perceived as\) critical of the Iranian authorities](#), [Protesters](#), [Journalists and other media workers \(perceived as\) critical of the Iranian authorities](#), [Individuals perceived to have transgressed Islamic norms or laws](#), [Ethnic minorities](#), and [Persons with diverse SOGIESC \(also referred to as LGBTIQ persons\)](#), and those individuals would qualify for refugee status. In such cases, there would often be a nexus to a reason for persecution falling under the definition of a refugee, and those individuals would qualify for refugee status. However, with reference to cases where there is no nexus to a Convention ground, the need for subsidiary protection under Article 15(b) QD/QR should be examined.

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