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A

Artesh	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

Basij	Mobilisation
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C

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

D

Diyeh	Blood money paid to the victim or their closest relative
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E

Efsad fil-arz	A crime of 'corruption on Earth', punishable by death
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

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

L

LGBTIQ

LGBTIQ people are persons:

- 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)

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
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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.
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