

# Iranian Lawyer Wants UN To Investigate Ebrahim Raisi's Role In Mass Executions

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**Ebrahim Raisi is the President-elect** of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He was also the Deputy Prosecutor in Tehran who, as part of a panel of four “hanging judges,” ordered the execution of 5,000 political dissidents in 1988. Since then Raisi has continued to play a role in other murders, as of those hundreds of non-violent protesters in 2019 who were killed by the police – a crime that the Iranian state never investigated. The UN investigator on human rights in Iran, Javaid Rehman, who teaches international law in London, has called for an independent inquiry into allegations of state-ordered executions of thousands of political prisoners in 1988 and the role played in them by President-elect Ebrahim Raisi when he was the Tehran deputy prosecutor.

The story of Rehman's demand is here: "UN Expert Backs Probe Into Iran's 1988 Killings, Raisi's Role," [Jihad Watch](#).