2022-2023 protests in Iran

Who was Mahsa Amini?

- 22-year-old woman
- Arrested for **not wearing** her **headscarf** properly
- Severely **beaten** and **tortured** by police
- **Died** from her injuries
- Police deny any wrongdoing

How did Iranians respond?

- **Street protests**, boycotts
- Primarily led by **young women**
- Motto: **"Woman, life, freedom!"**
- **Hundreds of thousands** participated
- Women **burned headscarves, cut hair**

Protesters gather in large numbers in public spaces to make their anger known

How did the government respond?

- Limited internet access
- Shot into crowds, more than 500 killed
- More than 20 thousand arrested, many children
- Some sentenced to death

What has changed?

- Government is **still in power**
- Many women **no longer wearing headscarves**
- **No more arrests** for not wearing headscarves
- 20 thousand people **pardoned** for protests

"The Islamic Republic took everything away from us ...but not hope."

Iranian woman protests with hair uncovered to show solidarity