



# Amnesty International

## Why in News

According to **Amnesty International**, the **protests over rising fuel prices** and a **subsequent government crackdown** have cost many people their lives across **Iran**.

- The [U.S.economic sanctions on Iran](#) and the **rise in gasoline prices** in the country have resulted in a **collapse** of Iranian currency (Rial).

## Amnesty International

- Amnesty International is a **London based Non-Governmental Organisation founded in 1961**.
- The organization aims to create a world where every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and other **international human rights standards**.
  - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in **1948**. It recognized the fundamental human rights universally for the **first time**.
- It also conducts research, generates action to prevent grave abuses of human rights and demands justice for those whose rights have been violated.
- The organization was awarded the [Nobel Peace Prize in 1977](#) for its “**Defence of human dignity against torture**” and the **United Nations Prize** in the field of **Human Rights** in **1978**.

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