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March 6, 2010: Interpol issues "red notice" against Iranian broadcaster in Los Angeles.

Spurred on by the inaction of the international community as it cracks down on internal protest, the Iranian regime is now expanding its efforts to muzzle voices of protest on the outside. Not only has it influenced the government of Belgium to issue an arrest warrant against PJAK leader Rahman Haj Ahmadi that the German government enforced (see our website for more information on this breaking news story) but today Interpol issued an international arrest warrant or "red notice" against Shahram Homayoun, an Iranian broadcaster in Los Angeles. Interpol stated that it was issuing the arrest warrant at the request of a court in Shiraz, which had convicted Mr. Homayoun on terrorism charges.

So let's get this straight: a terrorist regime is now claiming that opposition broadcasters are "terrorists" because they oppose the terrorism of the regime... Mr. Homayoun owns and operates Channel One television. He tells FDI he was never aware of any court proceedings against him in Shiraz, and has never been contacted by Iranian legal authorities. "But of course, the punishment for terrorism is execution," he said. "So this arrest warrant is an execution order." Mr. Homayoun is a legal U.S. resident.

American taxpayers fund a good chunk of Interpol's operating budget. Congress should withhold funds from Interpol until this outrageous manipulation of international police cooperation is rescinded.

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