

English Translation — Message No. 33 (SHAMA)

Great Nation of Iran,

Endless greetings to you, who—through your intelligent and unified **negative action**—thwarted the call of traitors affiliated with Israel and the United States to occupy the streets during the twelve-day aggression, as well as the call of 42 monarchist organizations for an uprising on Shab-e Chelleh (Yalda Night). And special thanks to you, who—through a decisive **positive action**—only **seven days** after this Council declared a “pre-revolutionary” situation (Message No. 29 dated 1404/9/30), rose so unitedly and powerfully in a national uprising that the government was compelled to propose negotiations. We hereby bring the following points to your attention:

1) The causes of the current crises and of your national uprising, great nation, are far deeper and broader than merely changing the central bank governor, the government, or the heads of the three branches. They are rooted in the regime’s dysfunctional structure and in the invalidity of Ali Khamenei’s guardianship, who—despite lacking legal qualifications—usurped your power through betrayal and fraud, and because of his lack of competence was forced to cultivate cronies and create a mafia-like system of thief-rule to preserve his illegitimate power. Through this, systemic, institutionalized, widespread, and blatant corruption has emerged, and his incompetence and ignorance have further expanded the crises. Therefore, under present conditions, removing him from power and changing the system is not merely an option, but an obligation.

2) Experience has shown that, for various reasons, “non-structural reform” of the system is not possible, let alone “structural reform.” On the other hand, the current situation is “unbearable,” the best evidence of which is your unified national uprising. Consequently, if until ten days ago the country was in a “pre-revolutionary” condition, your national uprising has now advanced the situation to a stage of “revolutionary upsurge,” in which neither can “those above” govern as before, nor can “those below” endure the situation. At this “decisive” juncture, the sustained and “managed” continuation of your uprising can bring an end to the country’s decline and collapse.

3) Although the Supreme Command and guardianship of Ali Khamenei are invalid and he is removed, and this invalidity and removal extend to all governing institutions derived from him—thus the Islamic Republic, in its entirety, has become dissolved and removed—yet in order to prevent the destruction of what remains of the country and to avert human costs on both sides (which in any case belong to the great nation of Iran), and taking into account the existing, albeit shaky, **de facto authority**, and in order to demonstrate our “goodwill,” we announce that our positive response to the government’s proposal is conditional upon the following:

A) Negotiations must take place with Ali Khamenei’s written approval.

B) The transfer of power to the people must occur through a peaceful process within a specified timeframe.

C) As an initial and small step, all political and ideological prisoners must be released immediately and unconditionally, and the implementation of any death sentences, including execution and retributive penalties against life or limb, must be halted. Otherwise, soon the great nation of Iran, by taking over Evin Prison—this symbol of the regime’s hollow power—and other prisons across the

country, will revive the memory of the storming of the Bastille of Persia, the symbol of Louis XVI's authority, and will seize the illegitimate and hollow power centers of Ali Khamenei.

D) If agreement is reached on the “peaceful” transfer of power to the people, a “general amnesty” will be declared.

4) Until negotiations begin, public protests “will not” be suspended.

5) If suppressive forces “confront” the people during the national protests, this “conditional” response for negotiations will be deemed “null and void,” and the national uprising will continue with greater resolve until the “seizure of power centers.”

Proud nation of Iran
Long live Iran

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