

English Translation — Message No. 39 (SHAMA)

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Great Nation of Iran,

Ali Khamenei, the traitorous and removed leader—despite observing what happened to Venezuela and his close ally Nicolás Maduro, the latest in a series of cautionary fates from Gorbachev to Milošević, from Ben Ali to Mubarak, from Gaddafi to Saddam, and from Ashraf Ghani to Bashar al-Assad—still, as Hannah Arendt put it, seems not to have reached the fifteenth minute before the fall, when a dictator finally believes the danger. As usual, on the one hand he divided the protesters into pious bazaaris and non-pious people allegedly incited, enemy mercenaries, and “rioters”; and on the other hand he ordered that they be “put in their place” (that is, as in 1371, to reap the protesters like weeds). And although he acknowledged the protests of the pious bazaaris, he attributed the causes of the crises that drove them to protest to the “enemy.” This is while, in multiple messages—including Message No. 37 dated 1404/10/12—we asked him, before he meets Gaddafi’s fate, to hand over the usurped power to the nation by “peaceful” means; but an iron nail will not go into stone. Therefore, we bring the following points to your attention:

- 1) You are now facing a government whose leader lacks the legal qualifications—something he himself has explicitly and truthfully admitted—and who usurped this position through betrayal and fraud; therefore he is removed, and his guardianship is null. This nullity and removal extend to all institutions derived from him; thus the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its entirety, is removed and illegitimate.
- 2) It is enough to listen to Mr. Pezeshkian’s statements to realize how “bankrupt,” ineffective, and chaotic the government is, and how “shaken” its foundations have become—so much so that it collapses with a single “blow.” And this revolutionary flood that you have unleashed will carry away not only Pezeshkian and his government, but the entire system—just as the flood of the 1357 revolution swept away Bakhtiar, his government, and the Pahlavi regime.
- 3) You know better than anyone that, because reform of the system is impossible and tolerating it is impossible, there is no path except its “overthrow.” And as Ahmad Khatami, the pitiful Friday prayer leader of Tehran, said: “The goal of the protesters is to overthrow the government.” You too—after unsuccessful attempts at reform and several national uprisings met with repression—have finally found the remedy in the “overthrow” of the system, and to achieve it you launched a “national uprising” in the new phase of struggle beginning on 7 Dey.
- 4) The experience of past unsuccessful uprisings shows that, for various reasons—including the dispersal and fragmented nature of protests, the lack of national solidarity, the absence of a roadmap, order and discipline, the lack of continuity in protests, and the lack of a powerful and capable leadership able to remedy deficiencies and organize and manage the struggle—your efforts, great nation, despite heavy human and material costs, did not achieve results. Therefore, learning from these experiences and remedying these shortcomings is a rational necessity.
- 5) While honoring the start of your new phase of struggle, and despite its broad scope, we must accept that although the Islamic Republic is in its “weakest” position since 1357—so weak that it

even lacks “repressive power”—and if full national solidarity existed this regime would already have been sent to the “archives of history,” unfortunately the lack of complete national solidarity has enabled the regime to survive. Therefore, national solidarity is an unavoidable necessity for the victory of this national uprising.

6) Because of the “greatness of Iran” and the role this “bridge of victory” can play in regional and international developments, foreign powers “cannot” remain indifferent to developments in our country. Therefore, either we have the “capacity and merit” to shape our country’s developments ourselves and rule over our “destiny,” or foreigners “decide for us” and impose their decisions upon us—as they have done, especially over the past century.

7) If we lack the merit to shape our country’s developments, the “partition of Iran” by foreigners appears certain—especially since some characterless individuals and opposition organizations have already accepted that shame in advance and have become road-pavers for foreign aggression.

8) So what is the solution? The solution is to create our national unity and solidarity and to continue the struggle that began on 7 Dey more broadly and in the most civilized manner; and amid this opposition chaos—where, without regard to the “speed of developments,” they chase “wild goose chases”—to support your own National Council of Revolution so that order and discipline may be established, and so that foreign powers understand this truth: Iran is not “ownerless,” such that they can impose their “traitorous and mercenary” agents upon the nation’s destiny. Your response, great nation, to the call for a “thunderous” presence in the arena and for the “seizure” of all streets nationwide, and for an inspiring display of “national solidarity” on the anniversary of the start of the 1357 revolution—Wednesday 1404/10/17—must turn it into a “turning point” in the history of struggles, so that with your help we can “guarantee” the victory of your national revolution. And until that day, every night and every day we shall continue strikes and protests with both “passion and wisdom,” and we will show the world that we are a nation that, in less than 120 years, has brought about “three great revolutions.”

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Proud nation of Iran
Long live Iran

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