

## **English — Message No. 44 (SHAMA)**

### **Great and courageous nation of Iran**

Our priority is the “peaceful” transfer of power to the nation, so that this objective can be achieved with the least possible human and material costs, minimal damage to the country’s infrastructure, and in the shortest possible time. It is evident that achieving this requires changing the “balance of power” in favor of the people, because once this balance shifts, the “armed forces” will join the people, and the deposed leader will have no choice but “flight or surrender.”

On the other hand, according to the established military principle that:

**“If you want peace, you must be prepared for war,”**

our plan is to create “superiority of power,” in a way that most effectively demonstrates the shift of the balance of power in favor of the nation. For this purpose, we must reach a level of “national solidarity combined with combat readiness” such that the regime becomes convinced that we have the “capacity to seize centers of power.” Therefore, it is مقرر/decided that in the coming days we will expand protests and strikes—while observing order and discipline—so that the deposed leader will not entertain the slightest doubt regarding the “superiority of power” of the great nation of Iran.

A noteworthy point is that the “prolongation” of the struggle will increase human and material costs and waste time that must instead be devoted to the “reconstruction” of the country. Therefore, it is appropriate to accelerate the achievement of “national solidarity combined with combat readiness” for the “seizure of centers of power,” in order to change the “balance of power” in favor of the people.

To this end, we call upon all segments and groups of the people throughout the country to quickly join the strikes and protests and assist us in achieving these objectives.

While emphasizing the right of lawful self-defense of strikers and protesters—who, under Article 9 of the Constitution, have entered the field to defend and preserve their legitimate freedoms—we warn the armed forces and security elements to strictly refrain from any aggression against citizens. Otherwise, in addition to the exercise of citizens’ right of lawful self-defense, which is inherently a preemptive action, decisive legal prosecution of violators will follow.

**Proud nation of Iran**

**Long live Iran**

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