

## English — Message No. 45 (SHAMA)

**Have you become afraid and are you abandoning the struggle, or will you continue more fiercely?**

### **Great nation of Iran**

Now that—despite our emphasis on a non-violent struggle strategy and the strict prohibition of harming public and private property—according to the plan of security centers aimed at discrediting your struggle, providing excuses to the deposed authorities, and inciting uninformed suppressors to massacre innocent people, last night in some areas the “fire-at-will” forces of the deposed leader destroyed public and private property, in order to blame these actions on protesters who have displayed the most peaceful and civilized protests over the past 12 days, we hereby convey the following points:

**1** — The psychological and mental state of the deposed leader is reminiscent of Mohammad Reza Shah’s condition on 14 Dey 1357, after the killing of school and university students in front of Tehran University on 13 Dey and the public outrage that followed, which led to violent incidents—yet with three differences:

**a)** Last night’s actions were carried out by the “fire-at-will” forces of the deposed leader, whereas the violent actions on the night of 14 Dey 1357 were carried out by people enraged by the massacre of students.

**b)** After the violence that followed the massacre of students, the Shah, through a radio-television speech, said he had heard the people’s revolution, admitted to repression, dictatorship, censorship, the unholy compromise of political and financial corruption, injustice, illegality, and so on, accepted responsibility, and within 12 days fled the country.

**c)** Khamenei, under the mistaken belief that if the Shah had not admitted his crimes and had continued resisting and killing the people he would not have been overthrown, has neither the courage to repent and apologize, nor does he remove the cotton from his deaf ears to hear the voice of your national revolution. Not only does he have no intention of flexibility, but he has drawn the sword openly and intends to commit killings, hoping to intimidate the nation and end the matter.

**2** — Given the deposed leader’s mindset and his belief in the theory of “victory through terror,” and his mistaken interpretation that the victory of the 1979 Revolution was due to the Shah’s softness, retreat, and flight, he neither intends to flee like the Shah and Ben Ali, nor will he show any flexibility.

**3** — Confirming the above, today he not only showed no sign of flexibility, but by accusing the protesting people of sabotage and insisting on suppressing them, he exposed his bloodthirsty reality.

**4** — At the same time as the deposed leader issued threats, the Supreme National Security Council repeated his threats and threatened the people with slaughter.

**5** — Even before the deposed leader and the Supreme National Security Council, the corrupt officials of the “butchers’ judiciary”—which, under Article 156 of the Constitution, was supposed to be the supporter of individual and social rights, responsible for realizing justice, reviving public rights, and expanding justice and legitimate freedoms—contrary to their duty of supervising the proper enforcement of laws, remained silent in the face of betrayal and constitutional violations, including the usurpation of the leadership position by Ali Khamenei who lacked all leadership qualifications stipulated in Articles 5, 107, and 109, and instead threatened the people and ordered the acceleration of issuing verdicts.

**6** — The fundamental question now is: Did the great and brave nation of Iran rise in a national uprising under the assumption that the deposed leader and his “fire-at-will” forces would show flexibility—and now that their threats have proven that assumption wrong, will they abandon their uprising? Will they return home empty-handed despite heavy costs, allowing the deposed leader to destroy whatever remains of the country? And will he add the implicit accusation of “cowardice” to his filthy and insulting vocabulary—alongside terms such as social microbes, duped, enemy agents, shameless, politically ignorant, weeds, and so on?

**7** — The National Council of Iran’s Revolutionary Transition, knowing the courage and valor of the great nation of Iran, is certain that this nation not only has no intention of retreating, but has firmly decided not to stop fighting until achieving its goals and punishing the deposed leader and his “fire-at-will” forces.

**8** — Therefore, since a non-violent struggle, like a full-scale war, requires that all mechanisms of a full-scale war be observed—including unity of command, order and discipline, strategy, tactics, logistics, intelligence and counter-intelligence, propaganda, budget, and regular drills for combat readiness, and so on—thus:

**a)** We consider protests and strikes as drills for combat readiness.

**b)** Legitimate self-defense is not considered violence. Under Article 9 of the Constitution—which regards the preservation of freedom as the duty of the state and all members of the nation—and pursuant to Articles 156 and 157 of the Penal Code, government forces not only have no right to prevent the people from exercising and preserving their freedoms, but as a matter of “soldierly honor” and as “members of the nation” they must defend the people. The people’s right of legitimate self-defense against any actual or imminent danger or aggression is established, and is inherently a preemptive action aimed at neutralizing danger and aggression. Under the legal principle that “permission for something implies permission for its necessary means,” the people are permitted to obtain the means of self-defense and may arm themselves so that, when necessary, they can defend their life, honor, dignity, property, and bodily freedom—their own or others’—in accordance with the relevant conditions.

**c)** Since struggle and war are not child’s play, and commanders of fronts are not selected through democratic methods, because:

*“Not everyone can thresh a harvest;  
it requires a strong bull and an experienced man.”*

Those who can lead the front are those whose love of the homeland and military and struggle skills are proven.

**d)** As we have previously stated, “retreat” is not only “unwise” but “betrayal” of the blood of the martyrs of the national uprising. We have also said that one of the most important causes of failure of the uprisings of the past quarter-century has been the lack of continuity and persistence. Therefore, we emphasize the “continuation” of protests and strikes.

Appropriate messages will be conveyed subsequently.

### **Victory to Iran's national revolution**

**Proud nation of Iran**

**Long live Iran**

National Council of Iran's Revolutionary Transition

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