

English (Safe, publishable translation) — Message No. 46 (SHAMA)

72-hour ultimatum to commanders to stand with the people

Soldiers, NCOs, and commanders of Iran's national armed forces

While, under Articles 144 and 150 of the Constitution, you are obligated to be people-centered and to safeguard the achievements of the Revolution—including the elimination of despotism, autocracy, and monopolization, and the *обеспечение*/protection of political and social freedoms within the law, as well as the public's participation in determining their political, economic, social, and cultural destiny—you have not fulfilled these legal duties. Some of you, like parts of the regular army, have remained silent in the face of *ظلم*/injustice against the people, contradicting the honor of military service; others, more gravely, have directly participated in suppressing fellow citizens. We convey the following:

- 1) Do the national armed forces still not know that Ali Khamenei lacked the legal qualifications for leadership and, through betrayal and fraud, usurped the position of leadership and commander-in-chief—an issue he has himself openly acknowledged—and that therefore his authority and command are invalid? Do they not know that obeying unlawful orders is illegal and contrary to military honor, and constitutes betrayal of the nation?
- 2) Commanders who have accepted such “humiliation” that it does not trouble them to operate under the control of unaccountable clerical oversight, and who prefer obedience to an illegitimate and deposed commander-in-chief over standing with their oppressed nation, are not worthy of being called “soldiers of the homeland.”
- 3) As stated in earlier messages, commanders bear full responsibility for any human and material harm to citizens resulting from delays in taking a clear, lawful stance to protect the people's rights. We call on commanders to take an explicit and public position to prevent further bloodshed and to refrain from any unlawful use of force against civilians.
- 4) Delays by commanders must not prevent soldiers and NCOs from fulfilling their legal and ethical duty to protect citizens and refuse unlawful orders. While we prefer collective, orderly action, hesitation by senior command should not become a pretext for continued wrongdoing.
- 5) We urge all personnel to prioritize the protection of citizens' lawful rights and freedoms, to prevent escalation, and to act in ways that reduce harm and enable a peaceful transition.

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Long live Iran

National Council of Iran's Revolutionary Transition

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