

English — Message No. 47 (SHAMA)

On which side of history did the “reformists” stand?

Great nation of Iran

At the height of the strength and grandeur of your freedom-seeking, rights-based, justice-seeking, and democracy-seeking struggle—one that astonished the world and led many global figures and officials to praise you and declare support for your fight, O courageous nation of Iran—a group of individuals who had seized much of the country’s power during Khomeini’s era, and who, in addition to enjoying windfall privileges, committed many crimes in suppressing the people; and who held key managerial positions during the eight years of Rafsanjani’s presidency and the eight years of Khatami’s presidency, and who remained more or less in positions of authority during the eight years of Rouhani’s presidency—those who, if they had not gained enough during Khomeini’s time, compensated for it during the era of their old schoolmates Rafsanjani, Khatami, and Rouhani—at the very moment when the deposed leader was issuing threats and labeling you as irreligious, manipulated, enemy agents, and rioters, published a statement titled “support for the system and leadership,” in which they emphasized their firm support for the system and leadership and their alignment with the hardliners and the armed forces against the “rioters” (read: the oppressed protesting people). They thereby openly announced their promotion from “reformism” to “preservationism,” abandoned double-talk, and explicitly declared that they seek to preserve the Republic of oppression, ignorance, and corruption, and that they are followers and obedient to the deposed leader.

If, in order to escape accountability for the crimes they previously committed, or in order to preserve the privileges they have seized, they choose to stand with the treacherous and deposed leader in this historic moment, then they have lost the right side of history. Because first, our uncompromising struggle against corruption and plunder will include them as well; and second, even if their past crimes were hypothetically subject to statutes of limitation, joining the treacherous and deposed Khamenei at a time when the great nation of Iran is sacrificing countless martyrs for its freedom and for Iran’s dignity, constitutes a grave and unforgivable betrayal and crime, making their prosecution inevitable.

Moreover, in terms of ethics and political wisdom, they lack even the independence and prudence that Pharaoh displayed—because Pharaoh, at least in his final moments, recognized the correct side of history, whereas these gentlemen have failed even that test.

And finally, this event—which clearly separated the domestic enemies and traitors from the patriots—has shown that our nation must fight on two fronts simultaneously: one front against foreign enemies and their agents, and another front against oppression, ignorance, corruption, Khamenei, and his agents.

So let us tighten our belts.

Proud nation of Iran

Long live Iran

National Council of Iran’s Revolutionary Transition

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