

## English

### Message No. 63 – SHAMA

#### Checkmate: Iran at a Crossroads of Destiny

#### Militant People of Iran,

Now that, after six major failed uprisings over the past quarter-century, all indicators of a critical—indeed, super-critical—war-like crisis and revolutionary escalation in our country are clearly observable; and as the first phase of the seventh uprising, which began on the 7th of Dey with the free fall of the national currency, unfolded amid an unprecedented massacre, we draw your attention to a slip and mistake that could lead to the collapse of the country:

1. We have said repeatedly—and say again—that since 14 Khordad 1368, when Ali Khamenei usurped the position of leadership despite lacking the legal prerequisites, the Islamic Republic in its entirety has been illegitimate and unlawful, while simultaneously ineffective and bankrupt.
2. From the perspective of international relations, the behavior of governments—even when they themselves are illegal—is attributed to their nations; ultimately, it is the peoples who pay the price for their governments’ actions, regardless of legality.
3. In Iran’s case, due to the regional and international role it can play, reactions to such conduct are more severe. For example, the occupation of the U.S. embassy, the hostage-taking of its diplomats, and their failure to be released in a timely manner could decisively influence the “defeat of Democrat Carter” and the “victory of Republican Reagan,” and trigger other outcomes such as the eight-year war and the collapse of the Eastern Bloc—making the calculation even clearer.
4. Today, the Western world recognizes this system as “rogue, destabilizing, and terrorist,” while you—the great people of Iran—consider it “illegitimate and unlawful,” and have made “fruitless efforts” to overthrow it. We now stand at a point where, if **we** do nothing, **foreigners will**.
5. Is Ali Khamenei capable of resolving the people’s livelihood crisis amid systemic corruption, regime inefficiency, increasing international sanctions, and a bankrupt economy?! The answer is decisively no.
6. Given what we know of Ali Khamenei’s character, is he willing to relinquish power?! Undoubtedly, the answer is no.
7. Especially now, when he delusionally considers the United States and Israel “defeated,” labels the people “agents of the enemy,” and—after carrying out a massacre—can any path other than “intensified repression” be imagined for his survival?!
8. If **we** do not want to—or cannot—finish him and the regime of oppression, ignorance, and corruption, will the West remain indifferent, or will they subject us to the fate of Libya and Iraq and the like?!
9. Even if—hypothetically—Khamenei were to choose the first of the two dead ends (“humiliating unconditional surrender”) and accept a long list of demands to satisfy the United States and Israel, would anything of Iran remain?!
10. If Khamenei’s intransigence leads to the second option—“war”—would anything of Iran remain, or would we face the fate of Yugoslavia or Libya?!

11. In both scenarios, should we not act ourselves to prevent both war and humiliating surrender?!
12. If fate were to grant us the honor of a third revolution within a little more than a century, is there any hope of victory—amid this super-critical, war-revolutionary situation—without a roadmap, order and discipline, strategy and tactics, organization and logistics, and unity of command, which are the duties of uprising leadership?!
13. In the absence of a credible and capable opposition—some of whom await enemy aggression against Iran, while others, failing to grasp the “speed of developments,” pursue seminars and conferences to deliver a “cure after the death of Sohrab”—the National Council of Iran’s Revolution, formed a year ago as a “precautionary measure” to prevent the “collapse of dear Iran,” pursuant to a “national, ethical, and human responsibility,” and whose “analyses and forecasts” you have observed across more than 60 messages and statements, proposes:

- a. Let us forge a **national pact** based on **shared and reciprocal responsibility** to prevent the **collapse of Iran**.
- b. Even now it is **late**—therefore act **immediately**.
- c. Through **total strikes** nationwide and **civil disobedience**—by violating unjust laws and regulations—cut off **all financial and economic arteries**, refuse to pay any dues to the government (water, electricity, gas, telephone, taxes, fees, etc.), and **prohibit any dealings** with it to **paralyze** the regime.
- d. Completely ostracize those who do not join strikes and civil disobedience as **regime agents and traitors to the nation**.
- e. Pursuant to Article 9 of the Constitution and the broad scope of “any actual or imminent danger or aggression” stipulated in Articles 156 and 157 of the Islamic Penal Code, foreigners—including agents of Israel, ISIS, Hashd al-Shaabi, and others—constitute **specific legitimate targets**, and suppressive forces—including governmental and judicial agents who refuse to join the people and continue repression—constitute **general legitimate targets** for self-defense.
- f. Strikes and civil disobedience lay the groundwork for **national solidarity**, a prerequisite for **shifting the balance of power** and final readiness to **reclaim the usurped power**. Therefore, we urgently call on all segments of the nation to join them, prevent the **collapse** of dear Iran, and assist us in fulfilling our responsibility.

Further messages will be issued as circumstances require.

**Proud be the people of Iran**

**Long live Iran**

National Council of Iran’s Revolution

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