

English

Message No. 72 – SHAMA

One month after the massacre of the people, where do we stand?

Great People of Iran,

Even now—one month after the unprecedented massacre of the people—when even the number of martyrs and fatalities is seriously disputed and fluctuates from the government’s official figure of **3,117** to **43,000** claimed by an Israeli official, and **more than 84,000** claimed by a French journalist, and so on; and while, on the one hand, the **second phase** of this massacre has been delegated to the **Butchery Judiciary** to produce a slaughter worse than the **1980s**, and, on the other hand, **behind-the-scenes negotiations and deals** over the fate of the Iranian nation are being conducted under escalating military threats—with the participation of the representative of the removed government instead of the true representative of our people—so that, at the price of **unconditional surrender**, and auctioning off the country’s deterrent power and half a century of investments, the continued rule of the usurpers of our power and the killers of our children is guaranteed, we submit the following points to you:

1. In Message No. 29 dated 30 Azar we described Iran’s situation as “**pre-revolutionary**.” Even earlier we proposed the strategy of “**nonviolent struggle**” and the tactic of **strikes and civil disobedience**, and during the national uprising that began on 7 Dey we repeatedly **insisted** upon it. In Message No. 49 we stated that the only remaining option for the removed leader was “**repression**,” emphasized preparedness for an “**all-out struggle**,” and clarified that in nonviolent struggle—like an “**all-out war**”—all the “**mechanisms of war**,” including **unity of command**, order and discipline, and so on, must be observed... Now we ask: were our analysis and proposed plans wrong, or were this accurate analysis and correct plan ignored and not acted upon?!
2. If any other opposition has offered a more accurate analysis and plan—or if it has offered any analysis and plan at all in this turmoil—please identify it.
3. Based on the analysis that **continuous, uninterrupted protests** are not feasible and inevitably reach a point of **unavoidable confrontation**, in multiple messages, including Nos. 50 and 54, we proposed that instead of **daily protests**, and until achieving **complete national cohesion** that shifts the **balance of power** in favor of the people, protests should be reduced to **once a week**, on **Fridays**. But what can we do—there was no listening ear.
4. Today, after the teachings of the Republic of oppression, ignorance, and corruption, **values and national dignity** have been neglected, and **moral collapse** has reached such a point that—despite our own historical experiences (more than two centuries under the Seleucids after Alexander’s invasion, more than nine centuries under the Arab invaders, and more than two centuries under the Mongols), and despite the fact that the fate of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya is before our eyes—some people are **counting down** to a foreign attack on the country and claim the nation’s “inability” to overthrow the regime as justification. We must say: they have **lost the right path**, because the great nation of Iran is not incapable; rather, we must remove the **defects** that caused the failure of previous uprisings—most importantly, the absence of **leadership**—not **humiliatingly** cling to the enemies of beloved Iran. Here we deem it appropriate to appreciate the stance of the respected artist **Golshifteh Farahani**.

5. While affirming Mr. Marco Rubio’s statement that the negotiators and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran do not represent the Iranian nation, we declare that this single fact is sufficient to invalidate any agreement reached with the Islamic Republic—even without invoking principles of international law such as the prohibition of threats and the prohibition of the use of force.
6. If the great nation of Iran has not been **intimidated**, does not betray the blood of its children, and does not “reward” the killer of its innocent children; and if the repeated experience of failure in multiple uprisings has **convinced** it that, first, it is not incapable and does have the capacity to overthrow the Republic of oppression, ignorance, and corruption; and second, that a revolution requires **leadership** to provide the requirements of victory—such as a **roadmap, unity of command, order and discipline, strategy, tactics, logistics, propaganda, budget, media, and national cohesion**, and so on—then it can count on the **National Council of the Revolution of Iran**.
7. Inspired by the national school of Dr. Mossadegh, with full recognition of the **power and capacities** of the great nation of Iran, the unique **geostrategic** position of this singular “**Bridge of Victory**,” sufficient command of complex international relations, and **political-legal** skills—and with the practical help of the great nation of Iran—we commit to and guarantee the victory of Iran’s national revolution through implementation of the proposed programs of the National Council of the Revolution of Iran, and we call for resuming a new phase of our struggle starting **22 Bahman**, through **nationwide strikes and complete civil disobedience**.

Proud be the people of Iran

Long live Iran

National Council of the Revolution of Iran

1404/11/17