

## English

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#### The Fate of a Great and Civilized Nation in the Hands of Three Self-Absorbed Leaders

People of Iran,

We have repeatedly warned that nations ultimately bear the consequences of their governments' actions—whether those governments are legitimate or not.

Today, our country stands surrounded by nuclear powers from East and West. Threats of confrontation and ultimatums place our nation between two destructive options: humiliating unconditional surrender or a devastating war. In reality, it is not merely political leaders who are pushed to the edge—but the Iranian people themselves.

In this grave situation, we emphasize:

1. History shows that destructive wars are often driven by leaders blinded by ego and ambition. Yet history also proves that wise leadership can prevent catastrophe.
2. The current international climate is marked by weakened respect for international law and the absence of sufficient restraint among powerful actors. Escalatory rhetoric increases the risk of miscalculation.
3. The Cuban Missile Crisis demonstrated that even ideological adversaries can choose rational compromise over annihilation.
4. Today, negotiations concerning Iran's future proceed without a truly representative voice of the Iranian people. Regardless of legitimacy debates, it is always nations—not rulers—who pay the ultimate price of conflict.
5. Past wars in our region remind us that silence, polarization, and unchecked rhetoric can lead to irreversible tragedy.
6. At this sensitive moment, the path forward must prioritize national dignity, protection of civilian life, and avoidance of war.

The Iranian people must not be forced into a choice between humiliation and destruction. The future of a great civilization must not be determined by ego, anger, or political theatrics.

Wisdom, restraint, and responsibility are urgently required.