

English

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Two Catastrophic Options

Great People and Armed Forces of Iran Following the 48-hour ultimatum

We had said that the two-way deadlock of **unconditional surrender or war** does not merely carry the removed and ignorant leader to the top of the “pass,” but—far more bitterly—carries **beloved Iran, its great people, and its armed forces** to that pass. For surrender means **unraveling everything we have woven**, and war means the **attrition of the armed forces** and the imposition of its human and material costs upon you, the great people.

We spoke repeatedly of **national responsibility**, yet no one considered themselves its addressee.

It was first Khomeini who, driven by **ideological whims**, challenged the international system and paved the way for an eight-year, devastating war that resulted in the martyrdom of **hundreds of thousands of compatriots and members of the armed forces** and widespread destruction of the country’s **infrastructure**. Although you—the oppressed people and the armed forces—bore the entirety of its human and material costs, you did not utter even a mild reproach to him.

His unworthy successor, who on **1368/03/14** at the “**Second Saqifah of Bani Sa‘idah**” usurped your power **despite lacking the legal qualifications**, faced the silence and indifference of the great people and the armed forces, and repeated Khomeini’s “mistakes” on a **much larger scale**, producing today’s two-way deadlock of **humiliating surrender or devastating war**. Even when he brazenly declared that he was **not a diplomat but a revolutionary**, no one felt **national responsibility** and rebuked him. Now that the great people and the armed forces stand at the pass, forced to choose between two losing options—**unconditional surrender or war**—we submit the following points:

1. The responsibility for **treachery and fraud** by Ali Khamenei and his accomplices and abettors in usurping the leadership position **despite lacking legal qualifications**, and for steering the country toward **nowhere** and today’s **catastrophic** situation, is established. But do we also accept **our own responsibility**—that by **failing to fulfill our national responsibility** we either remained silent in the face of these crimes and disasters, or launched **multiple failed uprisings** without a plan, roadmap, leadership, or national cohesion, and after each **defeat**, without **remedying its causes**, proceeded to the next “uprising” and suffered a **new defeat**?
2. In the **national revolution** that began on the seventh of Dey, despite an **unprecedented massacre** with thousands of martyrs, wounded, and blinded eyes, and despite confronting the **two losing options** of humiliating unconditional surrender or unequal war, shall we **passively submit**? If, despite all this, the regime remains, we will then witness a massacre worse than the **1980s**, carried out by the **Butchery Judiciary**; and if the regime does not remain, **foreign mercenaries** will seize the reins, and what befell the people and armed forces of **Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya** will befall Iran’s people and armed forces.

3. Is there no conceivable **similarity, relationship, or causality** between **7 October 2023** in Israel and **7 Dey 1404** and the **three-day massacre of 18, 19, and 20** in Iran?
4. Does the “**remaking of the Middle East**” announced by Netanyahu immediately after the events of 7 October 2023 not now cast its shadow over Iran?
5. The **National Council of the Revolution of Iran**, formed a year ago by virtue of **national, moral, and human responsibility**—to manage your national revolution and prevent the **collapse of the country and the armed forces, a power vacuum, insecurity, chaos, and reprisals**—and which has thus far issued **70 messages** to the people and the armed forces containing accurate analyses, forecasts, and timely warnings **before events occurred**, can, ****if supported by you—the great people and the armed forces—**successfully discharge its grave duties at this **historical juncture**. Are you still waiting for a hand from the unseen?**
6. What is certain is that a return to conditions **prior to the January massacres** of our compatriots is inconceivable; and in the absence of an opposition with popular support, the **designs** that foreign powers have devised for Iran, its people, and its armed forces will be **carried out**.

Do not allow the **templates** executed in **Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria** to be repeated in beloved Iran.

The **National Council of the Revolution of Iran** awaits your declaration of support, O great people and armed forces of Iran. Of the **48-hour grace ultimatum, only 24 hours remain**.

Proud be the people of Iran

Long live Iran

National Council of the Revolution of Iran

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