

The Great Iranian Nation

On the anniversary of the state killing of **Mahsa Amini**, the daughter of Iran, which gave rise to a national and spontaneous uprising that became so widespread that, on the one hand, it prompted the international community to express admiration and support for it, while on the other hand it so terrified officials of the deposed Islamic Republic that they began blaming one another for the creation of the “Guidance Patrol” and, out of fear of accepting responsibility for establishing it, descended into incoherent statements.

Nevertheless, certain factors caused the uprising, although one of its objectives — opposition to compulsory hijab — was achieved, albeit only relatively, to fall short of its broader goals. The government even shelved the law known as the “Hijab and Chastity Law,” which it had finally approved after the movement had receded, out of fear of another popular uprising.

Now, as strong signs of imminent developments in the country are becoming visible, we bring the following points to the attention of you, the great nation:

1 – The initiative by **Reza Pahlavi**, who had gathered seven other people around himself, either in person or virtually, at Georgetown University in order to appropriate and seize the leadership of the uprising, and who was supposedly going to lead a free bus toward Tehran, ended up in Israel. After negotiating with the criminal Netanyahu, more than one-quarter of the members of the Israeli parliament called for the partition of Iran and the separation of **Azerbaijan**, the northern part of Iran.

2 – Reza Pahlavi explicitly stated in an official interview that the countries that attacked Iran, particularly the United States and Israel, did so as a result of his trip to Tel Aviv at that time.

3 – In addition to Reza Pahlavi, who by his own admission was the principal cause of the Israeli and American aggression against our country, two of the seven remaining participants in the Georgetown University meeting — **Abdullah Mohtadi and Shirin Ebadi** — formally invited the aggressors in writing to launch a military expedition against Iran. One of the two, namely Shirin Ebadi, was subsequently appointed by Reza Pahlavi to head Iran’s Transitional Justice Committee!!

4 – Instead of Reza Pahlavi and the seven-person circle who stepped forward to seize the leadership of the “Woman, Life, Freedom” uprising, and instead of the bus that was supposed to travel to Tehran under his driving but ended up in Tel Aviv, if a genuine, capable, credible national individual or individuals enjoying popular support had assumed responsibility for directing that uprising, would the country have reached such a disastrous state?!

Would the massacres of **18 and 19 Dey** have taken place by order of the criminal Mojtaba?! Would Israel and the United States have attacked our country?! Would the Islamic Republic still be in power?! And would poverty and deprivation have squeezed you to this extent?!

5 – Has the time not come to learn from failed experiences, both to reject false and incapable claimants to the leadership of the uprising and, in light of the principal cause of failure in previous

uprisings — namely, the absence of competent, credible, and capable leadership — to remedy this deficiency by identifying and introducing genuine national figures committed to Iran’s national interests, independence, and territorial integrity?

6 – When the collapse in the value of the national currency, with the dollar reaching **145,000 tomans** on the market, set society and the country in motion from the seventh of Dey, does the accelerating free fall, with the dollar reaching **235,000 tomans**, together with intensified repression — both through an increase in unlawful executions and through threats by deposed officials that protesters will be “regarded as enemies” and that there are “fingers on the triggers” — not indicate the prospect of a massacre worse than that of 18 and 19 Dey?

Is it too late to wait until “hunger overcomes fear” and gives rise to a movement at the national level?!

7 – Now that the occurrence of such a movement is more likely than ever, should we repeat failed experiences and wait for another massacre, or resort to a blind revolt that would plunge the country into chaos, insecurity, civil war, and partition — precisely what Iran’s enemies are waiting for?!

Would it not be better, drawing upon Iranian intelligence and wisdom, to fill the leadership vacuum of the uprising with genuine national and capable figures, so as to guarantee Iran’s independence and continuity, while ensuring that Iran’s enemies understand that Iran is not “ownerless” and that they cannot demand whatever unjustified claims they wish?

And should the “coup government” not be confronted by a strong, national, and popular counterpart that understands that the “transfer of usurped power to the people is inevitable,” and that it must choose between transferring power to the people through “**reconciliation accompanied by a general amnesty**” or transferring power to the people through “**trial and punishment**”?!

8 – Despite all the indications of an imminent national uprising, we strongly recommend that, before preparing for and establishing competent leadership to manage the uprising, you particularly refrain from a “**blind revolt**” and “**street protests.**” Whenever you have identified the leadership you consider appropriate, pursue your demands exclusively through “**nonviolent struggle,**” “**civil disobedience,**” and **strikes.**

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