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The clerical regime faces the impasse of impending overthrow; the democratic alternative marches on towards victory

The final phase with the henchman of the 1988 massacre

Our society is besieged by religious tyranny, the Coronavirus, and hunger, but it is also harboring within itself volcanic uprisings.

Yes, the mullahs' religious fascism chose [Ebrahim Raisi] the henchman of the 1988 massacre to solidify their rule and close ranks, to preserve their power, and to prevent their inevitable overthrow in the face of looming uprisings. But they have actually dug their own graves. They are like a scorpion that stings itself after being surrounded by flames. Only the regime's fear of the uprisings and the supreme leader's political demise can explain Raisi's taking office.

Raisi was among the perpetrators of the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in 1988, 90% of whom were affiliated with the PMOI/MEK. Before and after that, he was involved in the torture and execution of thousands of other people.

Now, let us examine the regime's current situation: A henchman heads the Executive Branch; an executioner and a notorious torturer by the name of Ejehi heads the Judiciary Branch, and a bloodthirsty mullah is at the helm of the entire regime. Indeed, the squad of cannibals is now complete.

Khamenei had already claimed that to overcome all the regime's difficulties, he needs a young Hezbollah government to take office. Now, he has brought a mass murderer who is himself at the center of the regime's problems. The Velayat-e Faqih regime is thus digging a deeper hole. This mullah bears no semblance to humanity. Infamous as "the life-taking judge,"¹ Raisi is a robot in the regime's Judiciary, programmed only to kill.

Earlier, Khamenei had acknowledged that to avoid fighting in Tehran and other Iranian cities, the regime needs to wage wars in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. So, he has resorted to nuclear and missile programs and warmongering in the region. But Khamenei is treading a path that leads straight to the graveyard.

¹ This term was used by another henchman, Mohammad Ebrahim Nekounam, a senior advisor to the Prosecutor General, in an interview with the Judiciary's official news agency, Mizanonline, September 24, 2016

Three major developments

All this is the regime's reaction to an era distinguished by three major developments.

First, the regime is politically and socially in a state of emergency, grappling with rampant crises;

Second, Iranian society has entered a phase of upheavals and uprisings since December 2017;

And third, a nationwide network has emerged, which is comprised of courageous, selfless rebels who keep alight the flames of the Resistance Units' fight against symbols of religious fascism.

Therefore, in the new era, the hostility and enmity between the Iranian regime and society will intensify more than ever before, just as the deposed Shah resorted to declaring martial law and appointing the military General Az'hari as Prime Minister but ended up with an outcome contrary to his expectations.

In this era, pseudo-solutions and fabricated or virtual alternatives will not have the critical space needed to maneuver.

Fake notions of moderation and reformism will lose color, and the only brilliant option remaining will be a revolution and the regime's overthrow.

Yes, the time has come for upheavals and the rising of the battalions of the Liberation Army. Just as it is promised in the national anthem of France, La Marseillaise, and was evident in the American War of Independence.

Yes, the clerical regime is staring at an impasse leading to overthrow. The Iranian people and Resistance are marching towards victory. And Iran will be free.

Freedom is the answer for Iran

In the face of religious fascism, which looks for a solution among detested henchmen and mass murderers, the Iranian people find their answer and their victorious solution in a freedom-loving Resistance and in establishing a free Iran.

To achieve this glorious objective, the Iranian Resistance's asset and greatest backing are the furious masses who are not satisfied with anything less than the overthrow of this regime.

Our asset is the rebellion and revolt of the army of youths who took to the streets in November 2019.

And our power comes from a nationwide network of Resistance Units who have been working ceaselessly all days of the year, and in the year 2020, they doubled the number of their activities and operations compared to the previous year, in order to break the spell of repression.

Although our people's share of the mullahs' world has been nothing but high prices and hunger, as well as flogging and executions, but in the world of the Resistance, our people have the backing of not one, not two, not three but 1,000 Ashrafs, or 1,000 roaring bastions of freedom in Iran and around the world, and wherever freedom-loving Iranians cry out against the mullahs' regime.

When Khomeini was executing the generation of countless freedom-lovers and wiping out all political groups, and when all seemed lost, the National Council of Resistance of Iran was established. Over the past forty years, the NCRI has been tested numerous times for its freedom, independence, durability, and capability. It has played a unique role in Iran's contemporary history and is the viable alternative for establishing a democratic republic. According to its platform, six months after the overthrow of the mullahs' regime, the NCRI will hand power over to the Constituent and Legislative Assembly to start drafting the Constitution of the new Republic.

Thirty years ago, the Iranian Resistance made the world aware of the significant threat of religious fundamentalism embodied by the mullahs' regime and warned against the spread of terrorism around the globe. A recent example of the regime's terrorism was the attempted bombing of the Free Iran rally in June 2018 in Villepinte near Paris. One of the regime's sitting diplomats has been sentenced to 20 years in Belgium for this terrorist attempt.

The Iranian Resistance's experience is a concise summary of the Iranian people's 120-year struggle for freedom.

The great experience of the Iranian people and Resistance since the outset on June 20, 1981, can be summed up in the phrase "neither the Shah nor the Sheikh (mullahs)." This is the true, essential, and necessary meaning of freedom and independence in action.

Our 40 years of experience has proven that religious dictatorship does not lead to reform or transformation.

The so-called reformist and moderate currents, or the sham election, have been used as a pretext to conceal the objective conditions ready to overthrow the regime. And now, Khamenei's rejection of the so-called reformists means that the conditions for the overthrow can no longer be denied.

The experience of the Iranian Resistance during forty years of a fierce, blood-drenched struggle against the clerical regime teaches us that when an individual, group, or party ignores the fact, for reasons of expediency or self-interest, that the mullahs' regime is the main enemy of Iran and Iranians, it gradually moves closer to this inhuman enemy.

Internationally, the 40-year experience of the Iranian Resistance leaves no doubt that the threat for government policies has always been complacency with this regime; the danger of giving in to the regime's blackmail, and sacrificing the Iranian people's Resistance and human rights for commercial and political interests.

And the experience of forty years of formidable struggle proves that the ruling regime will not change unless it is overthrown through an uprising.

We want freedom, democracy, and equality

But what do we and our people want? And how do we get there?

Our will and that of our people can be summed up in these three words: freedom, democracy, and equality.

As far as the international community is concerned, we ask it to recognize the struggle of the Iranian people to overthrow this regime and recognize these three concepts.

We want to bring to justice the mullahs' supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, his president, Ebrahim Raisi, his Judiciary Chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni Eje'i, and others responsible for the 1988 massacre on charges of committing crimes against humanity and genocide.

We urge the UN Security Council to arrange for the international prosecution of Mullah Raisi and holding him accountable for crimes against humanity and to refuse to accept his presence at the next session of the UN General Assembly.

We say that the mullahs' regime will never give up the project of acquiring nuclear weapons, its export of terrorism, and its incitement of war in the region. Therefore, as the main threat to peace and security, it must be subjected to international sanctions under Chapter Seven of the UN Charter.

To achieve freedom, we are not betting on chance or pinning hope on a miracle that will break the spell of repression. The campaign for the overthrow is something we build with our own hands and through immense suffering.

The strategy of this Resistance is based on the nature and politics of this regime.

This strategy, taken from the encyclopedia of the great uprising of November 2019, is the answer to religious fascism which will sustain its repression until the last moment.

We have charted our path and gleaned our principles from the same principles that govern the conditions of society.

We have illuminated the path that the oppressed society is eager to follow.

Yes, the army of the countless hungry and unemployed people have nothing to lose. And this will lead to the rise of the great army of freedom.

With such great passion and thirst for freedom, we say: The way and the solution are represented by this Resistance. The Resistance Units and those who follow this path are ready and prepared. They build the bridge of victory to the future and will win freedom for the Iranian people.