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## Iran: A Nation That Has Passed Winter but Remains in Grief and Mourning

### Awakened People Against a Regime of Ignorance

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**USPA NEWS** - As the Persian New Year, Nowruz, ushered in a new cycle of hope and renewal, Islamic Republic Leader, Ali Khamenei, refused to acknowledge the occasion, failing to extend any greetings to the people. Instead, he denounced celebrations as sinful and ordered national mourning for the first Shia Imam. However, the Iranian people had a different response—one of defiance and resilience.

Across the country, people celebrated with even greater enthusiasm than before. Dancing in the streets reached unprecedented levels. Visits to the tomb of Cyrus the Great, a symbol of Iran's pre-Islamic heritage, surged. National and historical sites, including Zoroastrian fire temples, saw an influx of visitors. In essence, Iranians deliberately engaged in everything that would most frustrate the Supreme Leader. And, in a remarkable shift, these gatherings became platforms for anti-regime chants, marking the first day of the new year with calls for fundamental change.

Despite soaring inflation, economic hardship, and an escalating environmental crisis—products of the regime's deep-rooted corruption and mismanagement—Iranians continue to push forward. Meanwhile, Khamenei's authoritarian government is dragging the country dangerously close to a major conflict. The United States, under President Donald Trump, has issued a stark ultimatum: the Islamic Republic must dismantle its nuclear program or face the destruction of its nuclear infrastructure. Yet, Iran's leadership, blinded by arrogance and incompetence, refuses to acknowledge the gravity of this threat.

As the new year begins, Iran stands at a crossroads—between an unyielding dictatorship clinging to power and a population increasingly determined to reclaim its freedom. The Ayatollahs at Their Weakest, But Is the Regime Truly on the Brink of Collapse?

With the near-total loss of their proxy forces across the region, Iran's ruling clerics find themselves at their weakest point in years. Simultaneously, the Iranian people are enduring one of the worst humanitarian, financial, and economic crises in modern history. The country is gripped by darkness, with inflation soaring, livelihoods crumbling, and basic freedoms suffocated under an iron-fisted regime.

### But does this mean the Islamic Republic is on the verge of collapse?

The downfall of a deeply entrenched theocratic dictatorship requires far more than just internal crises. A true collapse demands powerful external pressure, including:

Widespread international support for Iran's pro-freedom movement  
A complete halt to any negotiations or economic engagements with the regime

An immediate end to the sale and distribution of Iran's military drones

Without these measures, the Iranian people remain trapped between two crushing forces: economic devastation and the regime's relentless military oppression. They are left to suffer, bearing the heaviest burden while the world watches from a distance.

What Must Be Done? How Can the Iranian People Be Protected?

The answer lies in decisive and coordinated global action. The free world must recognize that diplomacy with the Islamic Republic only prolongs its survival, while economic lifelines empower its repressive machinery. If genuine change is to be achieved, the focus must shift

### **Maximum Pressure on the Regime, Maximum Support for the Iranian People**

The Islamic Republic stands at a crossroads. Decades of oppression, corruption, and international isolation have left the regime weakened, its proxy forces in shambles, and its leadership more fragile than ever. Yet, despite this vulnerability, the Iranian people remain trapped—suffering under economic collapse, brutal crackdowns, and a lack of organized leadership to guide them toward freedom.

So, what is missing? A unified opposition.

A well-structured, exiled opposition with a clear vision for Iran's future is crucial. Global efforts must not only focus on sanctions against the regime but also actively foster an alternative—a political body that can coordinate with dissidents inside Iran, provide hope, and serve as a legitimate voice for millions who reject the Islamic Republic. Without this, the cycle of oppression continues, and the world risks either prolonged dictatorship or a devastating war.

### **War or Freedom? The Choice is Clear**

There is no doubt that Iranians have spoken: they do not want nuclear weapons. They understand that nuclear ambitions have isolated them, fueled their oppression, and turned their country into a global pariah. If Iran is to have nuclear energy in the future, it must be under international oversight, not under the control of a regime that has used every resource at its disposal to suppress its own people.

The question then becomes: Is war truly the only option? The cost of military confrontation—thousands of missiles, billions of dollars spent on destruction—is immense. Yet, the cost of not supporting the Iranian people is even greater. If given the chance, a free Iran would voluntarily abandon the nuclear threat in favor of economic growth, global integration, and long-overdue peace.

Iranians do not want isolation. They do not want to be a rogue state. They want to rejoin the world, to be part of the international community. So why is the world ignoring them?

The Leadership Question: Is It Really That Hard?

The solution is not complex, yet it has been deliberately obstructed by opportunists, power-hungry players, and those who fear a strong, independent Iran. The formation of a legitimate opposition is not an impossible task. Figures like Prince Reza Pahlavi, exiled intellectuals, and countless Iranian elites—now scattered across the world—represent a massive untapped resource for rebuilding Iran's future. Yet, rather than empowering these figures, the international community continues to hesitate, leaving millions of Iranians without a clear alternative.

Why? Who benefits from prolonging Iran's suffering? Who profits from keeping one of the richest, most historically significant nations in the world out of the global market?

The answer is yours to decide.

I am neither a journalist nor a political analyst. I am simply a witness to history, documenting these times so that future generations can learn from our mistakes and never again repeat them.

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