



## **The strategy of the bomb, missiles and the executioner is doomed to failure**

*Maryam Rajavi addresses the second day of the Free Iran World Summit*

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The second day of the Free Iran World Summit 2021: The Democratic Alternative on the March to Victory commenced with the participation of 15 European, Canadian and Australian delegations, five former senior Arab officials, eight parliamentary delegations, and altogether 70 speakers.

Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) joined thousands of members of the Mujahedin-e Khalq at Ashraf-3, Albania, who were linked online to tens of thousands of locations and rallies by Iranians in 105 countries across the world, including Iran.

Parliamentary delegations and lawmakers from the United Kingdom, France, Albania, European Parliament, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, The Netherlands, Canada, Australian, Jordan, Palestine, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Yemen, The Sudan, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania, Afghanistan, Algeria, and Azerbaijan attended and spoke to the second day of the summit.

The speakers underscored their solidarity of the people of these countries with the Iranian Resistance for freedom and popular sovereignty and voiced support for the 10-Point plan of Maryam Rajavi for a democratic, secular, peaceful and non-nuclear Iran which is committed to good neighborliness.

In her remarks, Maryam Rajavi described Khamenei's installing of Ebrahim Raisi and consolidating power within the regime as a combative and repressive configuration as

fortification against the uprisings, and as an attempt to have the latitude and free hand for nuclear and missile programs as well as incitement to regional conflicts and international adventurism.

The full text of Mrs. Rajavi's remarks follow:

Dear compatriots, honorable friends,

I once again extend my warmest greetings to all of you who are attending the second day of the Free Iran World Summit. This gathering conveys the Iranian people's message to the international community and reminds us of our commitment.

What the Iranian people want is for the religious dictatorship to be overthrown in whatever scenario, whether it acquires a nuclear bomb or not. And it will be overthrown.

Our message to the international community, especially after the regime has closed ranks and installed a mass murderer as its president, is that it should not make concessions to a nuclear-armed butcher. And not to provide assistance to the mullahs who are on the brink of collapse.

### **Our commitment**

Our own commitment is to establish a free Iran and a democratically-elected republic, based on the separation of religion and state, gender equality, autonomy for the oppressed ethnic minorities and a non-nuclear Iran.

I extend my greetings to you, honorable friends of the Iranian people and Resistance from Europe and the Arab world who are attending today's gathering. I salute you, who for the sake of peace, friendship, freedom and democracy, stand with the Iranian people against religious fascism.

### **Khamenei's strategy**

Dear friends,

Parallel with the nuclear negotiations, the mullahs' supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, has been pursuing other objectives, including:

Pulling out all the stops and using every conceivable pretext to acquire the bomb and reduce the time needed to develop a nuclear weapon.

Successive missile and drone attacks on neighboring countries and U.S. ships, tankers, facilities,

and bases in the region while testing the resolve and gauging the response of the other side.

Missile and drone strikes against Ain al-Assad and the US embassy in Baghdad and its consulate in Erbil have become routine for the regime.

And all this is happening while the Iranian people have no water, electricity, or bread. The power outages happen even as Iran sits on a sea of oil and one can easily accommodate the people's electricity needs.

Tens of millions of people are fed up with this situation and are getting angry.

Every day all over Iran, we see their protests against the regime with the cries of: "Down with Khamenei! Down with dictator!"

To provide for the cost of the nuclear weapons program, Khamenei has targeted the livelihood of the Iranian people and forced millions of them to go hungry.

After all, what are the workers in a large segment of the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries, who have been on a strike since three weeks ago, saying? They have nothing left on their plates. They no longer want oppression and repression to continue.

He is paying for the hefty expenses of the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC), his intelligence and security services, and his proxies in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen by pilfering from the Iranian people. Such predatory practices led to the nearly eight times depreciation of the value of the Iranian currency against the dollar, an indicator of the slump in the real purchasing power of the people during Rouhani's eight-year presidency.

### **Selection of henchman Raisi**

As for the regime's election farce, I must say that installing a mass murderer of the 1988 massacre as president and consolidating power within the regime was neither a coincidence nor an uncalculated move. Khamenei had no other option and he had been setting the stage for this outcome since two years ago.

This is a combative and repressive configuration as fortification against the uprisings.

It affords Khamenei the latitude and leeway he needs for the nuclear and missile programs.

And it allows him to compensate for the absence of Qassem Soleimani in the context of warmongering in the Middle East and pursuing adventurism internationally.

Raisi is the most obedient and submissive functionary precisely because he is the most brutal one.

Raisi has no maneuvering room to distance himself from Khamenei as the Godfather of ISIS, whether the Shiite or Sunni version, and the main state-sponsor of terrorism in the world today. His hands are soaked with the blood of 30,000 political prisoners in Iran in the summer of 1988, more than 90 percent of whom were People's Mojahedin of Iran (PMOI/MEK). Of course, this is in addition to the thousands of executions he has ordered before and after that, during these 40 years.

But the Iranian people have had the last word by boycotting the regime's election charade. And now they are declaring that mullah Raisi must be held accountable and prosecuted for his crimes against humanity.

### **The international community's responsibility**

The question now is what is the urgent responsibility of the international community towards the regime in Iran and its evil strategy?

In principle, does the international community have any obligations or can it simply shirk its responsibilities by adopting a passive attitude or issuing superficial condemnations and hollow, repetitive political statements?

Let me recall that the Iranian Resistance obtained documents of the secret negotiations of the regime's leaders in 1990, in which Rafsanjani declared that acquiring nuclear weapons is indispensable to the regime's survival.

On August 11, 2002, when our resistance for the first time revealed the regime's nuclear projects in Natanz and Arak, we again announced that Rafsanjani had said at a meeting of the Supreme National Security Council as president of the regime at the time, that, "acquiring nuclear weapons is the most important guarantee for our survival so that Western countries will not be able to prevent the Islamic revolution's spread of influence and advancement."

After Khomeini's death, Khamenei linked his and his regime's fate to the nuclear program. Just

as Khomeini had linked his fate to the war against Iraq.

In contrast, the Iranian Resistance adopted the policy of disrupting the regime's plans. Since 1991, the NCRI has made successive revelations, and in 2002, it revealed to the world the mullahs' most secret and important nuclear sites.

The clerical regime's leaders have repeatedly acknowledged that these revelations have had a decisive impact on preventing them from acquiring the bomb.

It is a source of pride for the Iranian Resistance that, thanks to the sacrifices of its members and supporters inside Iran, it has been more effective than all governments and international institutions in preventing the regime from acquiring the atomic bomb.

### **The mullahs' deceptions in the nuclear program**

Dear friends and compatriots,

Over the past two decades, the Western countries' interactions with the mullahs' regime have fed a vicious cycle of deception and appeasement.

That is to say, while the regime has been hiding its nuclear program by deceiving the world, the international community has been trying to stop or curb this project by granting concessions or by showing complacency.

After exposing the clerical regime's secret nuclear sites in Natanz and Arak, Western governments not only did not take any firm action, but later started negotiating with the regime, while giving it political and economic concessions.

And they responded to us by bombardments, disarming the Iranian Resistance's National Liberation Army, and carrying out a police operation in France that resulted in the arrest of 185 members of the Iranian Resistance on June 17, 2003, a plan concocted in Tehran by Dominique de Villepin and Kamal Kharrazi. Just as Jack Straw and Rouhani had met to agree on the bombing of the PMOI in Iraq.

Regarding the negotiations at the time, Rouhani later wrote in a book, "While we were negotiating with the Europeans in Tehran, we were installing (the nuclear) equipment in Isfahan. And by creating a calm atmosphere, we were able to finish the work in Isfahan." You can judge the regime's deception for yourself.

On the other hand, European governments did not grow tired of giving them various incentive packages. And of course, it was never enough.

For example, the European Troika shamefully accepted in 2004 to continue its designation of the PMOI as a terrorist group so that mullah Khatami, the regime's so-called reformist president, could curb the religious dictatorship's nuclear ambitions.

Khamenei's response, however, was to bring Ahmadinejad to power, break the seals on the nuclear sites, and give a new impetus to the atomic bomb-making program the following year.

Despite all these agreements and plots, the Iranian Resistance upset the regime's designs for bomb development through hundreds of revelations.

In 2013, due to sanctions, the regime was in a situation where, according to Rafsanjani and Rouhani, they were facing the highest inflation rate in the region, with a rate of 42%; and it was in this situation that they agreed to a half-solution in the way of the nuclear agreement.

Subsequently, at least \$100 billion of the regime's frozen assets were returned. The mullahs then used the funds to make extensive purchases of nuclear equipment in European and American markets.

And as always, the regime had a free hand to make the PMOI pay for this trade with the West by conducting massacres in Ashraf. The mercenaries of the Qods Force and Qassem Soleimani killed 52 heroes of Ashraf execution-style and while their hands were tied behind their backs. They also took seven others hostage, whose fate still remains unknown.

Despite all these crimes and cruelties, the Iranian people and their Resistance are determined to overthrow the religious dictatorship, with or without nuclear weapons. And there is no doubt that they will do so.

### **Khamenei on the road to producing the A bomb**

You recall that in the 2015 agreement, the P5+1 countries offered numerous incentives and concessions to the regime. Accordingly, the regime was allowed to preserve its enrichment program. The six UN Security Council resolutions were suspended, and the regime received a cash windfall.

Having received these concessions, the regime embarked on covert operations to complete its

nuclear program. It has kept the main team of its nuclear researchers intact and active. Salehi, the head of the regime's Atomic Energy Organization, acknowledged that in the heavy water reactor in Arak, where the fuel tank pipes had been filled with concrete, they had secretly purchased and maintained similar pipes. Khamenei and him were the only persons who were aware of this operation.(1)

Multiple developments and evidence confirm that the regime began accelerating the completion of its nuclear program before the U.S. withdrawal from the nuclear deal.

In the same year that the agreement was signed, the Internal Security Agency of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia announced that it had recorded 141 attempts by the Iranian regime to purchase equipment for its nuclear program.

German intelligence services have revealed in other documented reports that in each of the years since the signing of the JCPOA, the Iranian regime attempted to purchase materials and technology from German companies to build weapons of mass destruction.

In reality, the regime used the nuclear deal as a ceasefire in a war in which it was on the verge of defeat, in order to revitalize and expand its atomic program. In May 2017, Rouhani published a book in which he wrote that if the situation before the agreement had persisted, "a large-scale military attack by the enemy would not have been necessary, because the country would have collapsed from within."(2)

With what I have briefly explained, it is clear how the regime continued to advance towards developing an atomic bomb at every step by deceiving the world and receiving concessions.

The result is that Khamenei is building a bomb and will not stop.

Any agreement he signs to reduce these activities, and any promise he makes, are pure lies.

Let's not forget that in the last 20 years, the regime has not announced any of its nuclear sites, or any of its secret activities related to the nuclear program, unless it had already been disclosed by the Iranian Resistance or other sources.

One very important example is that the International Atomic Energy Agency has discovered traces of enriched uranium in at least three nuclear sites. The regime had not reported them before the agency mentioned them, and only gave permission for inspections after it had destroyed and cleaned up the sites.

### **Demands from the international community**

Therefore, on behalf of the Iranian people and their Resistance, I declare that any agreement that does not completely close down the regime's bomb-making, enrichment and nuclear facilities is unacceptable. And the Iranian people will not accept it.

Any agreement that does not oblige the clerical regime to withdraw the Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Lebanon is unacceptable. Because peace and tranquility in the Middle East and the world will again be taken hostage and sacrificed. For example, the problem of the Palestinian people will never be resolved because the mullahs' regime prevents it from being solved. So, the clerical regime and its mercenaries must be evicted from the region, including Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, and Afghanistan.

We do not forget last year, when Khamenei's IRGC brutalized and tortured our Afghan brothers, and ruthlessly threw them into Harirud River. The catastrophe was a reminder to the people of Afghanistan and all countries in the region that they have a common enemy which is Iran's ruling regime.

As for the nuclear negotiations, any agreement that does not take into account the brutal human rights violations in Iran and does not oblige the mullahs to stop torturing and executing young Iranians bears no legitimacy. The Iranian people do not and will not accept such agreements.

Anything less, in any wrapping, is tantamount to caving in to the mullahs' nuclear catastrophe. Based on 40 years of experience with the religious Caliphate ruling Iran, the mullahs only understand the language of firmness and strength. To prevent them from acquiring the atomic bomb, the six UN Security Council resolutions must be implemented again, the regime's enrichment must be stopped completely, nuclear sites must be closed, anywhere-anytime inspections must be launched, and the regime's missile program must be brought to a halt.

The UN Security Council must apply Chapter 7 of the UN Charter to the mullahs' regime in Iran.

### **The colossal costs of the nuclear program and social misery**

Dear friends,

A crucial fact is that the nuclear weapons program is an important part of Khamenei's strategy to



escape his overthrow. He has spent hundreds of billions of dollars and imposed heavy losses on the Iranian people because of this program, to the point of depriving them of basic food.

Indeed, why has the Coronavirus taken the lives of more than 320,000 of our compatriots to date when many of them could have been saved?

Why is it that the world's highest per capita death toll due to the Coronavirus is in Iran?

Why are millions upon millions of people going hungry in the land of oil, gas and petrochemicals?

On November 21, 2020, the video of a 35-year-old mother who set herself on fire near her child shocked Iranian society. This self-immolation came after regime agents in Bandar Abbas destroyed the small shelter of this woman who was the breadwinner for her household. The innocent little girl was screaming and calling for help while standing next to the burnt body of her mother.

And on February 1, 2021, when a child laborer hanged himself in the port of Mahshahr, many people wept. Mohammad, only 14, was the breadwinner for his family. He had dropped out of school the previous year to sell water. But with the Coronavirus pandemic, no one was buying water from Mohammad. And he, unable to bear the crushing pain of poverty and lack of support, chose to end his young life.

These bitter and tragic incidents that burn the soul and spirit of our people and that of ours every single day are hallmarks of the era of hunger and disease that the mullahs have inflicted on the Iranian people.

Despite all these sufferings, the Iranian people and their Resistance are determined to overthrow the religious dictatorship. And it will not matter if the regime is nuclear armed or not, we will overthrow it.

High prices, poverty and hunger for millions are endemic in Iran. During Rouhani's eight years in office, food prices have increased over five-fold, because the mullahs have squandered most of the country's assets on their nuclear and missile programs to maintain their rotten and decaying power.

Massoud Rajavi, the Leader of the Iranian Resistance, said, "What patriotic Iranian, which nationalist and freedom-loving force, and what kind of progressive force could witness the nuclear bomb in the hands of the mad mullahs and still tolerate it? And indeed, prior to nuclear

energy, isn't it freedom, popular sovereignty, jobs, bread and housing that are the inalienable rights of the Iranian nation?"

Yes, freedom and democracy are the Iranian people's inalienable rights.

With or without the nuclear arms, Iranian people want the regime's overthrow

Dear friends,

The practical meaning of the unprecedented nationwide boycott of the latest election sham is not only that the Iranian people have turned their backs on the regime, but it also reveals a powerful and widespread backing for the anti-regime uprisings in recent years. Boycotting the regime's sham election is the other side of the November 2019 uprising, which continues to haunt and terrify the regime.

Khamenei's strategy is to delay the overthrow.

Let me remind you that the Shah, the former deposed dictator, also equipped his regime with all kinds of advanced weapons, including the most modern American fighter jets. But when the popular uprisings escalated, all those expensive military equipment and advanced aircraft failed to rescue the Shah.

Khamenei has concluded from the fall of the Iraqi and Libyan governments that access to an atomic bomb would guarantee his regime's survival. But when uprisings like the one in November 2019 erupt, the centrifuges at Natanz or Fordow, regardless of their quantity or quality, will not save Khamenei.

The Resistance Units, the Liberation Army and the vast army of the hungry, the unemployed and the poor will vanquish the executioner's strategy of bombs and missiles.

The Iranian people's uprisings and the magnificent Army of Freedom will overthrow the mullahs' religious fascism, whether it is nuclear-armed or not.

Together, we will embrace a free Iran.

Greetings to you all!