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Revolt Against Cruelty

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We are many. To end the  
despotic regime of  
religious supremacy, we  
organize and unite.**

## A Sudden Raise in Gasoline Prices Fuels 40 Years of Resentment

By Leila Jadidi

On Friday, November 15, 2019, following the announcement by the Iranian regime of an increase in gas prices and a decrease in fuel subsidies, widespread protest erupted in several cities across the country. By Sunday, November 17th, protests expanded to more than 100 cities. Scores of people were killed and many injured by “security forces” and according to official reports, over 1000 people were arrested. In addition the regime imposed an almost complete nationwide internet blackout, and as a result both WhatsApp and Instagram, widely used by Iranians to find information the location and time of protests, were shut down.



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has control of all state matters, called the demonstrators “thugs” and endorsed the government’s decision to raise gasoline prices. He acknowledged that Iranians had taken to the streets to protest and that many were killed, but he blamed the protests on monarchists and other opposition groups trying to destabilize Iran. Continued on page 2

## The Revolt Against Cruelty is Just!

By Mehdi Samee

Saturday, November 17, November 2019

On Friday, November 15, Iranian citizens—men and women—showed a magnificent display of struggle for liberation. The powerful outcry of the people against the ruling criminals confirmed this fact that Iran is in a revolutionary mentality. The uprisings and upheavals of the past two days in more than 80 cities have drawn up the public for demands for “bread, work, freedom”.

People in 80 cities around the country were constantly shouting: “Down with the dictator”; “Down with Khamenei”; “Shame on you, Rohani. Leave power”; “Khamenei, you have to get out”; “No Gaza, no Lebanon, my life is dedicated to Iran”; “Our enemy is right here. They lie to us that it is America”; “The missing oil money are spent on the *Baseeji* (police forces which carry out orders against the people)”; “Your guns and tanks are useless. Mullahs have to get lost”; and “We Are Not Thugs (referring to Khomeini who called the protesters “thugs”).

As always, in the face of the uproar and uprising, the rulers have resorted to clear repression and denial of reality. The criminal mullah and ruthless Attorney General, Mohammad Jafar Montazeri, threatens, “We are dealing with the disorder”. The threat comes while Khamenei's mercenaries fired Continued on page 2

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The Iranian regime was clearly aware that increasing fuel prices would cause such civil disruption. Although protests were triggered by the fuel increase, they represent the frustration of Iranian people toward the corrupt regime of mullahs, a despotic religious regime which has ruled for over forty years. Continuous suppression of men, women, and children of all ethnic background and religions, coupled with deeply rooted corruption have fostered resentment and hate. At the same time the regime has supported terrorism in the Middle East from Lebanon to Iraq and Yemen. In addition, it has helped dictator Assad, financially and logistically to put down opposition groups, while spending billions on the development of weapons of mass destruction.

Over the past forty years this regime has extinguished every uprising and protest by killing, arresting and imposing long time prison times or executions to intimidate anyone who would dare speak up against its tyranny. As a long overdue response, demonstrators are reflecting the widespread anger that exists among the Iranian people, who have seen their savings evaporate amid scarce jobs and the collapse of the national currency.

Protesters chanted, “Down with Khamenei”, “down with Dictator”.

Iranian activists on social media have called for the United States to assist in providing the Iranian people with vital internet access. Human rights activists have expressed their justifiable worry that without witness documentation of regime violence, it would be difficult to hold Iran accountable for its crackdown. NetBlocks, which monitors worldwide internet access called it the most severe shutdown the group had tracked in any country in terms of its technical complexity and breadth. On Twitter, it said the disruption constituted a severe violation of Iranians’ basic rights and liberties.

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tear gas, attacked protestors with batons and live rounds—killing tens of people and injuring as many more—and hundreds of arrests.

The uprisings throughout Iran, and at the same time by Iraqi and Lebanese people, herald a bright future of the afflicted people of these countries.



A billboard with a big picture of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, has been set on fire in the recent protests in Iran.

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**The authorities must end this brutal and deadly crackdown immediately and show respect for human life**

By Philip Luther, Amnesty International

Top government officials including Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei have issued statements describing protesters as "villains" and giving security forces a green light to crush demonstrations. Under international law, security forces may only resort to the use of lethal force when strictly unavoidable to protect against imminent threat of death or serious injury.

Amnesty International is also calling on the Iranian authorities to respect the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, including through lifting the near-total block on internet access designed to restrict the flow of information about the crackdown to the outside world.

Hundreds of demonstrators blocked roads, using their parked cars as a form of protest. Verified video footage reviewed by Amnesty International shows riot police smashing windows of cars with drivers still inside. According to eyewitness accounts corroborated by video footage reviewed by Amnesty International, snipers have also shot into crowds of people from rooftops and, in one case, a helicopter.

While most of the demonstrations appear to have been peaceful, in some instances, as the crackdown by security forces escalated, a small number of protesters turned to stone-throwing and acts of arson and damage to banks and seminaries.

"Even if a small minority of protesters have resorted to violence, police must always exercise restraint and use no more force than is strictly necessary, proportionate and lawful in response to the violence they are facing. Violence by a few individuals does not justify a widespread reckless response," said Philip Luther.

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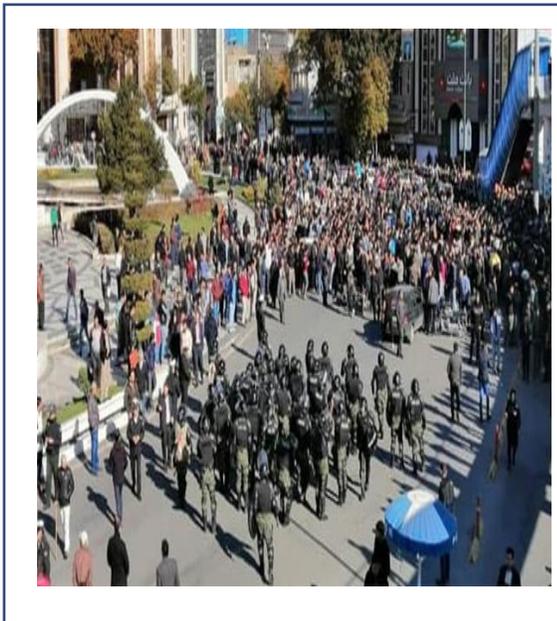
## In the Media:

**New York post:** Funny, Iraq and Lebanon are weeks into mass protests aimed at Iran's malign influence in those nations. Proving the protesters' point, Tehran actually dispatched top security officials to counsel leaders in Beirut and Baghdad on how to crush those demonstrations.

**Wall street journal:** Tehran has moved to quell violent unrest sparked by a fuel-price increase by handing out cash stipends to the poor and orchestrating pro-government demonstrations to marshal support for a policy intended to boost the sanctions-hit economy

**New York post:** Suddenly, Iran is aflame with protest. Iran is suddenly seeing its largest protests in years, in over 100 cities — and the government's cracking down hard.

**Radio Farda:** Frequent and extensive unrest such as the events of the past few days seriously damage the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic which has always called the 1979 Revolution the "Revolution of the Barefeet" and promised to eradicate poverty.



**Foreign Policy:** The regime has survived uprisings in the past. But now it is starting to kill demonstrators in great numbers.

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Today's upheaval is the immediate uproar of unfulfilled demands and needs that have been dampened by the burst of political-religious tyranny and suppressive machinery and are now flooded with petrol valves.