



Distinguish Between the Iranian People and the Iranian Regime

Do Not Punish the People of Iran for the action of Regime

The Regime Will Change

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For decades, global powers — China, Russia, Iran’s neighbors, Europe, and successive U.S. administrations — have followed policies toward Iran driven more by instinct and reaction to the Ayatollahs’ hostility than by logic or vision. This hostility is not accidental; it is written into the very constitution of the Islamic Republic.

Yet when criticism or punitive action is taken against Iran, almost nobody mentions that constitution. The result? Measures that harm ordinary Iranians, while leaving the Ayatollahs, their families, cronies, and oligarchs untouched — free to loot Iran’s wealth and enjoy lives of comfort abroad. For the first time in over forty years, a U.S. administration publicly recognized this distinction. Under President Donald J. Trump, Secretary of State Marco Rubio declared:

“One should distinguish between the people of Iran and the Ayatollahs’ regime of Iran.”

This was more than a statement; it was a moment of relief and hope for millions of Iranians. It challenged decades of policy failures — punishing the people while protecting the rulers.

The truth is simple: a democratic, powerful Iran is not a threat to the United States — it is a natural ally. The day that happens is near, as outlined in the Road Map we have developed. But we must also warn: once democracy comes, the Iranian people will demand that any secret or personal agreements made by the current regime without parliamentary approval be declared invalid, and compensation will be sought from those who exploited the nation during its oppression.

Lessons from History

Seventy-three years ago, Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh proved to President Truman that Iran could be America's strongest ally. But after Truman left office, the British persuaded President Eisenhower to support a coup in 1953, warning of a Communist takeover. In reality, this was revenge for America's quiet takeover of British oil dominance in Saudi Arabia. The Soviets, too, benefited — predicting, as Krotkov said, that “the Shah's regime is like a rotten apple that will fall anyway.”

In 1979, history repeated itself. The Shah, superstitious and isolated, failed to see the British-Soviet strategy that would replace him with Ayatollah Khomeini. The United States, manipulated by its so-called allies, found itself blindsided. The Ayatollahs seized power, and for 46 years have turned one of the world's richest nations into one of the most miserable — a land without a middle class, ruled through poverty, addiction, and manufactured crises.

The regime's three pillars of control are clear:

- Poverty — destroy the middle class so obedience is a necessity.
- Vice monopolies — drugs, alcohol, prostitution, and tobacco are controlled by the state.
- Perpetual crisis — enemies (real or invented) are used to justify repression and eliminate opposition.

When Saddam Hussein invaded Iran, Khomeini called the war “God's gift” — knowing it would preserve his rule. Similarly, the Ayatollahs thrive under sanctions and threats of military strikes; they care nothing for the destruction of Iran's infrastructure so long as their grip on power remains.

The Geopolitical Truth No One Admits. Most nations, except the United States under President Trump, have quietly benefited from the Ayatollahs' Iran — weak, under pressure, and a tool for destabilizing the region. Russia and China profit from its resources. Certain neighbors fear nothing more than a democratic and strong Iran.

Yet one critical strategic threat is often ignored: the Chaloos Gas Field. Discovered by Russian scientists and believed to be one of the largest in the world, it represents a resource of historic proportions. Two decades ago, these scientists presented their findings in the United States before traveling to Iran — a visit I personally helped facilitate.

Since then, the discovery has been deliberately hidden from public awareness. Under secret arrangements between Ayatollah Khamenei and Vladimir Putin, the Chaloos Gas Field has effectively been promised to Russia. If this deal is allowed to stand, Iran's democratic future will begin with its greatest natural resource already lost — fueling Moscow's dominance for generations.

President Trump's Visionary Actions and the Strategic Urgency are necessary. President Trump has already proven he can act decisively for peace and stability:

- He destroyed ISIS and removed the roadside bombers' masterminds.
- His administration was the first to openly distinguish between the Iranian people and the regime.
- He defended the historic name of the Persian Gulf.
- He halted a destructive 12-day conflict between Iran and Israel.
- Most recently, he prevented a broader regional war involving Syrian fighters, Israel, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Russia, and Iran — instead advancing the Trump Zangezur Corridor initiative.

This corridor is not only about trade and stability. It is also the key to safeguarding Iran's vast natural gas resources from foreign exploitation once the regime changes — above all the Chaloos Gas Field. Through Project Armenia and the Zangezur Corridor, President Trump's vision could ensure that this once-in-a-century asset is preserved for the Iranian people, used to fuel peace and prosperity, and prevent Russia, China, and regional conspirators from locking in permanent control.

The corridor could transform Armenia into a hub of culture, commerce, industry, energy, and transportation — a "Riviera" of peace under Armenian sovereignty and American guidance instead of another battlefield. It could serve as the gateway for an India–North–South trade route and the channel for Iran's natural gas exports to Europe after regime change — securing American, European, and Armenian interests while ending the Ayatollahs' ability to weaponize Iran's resources against its own people.

President Trump has shown he can turn crises into opportunities for peace. For the sake of the Iranian people, regional stability, and America's strategic future, this vision must continue — before the Chaloos Gas Field and Iran's national wealth are lost forever to foreign control.

We must return Iran to the People.

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