

Subject: Iran Update — A Constitutional Opportunity

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Dear Mr. President,

Yesterday my mentor and a founding supporter of Cyrus Force, Paul E. Vallely, U.S. Army (Ret.), Chairman of the Stand Up America Foundation and President of the MacArthur Society of West Point Graduates—who under your leadership helped fight and defeat ISIS in Syria—asked me a simple question:

“Any updates from inside Iran?”

Allow me to share with you the report I sent him.

Dear General,

The news I receive from Iran comes mostly through several WhatsApp groups that include hundreds of members inside the country. Every day people share videos and reports from the cities where they live. Almost all of these messages show the same heartbreaking scenes: devastation, explosions, and the destruction of civilian infrastructure.

Many Iranians say that what they are experiencing now reminds them of the eight-year war with Saddam Hussein. During those years Iran had very limited air defense, and Saddam’s forces launched Scud missiles and flew Mirage aircraft over Iranian cities. Ordinary people had nowhere to hide. Families would stand by their windows, or sometimes go up to the rooftops, simply watching the sky and waiting for the explosions. Shelters were rare, and life continued under constant fear.

Today many people say the same feeling has returned, but with even greater destructive power. The scale of modern weapons and the vulnerability of cities make the sense of helplessness even worse. People send videos of burning facilities, damaged roads, and frightened families trying to understand what will happen next.

At the same time, there is deep bitterness toward the ruling elite. The Ayatollahs and many of their oligarchs are safe. Many of them, or their families, live comfortably abroad holding billions of dollars in assets, far away from the danger that ordinary citizens face every day.

Among the many messages circulating today, there was also a Persian article that I cannot independently confirm. It claimed that Syrian Kurdish leaders have warned Iraqi Kurds not to trust the United States, referring to what they believe happened to them during the conflict in Syria. I cannot verify the accuracy of this report, but it reflects the level of distrust and political narratives spreading across the region.

From a geopolitical perspective, I cannot help but think that Moscow and Beijing are watching these developments with satisfaction. Any instability in the region, and any weakening of American credibility, serves their long-term strategic interests.

Meanwhile, the Iranian people remain the ones paying the highest price.

Respectfully,
Sohrab

Mr. President,

Ending the war is ultimately your decision. However, the brave Iranians who have lost their lives or spent years in prison since the summer of 1979 protesting the Constitution of the Islamic Republic are still waiting for an American President to stand in harmony with their central demand: the formation of a Constitutional Assembly to change that constitution.

For this reason, I respectfully suggest that you ask your administration to carefully study the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Within its articles are several explicit indications of hostility toward the United States and its allies, as well as a revolutionary doctrine that envisions the eventual global expansion of the Islamic government.

Forty-seven years have passed since that constitution was written, yet its ideological foundations continue to shape the regime's behavior.

It is important to remember that the Iranian people themselves have been the first and longest victims of this system. For nearly half a century they have protested, sacrificed, and endured prison and repression in their effort to change the constitutional foundations of the Islamic Republic.

In a small booklet of fewer than five thousand words titled "Iran & the West," Cyrus Force has summarized the key ideas of our longer documentary work, "The Road Map." These works present two fundamental recommendations that we have advocated to previous administrations.

History sometimes presents a rare moment when one leader has the opportunity to address the root cause of a long conflict rather than only its symptoms. If the constitutional foundations of the Islamic Republic are examined and peacefully challenged, it could open the door to a future in which the Iranian people and the United States are no longer enemies, but natural partners.

Such a moment, if seized, would not only end decades of hostility but could also stand as a historic achievement of your presidency.

Respectfully,
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