



## Iran Strategy Report

### The Cyrus Force Constitutional Solution

A Strategic Initiative for Peaceful Constitutional Change in Iran

“Change Iran’s Constitution, Change Iran’s Future.”

#### Key Policy Recommendations

The United States should shift its Iran strategy from military confrontation to constitutional pressure.

Cyrus Force recommends three immediate strategic steps:

##### 1. Recognize the Core of the Problem

The true foundation of the Ayatollahs’ power is not their military capability or financial assets.

It is the Constitution of the Islamic Republic, which legally institutionalizes the doctrine of Velayat-e Faqih and concentrates ultimate authority in the hands of an unelected cleric.

##### 2. Support the Formation of a Constituent Assembly

International policy should encourage the creation of a freely elected Constituent Assembly in Iran to rewrite the country’s constitution and allow the Iranian people to determine their future political system.

##### 3. Implement Smart Sanctions Linked to Constitutional Reform

Targeted sanctions should focus on individuals and institutions responsible for maintaining the constitutional structure of clerical rule, with the clear objective of compelling the regime to accept constitutional change.

### **Strategic Principle**

Military confrontation strengthens the regime's narrative of external threat.

Constitutional pressure weakens the regime at its foundation while empowering the Iranian people.

### **Executive Summary**

For more than two decades, the doctrine of Cyrus Force and its supporters inside Iran has focused on a simple strategic principle:

**The core of the Ayatollahs' power is their Constitution.**

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic is the legal structure that protects the doctrine of Velayat-e Faqih and concentrates ultimate authority in the hands of a single unelected cleric.

As long as this constitutional system remains intact, meaningful political reform in Iran is impossible.

Therefore, Cyrus Force has consistently advocated two fundamental demands:

- 1- The formation of a Constituent Assembly to rewrite Iran's Constitution.**
- 2- Smart international sanctions designed to compel the regime to accept constitutional reform.**

Recent political developments inside Iran—including the Green Movement, the Statement of Fourteen Activists, and the Woman, Life, Freedom movement—demonstrate that Iranian political discourse is increasingly moving toward the same conclusion.

The solution to Iran's crisis is not another war in the Middle East.

The solution is constitutional transformation led by the Iranian people themselves.

### **Why Cyrus Force Began Writing Directly to the White House**

After repeated efforts to encourage even one U.S. Senator to speak publicly about the Constitution of the Ayatollahs, Cyrus Force hoped that perhaps a talk-show host or news anchor might ask the right question and initiate a serious discussion about the constitutional roots of the regime.

Unfortunately, that did not happen.

Therefore, Cyrus Force concluded that the most direct path was to bring this issue directly to the attention of the President of the United States.

For this reason, we began writing to the President regularly—and after the outbreak of war, daily.

With the publication of the Cyrus Force book *Iran & The West*, together with our attached “crying letter,” we are now sending copies to individuals who may be able to help bring this message to the White House.

Our mission remains clear:

- 1- **Expose the anti-American articles within the Constitution of the Islamic Republic.**
- 2- **Advance a peaceful strategy based on constitutional reform and smart sanctions.**

## **The Most Valuable Asset of the Ayatollahs**

The clerical regime in Iran has accumulated enormous wealth through corruption, sanctions evasion, and control of state institutions.

However, the regime’s most valuable asset is **not its money**.

Its most valuable asset is its **Constitution**.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic serves as the legal fortress that protects the entire system of clerical rule. Through it, the doctrine of Velayat-e Faqih places ultimate authority in the hands of a single unelected religious leader.

As long as this constitutional structure exists, the regime remains protected.

For more than twenty years, Cyrus Force has therefore focused on two fundamental demands:

- 1- **Formation of a Constituent Assembly to rewrite Iran’s Constitution.**
- 2- **Smart sanctions designed to pressure the regime to accept constitutional reform.**

During this same period, many opposition figures outside Iran have argued endlessly about whether the country should become a monarchy or a republic. These debates have divided the opposition while ignoring the central issue.

Inside Iran, however, political awareness has evolved.

Three major developments illustrate this shift:

- **The Green Movement (2009)**
- **The Statement of Fourteen Political Activists (2019)**
- **The Woman, Life, Freedom movement**

Each of these movements has gradually pushed Iranian political discourse toward a fundamental realization:

## **Iran's crisis cannot be solved without rewriting the Constitution.**

Last year, even Mir-Hossein Mousavi—together with approximately 800 political and civil activists and more than 160 university professors—called for the formation of a Constituent Assembly.

Soon afterward, 17 courageous Iranian women, including Nasrin Sotoudeh and Narges Mohammadi, publicly supported the same demand.

Today, constitutional reform is increasingly becoming the dominant political discourse inside Iran.

## **The Historical Lesson of Two Revolutions**

The Iranian nation has experienced two revolutions in the past century.

The first created a constitutional monarchy.

The second allowed Ruhollah Khomeini to establish the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian people will not repeat the same mistake a third time by selecting a ruler first and writing a constitution afterward.

That responsibility must belong to a freely elected Constituent Assembly representing the Iranian people.

Only such an assembly can determine the future political system of Iran.

## **Misconceptions About Ethnic Uprisings**

Some observers believe that ethnic tensions inside Iran could trigger separatist uprisings.

This assumption misunderstands the deeper cultural reality of the region.

Iran's neighboring ethnic populations—including Azerbaijanis, Kurds, and Baluch—share deep historical and cultural connections with the broader Iranian civilization stretching from Central Asia to the Mediterranean.

Although these populations may oppose the Ayatollahs' regime, they are unlikely to wage war against Iran itself.

Regional governments are also unlikely to support such uprisings.

Attempts to destabilize Iran through ethnic fragmentation are therefore both unrealistic and dangerous.

## **The Real Geopolitical Outcome of War**

Regardless of the military outcome of the current conflict, several realities are already clear.

The greatest losers are the Iranian people, who have endured forty-seven years of poverty and repression and now face the possibility of inheriting a devastated country.

The greatest geopolitical beneficiaries are likely to be Russia and China, which benefit strategically from prolonged instability between Iran and the West.

Another prolonged war in the Middle East will not solve Iran's political crisis.

## **Strategic Recommendation**

The battlefield must be changed.

Instead of focusing on military confrontation, international policy should focus on the constitutional foundation of the regime itself.

The strategic objective should be clear:

Pressure the Islamic Republic to accept the formation of a Constituent Assembly and constitutional reform.

This approach would weaken the regime at its foundation while avoiding war and empowering the Iranian people to determine their own future.

## ***Conclusion***

The crisis of Iran is not fundamentally a military problem.

It is a constitutional problem.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic is the legal structure that protects clerical rule. If that structure collapses, the entire system of power collapses with it.

A peaceful constitutional transition led by the Iranian people offers the only realistic path toward a stable and democratic Iran.

**If the Constitution of the Ayatollahs falls, the entire regime will fall with it — and the Iranian people will remember that America helped them win their freedom without firing a single shot.**

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