



## ***Iranian Solidarity Congress***

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The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

Yesterday, you addressed the violations of human rights in Iran, and you quoted Martin Luther King:

Martin Luther King once said – “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” I believe that. The international community believes that. And right now, we are bearing witness to the Iranian peoples’ belief in that truth, and we will continue to bear witness.

Martin Luther King’s noble activities were actively supported by the political leaders and people of many countries. That international support for Dr. King was not meddling in the internal affairs of the United States. Iranians appreciate the comments that you have made about the universal rights to assembly and free speech. We respectfully urge you and your administration to continue to support the human rights of the Iranian people and condemn the killing of innocent Iranians by the Islamic republic. Support for freedom and human rights is not meddling in internal Iranian affairs.

Nelson Mandela and his colleagues received important support from the leaders of many countries and international organizations. That international support was an important factor in the victory of the South African people against the Apartheid regime. Pro-democracy activists in Poland, Hungary and many other countries also received international support that helped them to replace despotic regimes with democratic governments. These are examples of the kind of support that the Iranian people request from all enlightened governments and individuals in the world.

As usual, the mullahs have used fraud to manipulate their sham elections. All of the results that the Islamic republic has announced for the so-called election are fabricated. Even some of the candidates in the rigged elections are protesting against the fraud. In some regions, the regime’s election results show that voter turnout was more than 100 percent. The ballot boxes were stuffed with phony votes before voting began, in order to manipulate the results and artificially increase voter turnout. All of the regime’s previous elections have also included fraud, as different factions of the mullah mafia fight over power and money.

The mullah regime has never had free and democratic elections. The necessary conditions for democratic elections don’t exist within the framework of the Islamic republic. The theocratic regime has banned all pro-democracy parties, imprisoned and tortured thousands of pro-democracy activists, and censors publications and the internet. Furthermore, the jihadist mullahs control all radio and television programs. The regime allows only its supporters to be candidates in elections, and rejects all others. The same gang of terrorists has controlled the leadership positions of the Islamic republic since 1979 (Khamenei, Rafsanjani, Jannati, Khatami, Mir Hossein Mousavi, Ahmadinejad, Mesbah Yazdi, ...). Therefore, the leaders of the regime are not the representatives of the Iranian people.

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The Islamic republic has brutally violated the human rights of millions of Iranians. The videos and photos of the recent attacks by Khomeinist thugs against Iranians show examples of the regime's savage actions. Ali Khamenei's goons have attacked unarmed protesters with knives and bullets. They have invaded many homes. Many Iranians have been killed in the past few days, and many more have been injured and arrested. Decency and humanity requires that everyone who cares about human rights condemns the outrageous crimes of the Islamic republic against innocent Iranians. The international community should not allow the Islamic republic to kill Iranians with impunity.

The regime has expelled foreign journalists from Iran. Reporters Without Borders said 23 journalists were arrested over the past week. The regime has blocked many Web sites, including Facebook and Twitter. The regime is trying to stop the flow of information to the world about its crimes against Iranians. If the international community does not act decisively to support the human rights of the Iranian people, many more Iranians will be killed by the Islamic republic.

The mullah regime has also supported numerous terrorist groups and caused serious problems in several countries in the Middle East. The regime is pursuing nuclear weapons. The best option for eliminating all of the problems caused by the Islamic republic is to support the noble movement of the Iranian people for freedom, democracy and human rights. Imagine the important strategic impact of replacing the Khomeinist regime with a responsible democratic government that respects human rights and does not support terrorism. Some may not be able to imagine such a situation. But, borrowing one of your phrases, **we say "YES WE CAN."**

The Islamic republic is illegitimate, and negotiations with an illegitimate regime is futile. The protests by hundreds of thousands of Iranians against the regime, and the brutal attacks and murder of Iranians by Hezbollahi thugs proves that the regime is illegitimate, and it would be wrong to appease the regime with a "grand bargain" and give it legitimacy and new life.

Iranians are not asking you to support one faction of the leaders of the Islamic republic or another. The current situation has been used by millions of Iranians to express their opposition to the entire regime.

What you see in Iran today is a historic opportunity to support the cause of freedom and democracy in Iran. The victory of pro-democracy Iranians will have a tremendously positive impact on the Middle East and the world. The cause of peace in the Middle East will be helped immensely.

We are aware that some of the so-called experts are pessimistic about the replacement of the Islamic republic with a democratic government. However, the recent protests in Iran show that millions of Iranians oppose the mullah regime, and the illegitimate regime is vulnerable. A regime that kills innocent people, as the Islamic republic has killed so many Iranians in the past few days, cannot claim to be legitimate. Negotiations with such an illegitimate regime will not resolve the problems that concern the United States.

Iranians are not seeking military action against the Khomeinist regime, or financial support from governments for the democracy movement. What is needed is active support from democratic governments and international organizations for the Iranians who are engaged in a brave struggle to end the tyranny of the Khomeinist regime, and bring freedom and democracy to Iran.

Sincerely,



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