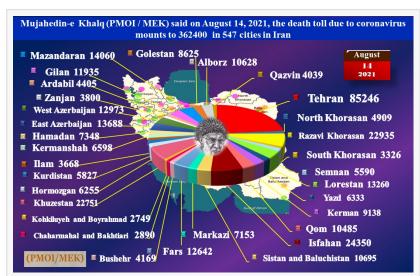


## (Video) State Media Acknowledge the Depth of Iran's COVID-19 Crisis

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi: The countless number of people killed by the Coronavirus in Iran are heart-wrenching for any freedom-loving and conscientious human being.

PARIS, FRANCE, August 15, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Iran's Covid-19 crisis has reached a critical point and continues to worsen every moment, and due to the regime's inhumane Covid-19 policy, thousands of Iranians are dying daily.

Even the regime's engineered Covid-19 statistics indicate the depth of the current humanitarian crisis in Iran.



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): The staggering Coronavirus death toll exceeds 362,400. According to MEK, the COVID-19 fatalities in the past 24 hours reach at least 1,800.

"Yesterday, Iran ranked first in the world in terms of the number of new cases with more than 42,000 patients and second in the world in terms of the number of deaths. It is reported that medical centers in 31 provinces of the country are surrounded by patients infected with delta coronavirus," wrote official Iran daily on August 12.



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According to the Iranian opposition, <u>The People's</u> <u>Mujahedin of Iran (PMOI/MEK)</u>, and <u>the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI)</u>, Iran's Covid-19 death toll has surpassed 362,400 as of Friday, August 14, 2021.

"Deaths from the disease are also rising sharply. Reports from medical staff suggest that hospitals are full of patients diagnosed with Covid-19 and that the increase in the number of deaths has made it difficult to move bodies by ambulance. The death tsunami targeted the cities of the

country point by point. All the hospitals in the country are exploding, and death is swarming in

them," Iran daily acknowledged on Thursday.

The situation has reached a point that Iran's state media and officials acknowledged and how the regime created and amplified it.

"Although coronavirus entered the country in January 2020 due to Mahan Airlines flights to China, authorities officially announced its existence in the last days of February 2020. If we review the authorities' actions from that day until now, we will find that at first, they not only did not take the danger of the coronavirus seriously but also sought to normalize it," wrote the state-run Setar-e Sobh daily on August 14.

The Iranian Resistance revealed documents obtained from the National Emergency Organization at the beginning of the pandemic. According to the Iranian Resistance, these documents show that "By late January, several infected individuals were identified in Tehran and the regime had allocated certain hospitals such as Massih Daneshvar, Yaftabad, and Khomeini to deal with these patients. The authorities tried their utmost to prevent any information about these cases from leaking."



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): Maryam Rajavi said, The multitudes of people killed by the coronavirus in Iran, leaving thousands of our compatriots grieving every day, hurt the heart of every freedom-loving and conscientious human being.



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery's CEO, The COVID-19 mortality peak in Tehran is rising steeply.

"When authorities believed in the danger of the coronavirus, they claimed they could detect the virus with a plate from 100 meters. They have also repeatedly lied that the domestic vaccine will be mass-produced by February 2021 or the end of the Persian Year of 1399 or the spring of 1400, and they will export the surplus of domestic vaccines abroad. In one case, the Red Crescent returned 150,000 doses of vaccine donated by Iranians abroad from the airport," Setare Sobh adds.

"Officials refused to listen, and the crisis happened. They did not listen, and there came a

humanitarian crisis. We cried for quarantining the city, and now there is not even an empty hospital bed in this mourning city. Now everything from IV fluids to coffins and ambulances is scarce. Hundreds of families lose their loved ones due to the negligence of the authorities every day, and our question is how many people have to die, how many families have to mourn so that those 'officials' come to their senses?" wrote the state-run Sharq daily on August 14.

"There is no life and energy left for the medical staff. It has been reported that several medical staff has written their resignations; But due to lack of manpower, their requests were not approved. There is bitter and worrying news for the coming months in Mashhad. The fifth wave of Covid-19 has not only reached its peak rather, with recent rallies, but it takes a longer time to reach the peak," Sharq adds.

"When the World Health Organization experts came to Iran, instead of consulting with them, we constantly asked them to praise the [regime's] health system in the media. We hid the death toll from the World Health



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): The regime's cruel Covid-19 policy is exacerbating Iran's Covid-19 disaster, which is now being recognized and acknowledged by state media and officials.



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): Ali Khamenei, explicitly stated at the start of the pandemic that he intended to turn the Covid-19 "test" into a "blessing" for his rule. Khamenei demonstrated that the blessing he meant was nothing more than prolonging his regime'.

Organization. We rejected the international aid and Médecins Sans Frontières without having much knowledge about the virus and did not seek international advice," said Alireza Zali, head of Tehran Covid-19 Task Force, according to the state-run Hamshahri daily on August 12.

Zali warned that "We have much more bitter news for the coming weeks, and things will get much worse. The Covid-19 Delta variant spread and lasted three months in India; they quickly vaccinated everyone."

Iran's Covid-19 crisis could have been controlled by now if the regime's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, had not banned vaccines in early 2021, and the regime had no concealed the reality from the public. The regime officials refused to announce a nationwide lockdown, and when they

did, they refused to financially back people, forcing people back to work.

"Authorities barred about 23 million doses of the vaccine from entering the country by the end of March. This action resulted in thousands of deaths. In recent days, it was revealed what happened behind the scene of banning vaccines. The words of the Covid-19 Task Force in Tehran province, the foreign minister, and the head of the Tehran Chamber of Commerce showed that the vaccine could be imported, but apparently hidden hands prevented it," Setar-e Sobh wrote in this regard.

Khamenei and his regime used the Covid-19 to control Iran's restive society, following the major protests in November 2019 that threatened the regime's existence. Now the situation is out of the regime's control, and soon, it will see the consequences of sending people to the Covid-19 minefields.

"Now the question is, what is the response of the authorities to the death of thousands of Iranians?" Setare Sobh asked officials in this regard.

"Iran is in a difficult situation where any comment is quickly transmitted virally in the society which is like dangerous gunpowder that will ignite with the slightest spark," Ebtekar daily warned on August 13.

While the lack of COVID-19 medicine and vaccination due to inhuman policies of the regime is a bitter reality in Iran, Ebrahim Raisi continuing the lies of his predecessor, Hassan Rouhani, claimed, today, "There is



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): Nurses and Doctors in hospitals are under tremendous pressure due to hard work in the coronavirus crisis in Iran.



(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): Following the mass November 2019 protests with calls for regime change, the regime implemented its inhumane Covid-19 policy to manage Iran's restive society.



THE ASCENSION OF EBRAHIM RAISI TO THE PRESIDENCY COINCIDED WITH AN INCREASE IN COVID-19 CASUALTIES IN IRAN

(PMOI / MEK Iran) and (NCRI): The ascension of Ebrahim Raisi to the presidency coincided with an increase.

enough medicine, and the vaccination process will accelerate."

Though all doctors and experts are calling for a two-week lockdown and canceling the Muharram religious ceremonies, Raisi said, "We firmly believe that these mourning processions can have a positive effect on the psyche of society and people's lives."

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), said:

The countless number of people killed by the Coronavirus in Iran, leaving thousands of our compatriots grieving every day, are heart-wrenching for any freedom-loving and conscientious human being.

The massive death toll results from the plunder and criminal policies of a regime that only thinks of preserving its disgraceful rule and refuses to care for the Iranian people's lives and health.

Preventing the import of vaccines, refusing to pay for the minimum expenses of workers and forcing them to go to work to earn a meager living, and failing to pay the medical staff, etc., are but part of the conduct of Khamenei and his regime that have intensified the Coronavirus crisis in Iran. Only the overthrow of the mullahs' regime and the establishment of democracy and popular sovereignty in Iran can put an end to this disaster.

- The total number of Coronavirus deaths is about 194,000, which is 101,000 more than the official figure. (State-run media, Jahan-e Sana't, August 14, 2021)
- Interest of Medical Sciences: The COVID-19 death rate in the country will reach more than 1,000 daily in three weeks. (State-run daily, Setareh Sobh, August 14, 2021)
- •Qazvin Crisis Management: We decided to equip Qazvin Gas Company's gymnasium for Coronavirus hospitalization. (ISNA news agency, August 14, 2021)
- •Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences: In 14 days, the number of COVID-19 infections has increased 2.5 times, hospitalizations 1.5 times, and deaths 4.5 times, respectively (ISNA news agency, August 14, 2021)
- Considering that the COVID-19 death toll is approaching 600 per day, the perpetrators of this situation should be brought to justice. (State-run daily, Jahan-e Sana't, August 14, 2021)

The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) announced on Saturday, August 14, 2021, that the Coronavirus death toll in 547 cities is more than 362,400. The number of victims in Tehran has reached 85,246, Isfahan 24,350, Khorasan Razavi 22,935, Khuzestan 22,751, Mazandaran 14,040, East Azerbaijan 13,688, Lorestan 13,260, West Azerbaijan 12,973, Fars

12,642, Gilan 11,935, Sistan and Baluchestan 10,695, Alborz 10,628, Kerman 9,138, Golestan 8,625, Kermanshah 6,598, Yazd 6,333, Hormozgan 6,255, North Khorasan 4,909, Ardabil 4,405, Zanjan 3,800, Ilam 3,668, and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad 2,749.

On August 12, 2021, Alireza Zali, head of the National Coronavirus Combat Taskforce in Tehran confessed that the regime "concealed the COVID-19 death toll from the World Health Organization (WHO); and returned international aid and Médecins Sans Frontières from the airport," according to the state-run Jahan-e-Sana't daily today. "The officials lied to WHO, resulting in the death of more than 95,000 Iranians. This is a very serious issue ... Considering that today the death toll is approaching 600 daily, those officials who are responsible for the death of our compatriots must be brought to justice."

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