

# (Video) Iran Covid-19 Crisis: Regime's Priorities are Killing People

*The staggering COVID death toll exceeds 372,400, Because of Khamenei's criminal and plundering policies, the death toll in the past 24 hours had exceeded 2,000.*

PARIS, FRANCE, August 19, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#), and [the People's Mujahedin of Iran \(PMOI / MEK Iran\)](#), reported that the coronavirus death toll in 547 cities surpasses 372,400.

Iranian state media recently published remarks from Alireza Zali, the head of Tehran's Covid-19 response committee, which confirmed details of the regime's failed response to the crisis. Zali

acknowledged that the regime's authorities had declined to purchase doses of proven vaccines simply because they were averse to the idea of taking on the relevant costs. At the same time, the regime had little concern for the costs involved in its support of regional militant groups or its efforts to build up naval forces and intimidate commercial shipping in Middle Eastern waters.

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(NCRI) and (PMOI / MEK Iran): The provision of the minimum salary and subsistence of physicians and nurses is indispensable to public medical services and healthcare. The UN and the WHO should work with Iranian physicians and nurses to achieve their minimum rights.

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The regime's unwillingness to pay full price for Covid-19 vaccines is part of a larger pattern of decision-making that has prevented the country from locking down properly or undertaking other serious mitigation efforts.

This week, regime authorities finally announced that they would be initiating a new lockdown, but they also specified that it would last only six days – not even long enough for new infections to finish incubating before their hosts resume interacting with the Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei personally controls hundreds of billions of dollars in assets, many of which are held in so-called religious foundations.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps controls similar amounts via a series of front companies and private sector affiliates. The IRGC controls the majority of Iran's gross domestic product and directs it toward foreign proxies, missile development, and other projects that serve to preserve the regime.

Further underscoring the callousness of this arrangement, the IRGC has even sought to profit off of the pandemic by advocating for its own companies to be put in charge of vaccine acquisition and distribution. Khamenei promptly embraced that idea and took the relevant tasks out of the hands of the Health Ministry, whose officials remained dutifully silent over Tehran's interference until very recently.

The privatization of vaccine distribution contributed to the cutting of corners. It motivated IRGC-linked entities to either avoid purchasing doses that would do the best or re-sell them at extortionate prices. Khamenei actively contributed to those trends by banning the import of vaccines that had been designed and manufactured in the United States or Britain.

This made Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines inaccessible to ordinary Iranians. However, they could still be obtained by the wealthy and well-connected via the black market, which itself is controlled by the IRGC and has been found selling individual vaccine doses for up



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(NCRI) and (PMOI / MEK Iran): Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, emphasized that most of the COVID-19 disaster was preventable. The corrupt system is directly responsible for these deaths. This is a crime against humanity.



to 1,350 dollars.

The consequences of this situation are apparent and are growing worse by the day. While the regime's elites are steadily moving beyond the crisis, the ordinary population is in the midst of a "fifth wave" of infections that has not seen its peak yet.

The regime's engineered numbers are continually breaking records for new Covid-19 infections and deaths, with more than 650 fatalities being recorded on Monday alone and pushing the official total very close to 100,000 since the beginning of the pandemic.

But according to the Iranian opposition, the death toll is above 372,400 as of Tuesday.

The Covid-19 crisis in Iran is devastating – far more so than could possibly be alleviated by a six-day lockdown and an anemic vaccine distribution scheme that has so far reached less than four percent of the population.

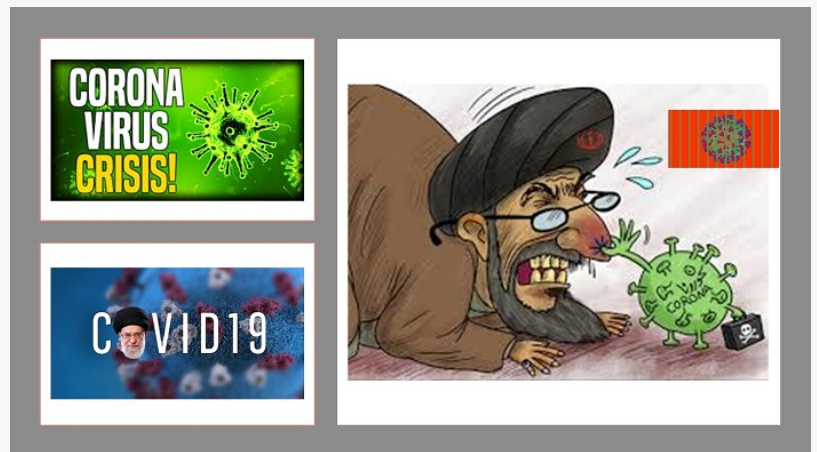
Reports from various Iranian hospitals indicate that intensive care units are well over capacity and that doctors have resorted to treating new patients on the floors of hallways. Meanwhile, cemeteries struggle to bury the dead fast enough, and taxi drivers are being tasked with transporting dead bodies in regions that have simply run out of hearses.

As more and more of this information leaks out to the Iranian people and the international community, it becomes increasingly apparent that the Iranian regime is unwilling to take action that will mitigate the crisis or bring it to an end via vaccination. Authorities remain much more fixated on retaining their hold on power and extending it beyond their borders. The consequences of these misplaced priorities will continue as long as the regime stays in power.

[Mrs. Maryam Rajavi](#), the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI): The



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



(NCRI) and (PMOI / MEK Iran): 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.

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(NCRI) and (PMOI / MEK Iran): 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.



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



(NCRI) and (PMOI / MEK Iran): 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.

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