

## (Video) IRAN PROTESTS: ISFAHAN UPRISING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTESTING FARMERS

Maryam Rajavi called on farmers in Iran to rise up to support farmers in Isfahan and added: "They can obtain their rights through resistance and solidarity."

PARIS, FRANCE, November 23, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Maryam Rajavi</u> urges youths to support the Isfahan uprising. With unity and solidarity, they can obtain their rights.

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MaryamRajavi: I extend my salutations to the courageous farmers of Isfahan who have continued their sit-ins and protests to obtain their rights to water & life. with chants of Where is my Zayanderood" NCRI The massive protest spanned a large area of the Zayandeh Rud Riverbed.

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- "Neither Gaza nor Lebanon, my life only for Iran,"
- "If the water does not flow, Isfahan will rise up,"
- "Our enemy is right here, they lie it's America,"
- "Beware of the call by farmers to rebellion,"
- "Shame on the state radio and television,"
- "Death to the incompetent official,"
- "We support the farmers,"

"Give Zayandeh Rud back, let Isfahan breath."

"The farmer dies, does not accept humiliation,"

"Isfahan dies, does not accept humiliation,"

"We will not return home until water flows back into the river,"

"Where is my Zayandeh Rud River," "Zayandeh Rud River is our inalienable right," and "Isfahani

shout, demand your rights".

Fearing the spread of the uprising to other parts of Isfahan and Iran, the clerical regime intends to disrupt the spread of news and pictures of this massive gathering by disrupting and cutting off the Internet.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the Presidentelect of <u>the National Council of</u> <u>Resistance of Iran (NCRI)</u>, hailed the protesting people and farmers of Isfahan and said: The ruling corrupt and criminal clerical regime has only brought repression, killings, corruption, ruin, poverty, unemployment, and destruction of the country's infrastructure.

She called on all workers, farmers and laborers, and the youth throughout Iran to rise up in support of the people and farmers of Isfahan and added: "They can obtain their rights through resistance and solidarity."

Your demonstration on Friday marked a turning point in the ongoing protests of all farmers of Isfahan. The demonstrations, which have been ongoing at the dried basin of the Zayandeh Rud river, have been garnering support from people of all walks of life.

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joined the farmers in their cries for justice and basic rights. Zayandeh Rud, which is the largest river in central Iran, has become a rallying point for people who are fed up with more than four decades of tyranny and corruption under the rule of the mullahs.

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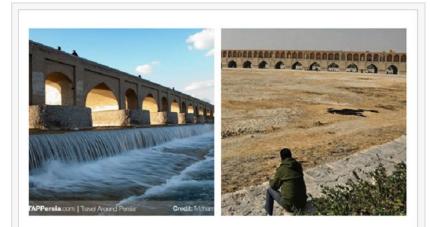
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The locals were reporting that the crowd gathered at the location was much larger than the figures the regime was reporting.

The protesters were chanting, "We will not go home until we get our water back," and "If we don't get access to water, we will rebel." According to local reports, the regime cut off access to mobile internet in the region to prevent news of the protests from spreading.

The large gathering caused fear among regime officials. At one point, Isfahan's local television reported that Mohammad Mokhber, the first vicepresident of Ebrahim Raisi, "will speak live to the people in an hour." But the hour stretched into two, three, and several more, which was indicative of the state of fear and confusion among regime officials.

When Mokhber finally appeared on television, he said, "I have told the energy and agriculture ministers to manage this issue as soon as possible so that we can put these difficult times behind us." He did not discuss any



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concrete steps that the government planned to take.

Ironically, the energy minister, who spoke publicly shortly after Mokhber, said, "I am sorry for the farmers, but we are not in a position to provide their water needs."

The reality is that the regime's corrupt and destructive policies have taken their toll on every aspect of Iran's economy. The unbridled looting and taxing of the country's resources and infrastructure have brought the country's agriculture industry to a point where it can no longer address the problems of Isfahan's farmers.

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According to the orders of the Supreme Water Council and the Council of Coordination for Zayandeh Rud, 74.3 percent of the waters of Zayandeh Rud were to be allocated to farmers and 25.7 percent to the energy ministry and government projects.

But in practice, a ruling minority has seized full control of the river's capacity, leaving a large population of farmers without any means to irrigate their lands.

Farming is among the key economic activities of Isfahan, and with irrigation water becoming scarcer, the



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livelihoods of millions of people in the province are endangered.

And Isfahan is not alone in its plight. Other provinces are faced with a similar situation, caused by the regime.

The regime is terrified of the situation, knowing that at any moment, the protests in Isfahan or other provinces such as Khuzestan, Khorasan, Azarbaijan, Sistan, and Baluchestan, and Tehran can turn into anti-regime uprisings.

MaryamRajavi: I extend my salutations to the hardworking and courageous farmers of Isfahan who have continued their sit-ins and protests to obtain their rights to water and life.

They have risen with chants of "Where is my ZayanderoodThe ongoing protests in Isfahan reflect the general sentiment of Iran's population. Two years ago, nationwide protests pushed the regime to the verge of collapse. People in nearly 200 cities across Iran called for regime change.

Only through brutal suppression did the regime manage to prevent its downfall. But in two years, it has failed to address any of the economic problems that triggered the protests in the first place.

Today, inflation, poverty, unemployment, and other economic problems have brought Iran's population is on the verge of another explosive uprising. And the powder-keg society is just waiting for a spark.



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