

(Video) Iran protests in 2021: Growing tensions hint at what is to come

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PARIS, FRANCE, December 26, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) and the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI / MEK Iran): As 2021 comes to a close, a quick look at protests in Iran in the past year shows a restive society that is on the brink of explosion:

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While the protests began by farmers, thousands of people from all walks of life joined the

demonstrations. Eventually, the regime responded by dispatching security forces, burning the protesters' tents, and opening fire on the protesters to stop their growing movement. The people of Isfahan resisted the regime's repressive forces and continued their protests for several more days.

December 2021: Iranian teachers held their biggest nationwide protest, staging demonstrations and strikes in more than 100 cities across Iran. After months of calling on the regime to pass laws that address their most basic needs, the teachers came back to the streets in response to a bill that glossed over their needs and only approved a fraction of the budget needed for their needs.

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In the past year, the regime has tried all sorts of tactics to control the restive society. From providing temporary and half-hearted solutions to associating protesters with foreign enemies to trying to turn protesters against each other to using security forces, violence, arrests, and

But in every case, it has been met with the protesters' resistance, and in many cases, protests that were triggered by economic woes turned into anti-regime demonstrations calling for the regime's overthrow.

incarceration, the regime has gone every extra mile to prevent the escalation of protests.

The real solution to prevent further protests is to address the true needs of the people, namely to fix the economy, create jobs, improve national production, address infrastructural problems, and improve the quality of life. But as the regime has proven in the past decades, it neither has the will nor the ability to address these demands.

Fixing the economy, creating jobs and production will come at the cost of abandoning the regime's expensive terrorist projects in the region, shutting down its ballistic and nuclear weapons projects, slashing its immense spending on the Revolutionary Guards, and stopping corrupt economic policies that only fill the pockets of regime officials and elites.

For a regime that has built its rule on crime and corruption, going down this path will only result in its own unraveling. This is why the ruling mullahs are only doubling down on crimes and violence instead of addressing the basic demands of the Iranian people.

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political prisoner Heidar Ghorbani and dozens of other executions in the past month. At the same time, the regime is resorting to widespread arrests of activists and protesters and is increasing pressure on political prisoners.

But the regime's repressive apparatus is fast losing its power as the Iranian people, fed up with decades of tyranny and corruption, know that the only way to reclaim their rights is to take matters into their hands and continue their protests.

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