

(Video) Iran: increasing prices might provoke another uprising

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PARIS, FRANCE, September 5, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran \(PMOI / MEK\)](#) reported that signs indicate the mullahs' regime ruling Iran is paving the path to increase the prices of gasoline and other energy sources.

Shortage of gasoline at pump stations, a 100-liter decrease in the gasoline rations, along with an expanding state media echo chamber over a large volume of gasoline being smuggled to

neighboring countries due to Iran's low gasoline prices and an uncontrolled consumption by the general public are all signs of the regime's known modus operandi, used time and again by the mullahs in such circumstances, in preparation to announce a new gasoline price hike.



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Regime officials, however, are keeping a close tab on escalating protests and discontent throughout Iran.

All the while, there is a major brouhaha of conflicting remarks from regime officials and state media about any such intent to increase energy prices.

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It is worth noting that Iran's 2019 nationwide uprising began following a sudden overnight price hike.

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The regime's propaganda machine is also hard at work. Their narrative focuses on claiming gasoline prices in Iran are far cheaper than in other countries in the world and Iran has the highest gasoline consumption rate.

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However, if gasoline in Iran is cheap in dollars, the value of labor in Iran under the mullahs' regime is even lower. The salary of an average Iranian worker in comparison to neighboring countries ranges from one-third to as low as one-tenth.

Regime officials have used the same tactics in gradually increasing the prices of bread as reports from various cities across Iran show long lines outside of bakeries.

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While the regime is increasing the prices of bread and gasoline in a controlled manner to contain public outrage, there are reports of skyrocketing prices when it comes to various types of edibles.

The price of eggs has increased between 300 to 400 percent during the past year, and housing prices have jumped eightfold in four years, according to a report wired on Wednesday, August 31, by the regime's semi-official ILNA news agency.

While the prices of goods such as eggs, poultry, and dairy products have increased inside Iran, regime-linked entities are exporting these foods abroad for massive revenues that fund the regime's nuclear weapons program, support for terrorism, warmongering, and domestic crackdown machine with increasing executions as we speak.

All the while, Iranian regime President Ebrahim Raisi has been claiming improved economic conditions during his first year in office.

However, Abdolnaser Hemmati, former head of the regime's Central Bank, said in a ten-month period the Raisi administration has printed 1.34 quadrillion rials in currency, equal to around \$4.5 billion in today's currency exchange rates.

It is clear that the end result of such a massive increase in liquidity is skyrocketing prices and inflation that will break the backs of ordinary Iranians.

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Khamenei allocating political capital to his president will be quite costly as public dissent is escalating across the country.

The question is will how long can the regime dictator protect his apparatus and raise the prices of basic necessities in the face of escalating protests by an extremely restive nation that is seen chanting "Death to Raisi!" on a near-daily basis?

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