

(Video) Iran: The implications of the terrorist designation of the IRGC by the Canadian government

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [National Council of Resistance of Iran \(NCRI\)](#) Foreign Affairs Committee in an article published that. The Canadian government has finally listed the [Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps \(IRGC\)](#), the main arm of repression, warmongering, and exportation of terrorism of Iran's regime, as a terrorist organization.

The Canadian Minister of Public Safety, in announcing this decision said the action "sends a strong message that Canada will use all of the tools at its disposal to combat the terrorist entity of the IRGC.

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This action by Canada quickly made headlines worldwide, reflecting how global public opinion, thanks to the revelations by the Iranian resistance, is aware of and sensitive to the role of the Iranian regime and the IRGC in international terrorism.

This action coincided with the arrest of a suspect in the shooting of Professor Alejo Vidal-Quadras, a prominent supporter of the [People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran \(PMOI/MEK\)](#) and the Iranian Resistance, last November in Madrid, Spain.



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This event demonstrates how the IRGC, as a state organization, extends its reach into the heart of Europe and across the world, from America to Africa and Asia, threatening the lives of citizens in these countries.

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Everyone knows that such statements from a notorious terrorist regime mean nothing but hostage-taking. Thus, the Canadian Foreign Minister emphasized that Canada's action to hold the Iranian regime accountable was very important, adding, "Of course, the risk of arbitrary detention of Canadian citizens by this regime increases. We again urge all Canadian citizens to avoid traveling to Iran and those currently there to return to Canada."

The regime's fear of the Canadian government's action is understandable, as this action was taken in response to a resolution by the Canadian Parliament. This trend has been ongoing in European countries and the United States.

Parliamentary resolutions and statements by lawmakers in these countries to compel their governments to list IRGC have been influenced by the tireless efforts of freedom-loving Iranians, supporters of the resistance, and parliamentary conferences held to pursue this long-standing demand of the Iranian Resistance.

A look at the demonstrations and conferences held in the past couple of months and last year, or the demonstrations marking the anniversary of the anti-monarchy revolution in February 2023, held in the harshest cold in Canadian cities, during which the call for the IRGC's terrorist listing resonated, clearly shows this trend.

This is the same trend that has been ongoing in Europe, and in addition to national parliamentary statements and resolutions, has so far led to two powerful resolutions for the IRGC's listing in the European Parliament.

Last May, at a European Parliament session where the second resolution for the IRGC's terrorist designation was approved, Parliament members strongly challenged the European politicians' policy of appeasement and delay in fulfilling this demand.

Guy Verhofstadt, Member of the European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Belgium, addressing Josep Borrell, the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs, said, "We don't like your strategy. We want you to change your strategy.

Your strategy of diplomacy and appeasement leads to nothing at all; it does nothing at all. So, this Parliament asks you to change the strategy, based on real sanctions against the leadership of Iran first.



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Secondly, recognize the Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist organization. I don't understand why you don't do it. And finally, don't continue with diplomacy towards the regime. It's time to recognize the opposition and to have direct contact with them. They are the real representatives of the Iranian people."

Commanders in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) frequently boast in fiery speeches about the regime's status as a regional superpower.

They claim to dictate the fate of the Middle East and pave the way for a global Islamic government, as exemplified by former IRGC commander Yahya Rahim Safavi's statement: "The honorable Imam (Khomeini) led the revolution to victory the ultimate goal is to establish an Islamic state all over the world."

These pronouncements are often veiled or explicit. The IRGC leadership suggests current dominance in four regional capitals: Beirut (Lebanon), Damascus (Syria), Sana'a (Yemen), and Baghdad (Iraq). They believe further expansion aligns with their vision of a divinely ordained global Islamic state.

Meanwhile, the regime expends significant resources on intense political, terrorist, and seditious campaigns to prevent internal uprisings and maintain control.

Foreign Misconceptions and Domestic Struggles

Many foreign analysts mistakenly perceive the regime as a powerful regional player. However, all signs point to its failure in achieving the goals set after the 1979 revolution by its founder, Ruhollah Khomeini.

These goals included establishing an Islamic government in Iran and ultimately, worldwide. The regime portrays the Islamic Revolution as a multi-stage process, with the current phase aimed at global Islamic rule. However, recent events suggest otherwise.

A Look Behind the Facade: Safavi's Interview

In a recent interview, Rahim Safavi, former IRGC commander and advisor to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, discussed the regime's regional meddling and support for terrorism.

He emphasized past victories and the importance of "resistance groups" like Hezbollah and Hamas, funded by Iran. He argued for expanding Iran's "strategic defense" to the Mediterranean and Indian Oceans.

The High Cost of Ambition

Since its inception, the regime has poured billions of dollars into these destabilizing activities in

neighboring countries. Countless organizations like Hezbollah benefit from significant annual budgets.

Adding these costs to astronomical expenses like nuclear programs and missile development, it's clear that roughly half of Iran's financial resources are funneled into these ambitions. This has led to the severe impoverishment of the Iranian people, evidenced by widespread poverty, unemployment, addiction, and social crises like brain drain and emigration.

A Crumbling Facade?

Responding to Safavi's claims, Mohammad Hossein Karimipour, a former Iranian parliamentarian, criticized the regime's declining legitimacy and growing internal and external opposition. He compared the regime's potential downfall to that of Muammar Gaddafi, stating: "When your nation becomes poorer and angrier day by day... you will become Gaddafi in the sewer pipe."

Karimipour's words, combined with the regime's recent electoral losses, suggest the rapid erosion of its four-decade project of establishing long-term control.

A Loss of Legitimacy and Power

Khamenei's recent failures, from the Gaza conflict to manipulated elections, have eroded public trust and exposed the regime's weaknesses. The excessive focus on external ambitions has come at a heavy domestic cost, jeopardizing the regime's very existence.

Meanwhile, listing the IRGC as a terrorist organization has been a long-standing goal of the Iranian Resistance, dating back four decades, and has been emphasized in many speeches and messages by Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI).

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The people of Iran, along with majorities in 28 parliaments worldwide, demand that the regime's leaders be held accountable for executions, massacres, genocide, crimes against humanity, the suppression of women, and the oppression of national minorities in Iran."

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