

California Society for Democracy in Iran



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The graphic pictures of post June 12, 2009 “presidential election” in Iran vividly illustrate the intensity of people’s anger at, and rejection of, the clerical regime in Tehran. Iranian American community of California expresses its solidarity with the people of Iran, especially its protesting women, youth, and students.

Contrary to Iranian government claims, Iranian people have boycotted the election. According to eye-witness monitors of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), reporting from 25,000 polling stations, the real voter turnout was in fact only 15 percent (about 7.5 million). In desperate need of portraying a picture of legitimacy, the mullahs inflated voter turnout 5 fold.

The still ongoing uprising by Iranians is the culmination of the widespread refutation of the clerical government, in its entirety. They have nothing to do with any particular candidate, as all candidates were proponents of the current Iranian government structure/religious dictatorship. We call on Iranian-Americans and the international community to take note that as of June 13, 2009, the Iranian political landscape has forever changed.

Fed up with the regime, the people of Iran had long sought an opening in order to vent their anger against the religious dictators. Slogans of “Death to the dictator” and “Iranians do not accept disgrace” illustrate the depth of people’s discontent. Even regime’s officials admit that the protests have little to do with any of the candidates. Specifically, in a June 13, 2009 press conference, Iran’s interior minister noted that, “The people should know that those who instigate these protests are not supporting any of the candidates. They are trying to benefit their own grouplets” (a direct reference to the organised opposition, led by the NCRI).

The protests have not been limited to Tehran. Shiraz, Isfahan, Babol, Mashhad, and other cities have also been in turmoil. Many have been killed, arrested, or injured. On the afternoon of Monday, June 15, 2009, Iranian Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) members killed at least one protestor in Tehran and injured many others. The real human toll is yet to be revealed.

Not only does re-appointment of Ahmadinejad foretell of more suppression and widespread internal purge, but is also an indicator that Iran will redouble its effort to acquire nuclear weapons. Ahmadinejad and Khamenei now lead a fully militarized and uni-polarized regime.

Today, we are witnessing the beginning of the end of the fascist regime in Tehran. In light of the resounding rejection of the regime by the Iranian people, nothing can justify continued appeasement of this medieval regime. We thus urge the United States government to strongly condemn mullahs’ suppressive measures and call on President Barack Obama to adopt a firm policy towards Iran. It is time that the U.S. aligns itself with the Iranian people and their organized resistance against the religious tyrants in Tehran.

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