

In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

## CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AND VICTIMIZATION OF IRANIANS IN THE U.S.

*This embassy, in the early days of the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, appealed to all the American people, and the families of those held in the embassy in particular; to help everyone involved in this matter by showing their patience and cooperation. Specifically, we urged restraint on hostility toward the Iranians in the U.S. in order to prevent any backlash from either side, and to achieve a just and peaceful result as soon as possible.*

*Since the takeover some Iranian and many non-Iranian elements, opposing the Islamic Revolution in Iran, have, with the help of some Zionist elements in the media, been recklessly disseminating false information greatly fanning public sentiment against the Iranians in the U.S., especially our students.*

*This embassy has tried to show restraint and not make public the things we know, but we have reached the point where we think we owe it to our own people and to Americans with a sense of responsibility to reveal what is going on. For obvious reasons we do not print here names and details.*

*We cannot and should not any longer overlook the hardships imposed upon the Iranian citizens, directly affected by the unjustifiable freeze on Iranian assets imposed by the U.S. government, the greed of some financial institutions and local prejudices, which is causing so many individual, family and institutional problems for our citizens.*

*Some complaints even suggest that the condition of some Iranians, especially those who have suffered brutalities at the hands of officials and private citizens, is worse than that of the hostages.*

### MURDER

*While the case of the hostages in Tehran has been dramatically portrayed by most elements of the media, knowing full well that none of the hostages has been harmed, the body of a 22 year-old Iranian was found outside of Houston late last week with 38 stab wounds, 2 bullet wounds and his neck slit.*

*In Texas an American entered the home of some Iranians and threatened to kill them. By the time the police arrived the Americans had escaped, but police arrested the Iranians and accused them of lying.*

*Also in Texas two women who were unable to draw on their accounts to pay the hospital expenses were denied admittance, causing one of them to nearly lose her child.*

*Another woman in Texas who has cancer and cannot get money from her bank has had to postpone, indefinitely, a long-overdue operation.*

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*In Boston a young Iranian was stabbed.*

*In a small town in New York the American-born son of Iranian parents was badly beaten.*

*In California, during an anti-shah protest, Iranian students were attacked by American students, and police not only did not try to stop them, but also helped them to beat the Iranians.*

*Iranian students who were arrested were bitten by police dogs, after they had been jailed.*

*In San Francisco two students arrested by the police were beaten so savagely that one suffered a broken jaw and the loss of a tooth. This incident has become public knowledge and the sheriff is under indictment.*

*In Maryland a pregnant woman was attacked near a Safeway store, but was fortunately rescued by some Americans.*

*In Alabama a group of students were badly attacked, leaving one of them with a broken leg.*

*At one airport an Iranian was jailed for carrying a Persian pamphlet and others have been arrested for the same reason.*

*In Oklahoma a student was arrested by immigration officials and taken in a van from Oklahoma City to Dallas, Texas. He became very sick during the eight-hour trip because of cold, lack of food and denial of bathroom privileges.*

*In Oklahoma City a student was attacked with a baseball bat and left badly wounded.*

*In Oklahoma bombs had been installed in the cars of two Arab students.*

*Also in Oklahoma three armed Americans attacked the home of an Iranian student. In response to the student's complaint, the court advised him to avoid the Americans.*

*In Washington, D.C. one boy was beaten until his jaw was broken and his stomach injured.*

*Another was arrested for jaywalking and this embassy had to put up \$1500 bail for his release.*

*In a demonstration in D.C. two Black Americans who were participating with Iranians to protest the presence of the ex-shah in the U.S., were arrested although they had done nothing. But the White American who had spit at them was released.*

*A sixteen-year old was arrested after he had a car accident and was held in custody for four days.*

*In Boston the apartment of an Iranian student was broken into and all his papers and belongings were scattered around.*

*Mosques in Norman, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Ohio and Queens, New York were severely damaged by bombs and other explosives.*

*In several locations, e.g., George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and in Norman, Oklahoma, several Iranian girls have been harrassed and injured.*

*In many places Iranians cannot get their cars serviced and cannot make purchases in food stores.*

*The notorious "No Dogs, No Negroes" sign has been changed to "No Dogs, No Iranians" and placed at the entrance to many restaurants.*



Thousands of Iranians, especially students, have been threatened with death.

In many schools, especially public schools, children of Iranians and even non-Iranian Muslims have been harrassed by other students.

Some immigration officials, while interrogating students, have been illegally asking them about their religious and political views.

Windows of homes and cars owned by Iranians have been shattered.

Student centers where Iranians are known to gather have been attacked and greatly damaged.

Not only have Iranian students been harrassed by American students, they have been denied, by college officials(in writing), the right to finish their education.

Many Iranians have been thrown out of their homes and their jobs.

Several thousand students have been left without any funds.

In some cases mothers do not have money to buy milk for their children.

In one place \$400 was withdrawn from an Iranian woman's account, with no substantial reason given.

The Iranian consulate in Houston has been heavily attacked several times, with doors and windows broken. As a result of this and frequent death threats, it was closed for 10 days.

The lock of the file room of an Iranian office was illegally removed by the owner of the building, without any court order, or even an explanation.

In Minnesota one of the Iranians arrested in an alleged attempt to kidnap the governor of that state reportedly has a highly questionable background.

Some of the SAVAK agents and functionaries of the shah have tried to collaborate with some Americans to harrass the Iranians in the U.S.

We know that the American people, at least those who are looking for a just and peaceful solution to the problem that has now surfaced between Iran and the United States, would have been appalled to read such things, if they had been able to read them or hear about them in their media.

### "FREEDOM ORGANIZATIONS" AND SAVAK

Lastly, it is the responsibility of this embassy to let the American people know and recognize the following elements who are certainly the common enemy of both the Iranian and American peoples:

those Iranians who are SAVAK agents(files available) and have now established so-called Iran freedom foundations;

those who receive money from the ex-shah and some of his functionaries to publish material against the Islamic Revolution in Iran;

those who were traveling back and forth between Iran and the United States during the struggle of the Iranian people, by the invitation of the former ambassador, Zahedi, and the deposed shah, and taking from the pocket of our poor nation to prepare TV programs and write newspaper articles against our revolution;



*those who were invited to the court of the deposed shah and sent from there with the money of the Iranian people to the neighboring country to be the guest of the "Imperial" Embassy;*

*those who were planning how to plunder Iran and are still invited for consultation on finding a home for the deposed shah;*

*those who were the recipients of silk rugs, cases of champaign, packages of caviar and antiques and in turn, sold their support for the crimes of the shah;*

*those who, up until yesterday were writing love letters to Ardeskhir Zahedi and the deposed shah and were the guardians of the nieces and nephews of the shah, and are now participating in radio and TV programs to "carry wood for the fire of the enemy;"*

*those who waste the wealth of the Iranian nation which they have stolen and are now paying for the promotion of anti-revolution tactics in the U.S. and in other parts of the world;*

*those who are shedding crocodile tears for Islam, either not knowing the principles and practices of Islam, or intentionally distorting all of it;*

*those who are trying to promote sectarianism, which does not even exist in Islam (there are five major schools of thought in Islam, all affirmed by great Islamic scholars across the world), and are trying to divide Muslims by rank, title and nation;*

*those who set fire to the Rex Theater in Abadan, Iran in August 1978, burning to death 477 people, and are now sunbathing on California beaches;*

*those who benefitted from the wealth of the people by accepting educational grants and are now organizing against the Iranian students, or are at best standing by doing nothing;*

*those who irresponsibly, and in fact unprofessionally, formulate false provocative news alleging that the Muslim students are mixed with such and such group in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, and present it as the lead news story;*

*those who print handouts in their own professional, intelligence language to allege that Muslims in general and Iranians in particular are involved in subversive activities in the U.S.;*

*Fortunately, most of our people in Iran and abroad are holding fast to the "rope of God" and will not be intimidated by such counter-revolutionary activities.*

*Unlike what has been reflected in the American media, a great many American people support our cause, because it is a search for truth and justice. The American people on the whole are a freedom and justice loving people. They believe in the adage, "The truth will out."*

*Let it be known that the majority of Iranians in America have great confidence in God, in the power of people, and in themselves. They know that they are all praying and working for a reasonable, just and mutually satisfactory conclusion which, in the final analysis will serve all mankind.*