

Student Information Center



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FUTURE PLANS

A widespread invitation has been sent out for July 8th demonstrations all across the country. The origin and destination of these demonstrations have not been defined so as to reduce potential clashes with security forces. In Tehran, at 5pm, the streets leading to the Enghelab, Valiasr, and Haft-e-tir squares are suggested. However, all the fractions have emphasized on the non-violent nature of these demonstrations. More explanations are provided in the "recommendations" section at the end of this newsletter.

NEWS

Ghلام Website: Mohamad Karroubi, Mohamad Khatami and Mir Hossein Mousavi met on Monday to discuss the current events in Iran. Khatami and Karroubi emphasized that the current military climate in Iran will further polarize the political climate and push it to extremities. They added that the current wave of arrests must come to a stop, innocent individual who are arrested must be freed and the security forces must go back to their stations. At the end of this meeting, Dr. Beheshti, Dr. Moghadam, Engineer Alviri and Dr. Amini were assigned to represent Mr. Karroubi and Mr. Mousavi and to pursue the affairs of detained, killed and injured individuals and their families.

Radio Farda: Bernard Kouchner, the French Foreign Minister, demanded the immediate release of a female French teacher accused of espionage who was detained last week in Iran. According to AFP, France Ministry of Foreign Affairs has strongly condemned her arrest in a published statement. The French government also has contacted Iranians officials and asked for immediate release of this French citizen. Clotilde Reiss, 23, was arrested at the airport while leaving Iran. According to the French Foreign Minister, she was teaching French in University of Isfahan during a 5-month academic trip. Kouchner said "She has been to watch demonstrations of hundreds of thousands people in Iran like many others, and has taken pictures of these demonstrations."

BBC: The American government has once again stressed that Israel's decisions against Iran are made independently from America, but said that this position is not a "green light" to Israel for a probable attack to Iran.

BBC: Several individual protesting the Iranian presidential elections results gathered in front of the Amnesty International building in London and started a hunger strike on Monday. These individuals are aged between 20 and 50 years old and have different demands. Nader, one of the protesters says that this strike has several demands: The cancellation of the recent election results, the release of individuals detained as the result of the recent unrest, and the identification and prosecution of individuals involved in the torture and killing of protesters.

Radio Farda: Ambassadors from three European countries presented themselves at the foreign

ministry in Tehran on Tuesday and demanded the release of detained worker of the British Embassy. The Swedish foreign minister, who is currently the chief of the European Union, has released a statement on his website that states: "the reason for the presence of the ambassadors at the Iranian foreign ministry is to send a strong message to Iranian leaders regarding the arrest of the British Embassy worker in Tehran".

Radio Zamaneh: Human Rights Watch organization has asked the leaders of 8 industrial countries to condemn the "violent oppression" of the Iranian people, protesting the presidential elections results. The leaders of these countries are scheduled to meet in Italy on Wednesday. These countries form the G8 group including U.S.A., Russia, Italy, France, Germany, Canada, Japan and England.

The Huffington Post: Berlusconi, the Italian prime minister has released a statement at a press conference in Italy regarding G8 stance towards Iran. He states that the G8 has yet to "forge a common position" on the current events. He added that France encouraged tougher action against Tehran while Russia preferred a softer approach which would allow for dialogue.

Press TV (IRIB): [quoted from press TV website]: "...Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has criticized the stance adopted by certain political figures following the June 12 presidential election. In a speech broadcast on IRIB channel one, President Ahmadinejad slammed 'foreign meddling' in Iran's internal affairs following the presidential election, saying the massive turnout of the Iranian nation had upset 'arrogant powers'.... "Tehran has accused certain Western countries and their media of fueling post-election unrest in Iran". Ahmadinejan further commented that: "Unfortunately, some people inside Iran collaborated with them. They repeated the comments made by certain Western countries". "He added that the defeated candidates rejected the election results without offering any proof of irregularities in the electoral process. President Ahmadinejad invited the nation to 'unity and solidarity' now that the file on the election has been closed and the electoral watchdog, the Guardian Council, has confirmed his re-election".

Amir Kabir Newsletter: The authorities are closing Tehran University dorms for two weeks. To prevent further protest, dorms are usually closed for a few days during the anniversary of the 1999 (18th Tir) incident. However, this year, the closure has been extended to two weeks. University authorities claim that this decision was independent of recent unrest and was made before the recent protests.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND WARNINGS

Mohsen Sazgara has distributed his Monday monologue. He did not deny the possibility of the Tuesday and Wednesday holidays originating from the fear government with respect to the scheduled mass strikes and he urged the people to continue their co-operation. In terms of the July 8th, he said that the principle is holding a demonstration and walking is not a neccessity. He urged the people to choose one of the scheduled routes and try to get as close to these points as possible. The principle is to create this proximity with the scheduled points. Throughout the routes, whenever you encountered the security forces, avoid getting close to them and retreat. The goal is that on Thursday everyone be outside on the streets all across Iran even if they cannot read the scheduled points. He suggested that the only slogan should be "Ya Hossein, Mir Hossein" with hands up showing the sign 'V'. He suggested people to have flowers that can be handed out to the security forces and he urged people to avoid "down with ..." slogans. To

summarize: silence, peace and calmness; and wherever there was a barrage, retreat. To neutralize the effect of tear gas, use vinegar soaked paper masks. The scheduled origins, except Enghelab, are Valiasr and Haft-e-tir squares in case one of the routes was closed the others can be taken.

Mir Hossein Mosavi's profile in facebook made similar explanations and recommendations: The goal is "being outside" not reaching the destination; wherever there is a resistance retreat. In case you want to take part but you don't want to take a risk try to get close to but not at the foci. Given your physical and mental stature choose an optimum distance from these foci. The unnatural presence of many people on the streets sends a clear message. Avoid wearing clothes that "stand out" and stick to the memory. Wear plain clothes and avoid makeup. Do not take any types of blades or daggers or anything else that might be construed as a cold weapon. These weapons would not help you, on the contrary, in case you get arrested this would incriminate you as a hooligan. Do not take any documents that are important to you. Take a copy of your "National Card" with your home address/phone number on the back. Avoid having any jewelry. "Ya Hossein, Mir Hossein" is the most effective slogan. Shout out islamic slogans with power. This would be a strong blow to those who want to oppress people in the name of religion.

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