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# **An Elucidating Report on: The Right to Life and the Rejection of the Claim of Systematic Extrajudicial Killing**

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*In the Name of GOD*

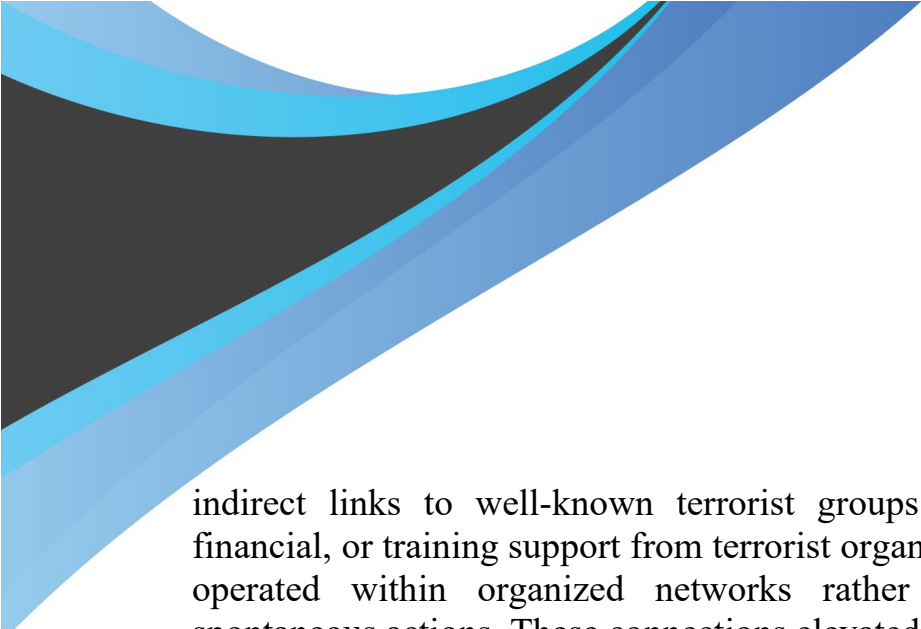
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## **Introduction:**

The purposeful and long-term design and planning by adversaries of the Islamic Republic of Iran to create unrest and chaos in the country, among other means through the production of fake news aimed at inciting rioters, the organization of terrorism and sabotage, the direct presence of operatives and affiliates of terrorist groups and mercenary agents of the Zionist regime at scenes of street unrest and destruction of public property, the provision of various equipment to confront the police and incendiary materials to set fire to public and private places, properties, and vehicles, and, most importantly, the implementation of the sinister project of “manufacturing deaths”, constitutes part of a pre-planned scenario devised by countries hostile to the Islamic Republic of Iran, running in parallel with the illegitimate and oppressive U.S. sanctions imposed on the Iranian nation. The occupying Zionist regime, through building consensus among anti-Iranian groups and using social media networks, attempted, via widespread psychological warfare and fabricated reports of killings, to create a pretext for depriving people of public peace and spreading unrest on the streets. Consequently, what unfolded before the eyes of the public was not civil protest, but rather destruction, violence, insecurity, and terrorism in its true sense. As a result of these crimes, a large number of law enforcement personnel and ordinary civilians, including women and children, lost their lives at the hands of the executors of projects defined by the United States and its proxy regime, and thousands of billions in damages were inflicted upon public and private property.

## **Riots Instead of Protest**

The use of firearms, bladed weapons, and incendiary materials in attacks, along with the organized nature of violent actions during the recent events, clearly indicates a departure from the framework of peaceful protest and demonstrates the elements of organized violence and terrorism. Intelligence, judicial, and field evidence shows that some of the individuals involved in violent acts had direct or

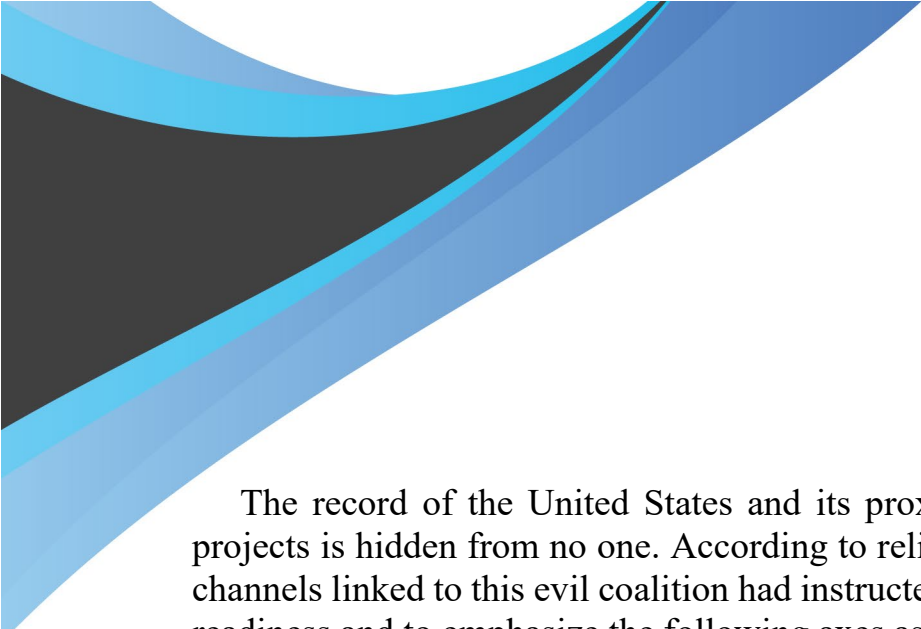


indirect links to well-known terrorist groups; they benefited from media, financial, or training support from terrorist organizations based abroad; and they operated within organized networks rather than through individual or spontaneous actions. These connections elevated the nature of the events beyond the level of social dissatisfaction and transformed them into part of a broader project aimed at destabilizing internal security.

Attacks on security, military, and law enforcement forces, violent actions, and ISIS-like crimes such as burning people alive, beheading, and stabbing; assaults on military, law enforcement, and security centers; creating widespread fear and terror; attacking merchants who had not closed their businesses during the protests of January 2026, and destroying their shops and homes; as well as threatening the lives of and attacking the residences and workplaces of individuals who reacted against the terrorist nature of these actions, and extensive destruction of public and private property (including the destruction of 305 ambulances, 24 gas stations, 750 banks, 749 police vehicles; damage to more than 400 government centers, 200 schools, 89 seminaries, 350 mosques, even the Armenian church, and the destruction of markets, stores, emergency vehicles, and public transportation), all indicate a very large gap between the events that occurred and the standards of peaceful protest under domestic and international norms.

### **The Project of Assassination, Destruction, and Fabricated Killings**

In the recent riots in Iran, which were influenced by multiple factors such as incitement and support from the United States and certain Western countries, anti-Iran foreign media, and planning by the Zionist regime, the scale and intensity of the use of excessive force and violence by the rioters against ordinary citizens and law enforcement forces were significant, resulting in numerous human and material losses. During these riots, several thousand firearms, including Kalashnikov rifles and handguns, as well as thousands of cold weapons such as knives and machetes were discovered and confiscated.



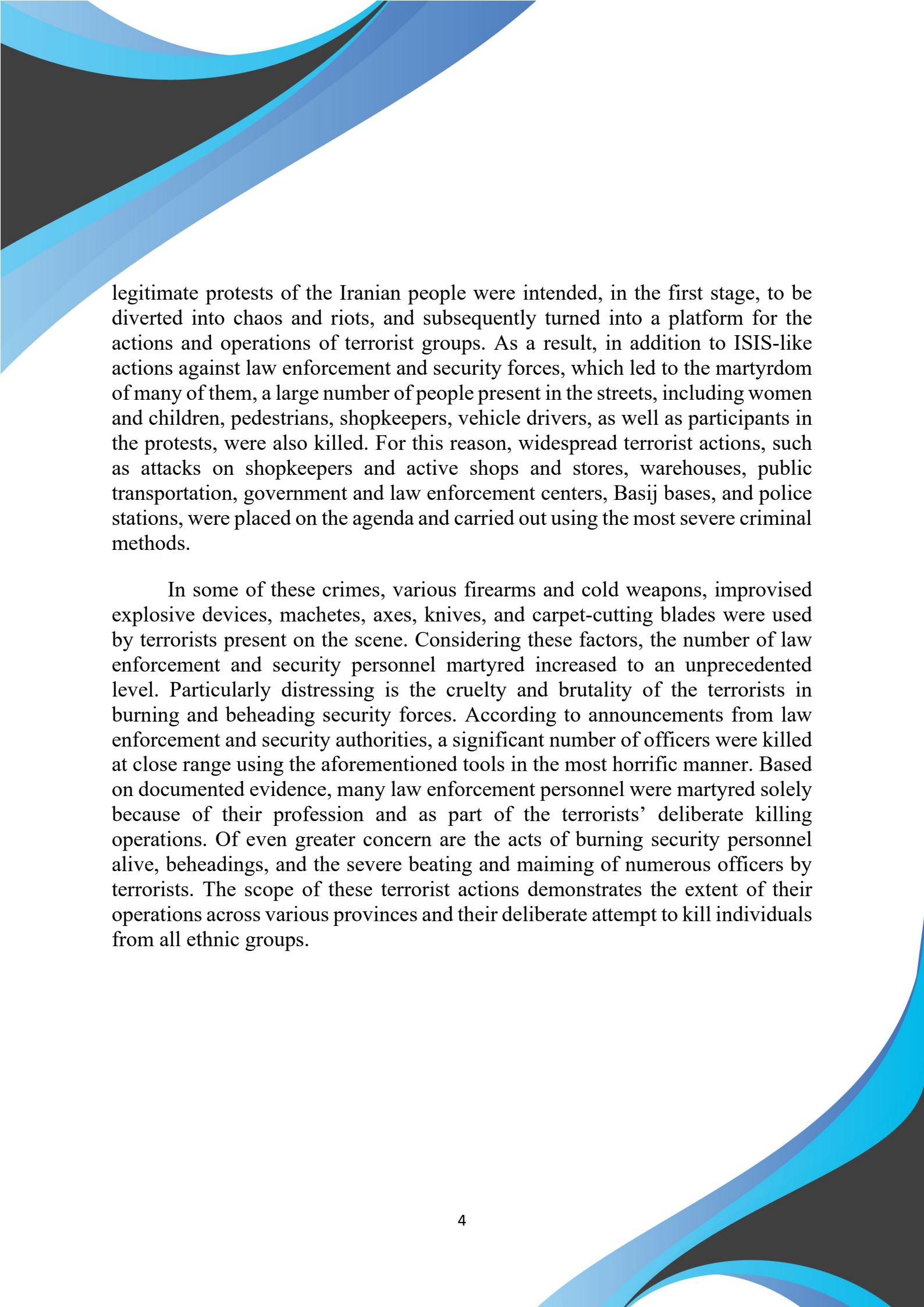
The record of the United States and its proxy regime in designing sinister projects is hidden from no one. According to reliable information, networks and channels linked to this evil coalition had instructed their foot soldiers to maintain readiness and to emphasize the following axes as the main lines of the actions.

- Placing special emphasis on fabricated killings by attributing every killing and incident to security and law enforcement forces, or by targeting rioters at the scene through hired terrorists, and even attributing deaths that occurred prior to the days of the riots to the armed forces;
- Inciting and fueling shop strikes and the closure of markets nationwide with the aim of exerting pressure on the public, increasing dissatisfaction, and ultimately linking various strikes together;
- Strengthening destructive instruments of influence through cyberspace by any means and in any possible way;
- Making efforts to involve other European countries in facilitating the implementation of these projects.

### **Systematic Violation of the Right to Life**

During the recent unrest, out of a total of 3,117 fatalities, 2,427 were innocent civilians and defenders of public order and security. The murder of the prosecutor of Esfarayen, the killing of a three-year-old child in Kermanshah, and the targeting of pedestrians using non-standard firearms smuggled into the country demonstrate the inhumane nature and organized violence of the premeditated actions carried out by hostile elements against the Islamic Republic of Iran, constituting a violation of the most fundamental human right, the right to life.

The anti-Iran tweet by the former head of the U.S. intelligence organization, Mike Pompeo, at the outset of the peaceful protests of the Iranian people, stating that “the Iranian people are not alone and that Mossad agents are present among them”, left no doubt about the systematic and organized nature of their brutal actions aimed at killing innocent people. It became clear that the



legitimate protests of the Iranian people were intended, in the first stage, to be diverted into chaos and riots, and subsequently turned into a platform for the actions and operations of terrorist groups. As a result, in addition to ISIS-like actions against law enforcement and security forces, which led to the martyrdom of many of them, a large number of people present in the streets, including women and children, pedestrians, shopkeepers, vehicle drivers, as well as participants in the protests, were also killed. For this reason, widespread terrorist actions, such as attacks on shopkeepers and active shops and stores, warehouses, public transportation, government and law enforcement centers, Basij bases, and police stations, were placed on the agenda and carried out using the most severe criminal methods.

In some of these crimes, various firearms and cold weapons, improvised explosive devices, machetes, axes, knives, and carpet-cutting blades were used by terrorists present on the scene. Considering these factors, the number of law enforcement and security personnel martyred increased to an unprecedented level. Particularly distressing is the cruelty and brutality of the terrorists in burning and beheading security forces. According to announcements from law enforcement and security authorities, a significant number of officers were killed at close range using the aforementioned tools in the most horrific manner. Based on documented evidence, many law enforcement personnel were martyred solely because of their profession and as part of the terrorists' deliberate killing operations. Of even greater concern are the acts of burning security personnel alive, beheadings, and the severe beating and maiming of numerous officers by terrorists. The scope of these terrorist actions demonstrates the extent of their operations across various provinces and their deliberate attempt to kill individuals from all ethnic groups.

## Closing Statement

The special emphasis of media affiliated with the aforementioned movements on fabricated killings, by attributing every murder and incident to security and law enforcement forces, targeting rioters at the scene through hired terrorists, and even linking deaths that occurred prior to the days of the riots to the armed forces, along with the subsequent propaganda campaigns aimed at directing global public opinion, which culminated in the adoption of UN resolutions and political statements by international officials, bears no common ground with the legal and political principles of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Hostile elements against the Islamic Republic of Iran, by repeatedly using terms and expressions such as “extrajudicial killings,” “systematic killings,” and even “the politics of killing” in their news and media, attempt to drive the issue to international forums through orchestrated campaigns and absurd propaganda shows, thereby seeking to portray the Islamic Republic of Iran as responsible for crimes against humanity. This stands in stark contrast to the legal system of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is derived from the principles and teachings of Islamic law, wherein human life is regarded as a divine gift and a sacred trust. According to explicit verses in the Holy Qur’an: “*And We have certainly honored the children of Adam*<sup>1</sup>” (Al-Isra, 70) and “*And do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden, except by right*<sup>2</sup>” (Al-Isra, 33), the dignity and sanctity of the human and the preservation of life are among the most precious legal and moral values.

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<sup>1</sup> وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ  
<sup>2</sup> وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ

