

Iran Coronavirus Outbreak: Mullahs Fear an Uprising While MEK Intensifies Regime's Infightings



Iran Protests, November 2019-file photo

The People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) announced on Sunday the death toll of the coronavirus has surpassed 32,200. The MEK's revelation and the regime's corruption and deadlock in handling the crisis have intensified the regime's fear of an uprising and the mullahs' infighting.

In this regard, the regime's First Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri said: "This country has enemies and dissidents who are spread across the globe, and they have media outlets at their disposal. They are constantly pumping to take hope away from the people and leave them disappointed. [Media outlets and others] inside the country should not do the same. In such circumstances, it is not expected from us to take hope away from the people. Why should we be giving a goal assist to the satellite media networks, so they can question our entire state,

and say they have lost billions of dollars and now they say we don't have money?"

"Our Health Ministry has coordinated numbers with the World Health Organization. Each day when they intend to announce their stats, there are voices who immediately say these numbers are not true. They pump these reports to leave the nation disappointed and hopeless," he added.

The regime's bogus claims of inventing a new remote device that uses a "magnetic field" with a "bipolar virus inside" that can detect the novel coronavirus within 100 meters and has over 80 percent of accuracy; and that there is no other device like this in the world, was rather a joke and further exposed the regime's duplicity.

In a failed attempt to clean this mess, Hesameddin-e Ashena, an advisor to the regime's president Hassan Rouhani, wrote on twitter: "In a situation where the public is confronted with strange news every day, do not advertise for innovative and unique virus- detecting devices without the official approval of the Ministry of Health."

In response to Ashena, the state-run Rah-e Dana wrote: "After the coordinated attack by the anti-revolutionary elements and the MEK to the Revolutionary Guards public service [by creating the device] to fight novel coronavirus, Ashena warned the national TV to not advertise virus-detecting devices without the government's approval."

"What Ashena did was to copy the MEK. This happens under such circumstances that [the rival factions] media, politicians and critics of Rouhani's government have sacrificed all their differences with the government and fully support the government despite its wrong decisions."

In another development, in an interview with Khabar Fori website on April 6, 2020, Akbar Torkan, former Minister of Defense and Transportation under Rafsanjani and former advisor to Rouhani, expressed fear over the disclosures of the facts by the Iranian Resistance. "The new Iranian calendar year is going to be a tough one... in addition to Coronavirus, we have to watch out for the Tirana virus. We are now facing two viruses, one is Coronavirus, and the other is the Tirana virus, which is the capital of Albania. Some 1,500 members of the MEK are based in camps there, where they sit behind computers in the state-of-the-art

halls waging psychological and internet warfare against the Islamic Republic every day. All members of the MEK have been organized to wage psychological warfare against the Islamic Republic from there... They spread rumors and lies as much as they can."

The regime's real fear, as reflected in its top officials' speeches and writings in the state-run media, is of another wave of the Iran protests. On March 14, the state-run Mizan News Agency, which is affiliated with the Iranian regime's judiciary, published an analysis conducted by the "Asra think-tank" over the Iranian society's current situation after the coronavirus outbreak, titled "Coronavirus and confrontation at several fronts." This think-tank, which is affiliated with the regime's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, wrote: "With a severe shortage of goods and commodities, there is a possibility of a rebellion. But whether there will be national uprisings against the regime, the extent of the people's resilience to the crisis should be mentioned. Crossing the line of resilience and the lack of a centralized crisis management mechanism can turn local and regional uprisings into nationwide uprisings. Linking the corona crisis in Iran with past developments, including November 2019, creates a rebellion process."

On Tuesday, April 7, "Iran-Emrouz state-run daily wrote: "We are going to have a major social upheaval after the Coronavirus is over. The situation is not going to be calm. It is going to be exactly like the period after the 2017 elections (uprisings), and we are going to see repeated and powerful incidents."

In another development, Haghshenas, the head of Tehran City Council's health commission told the state-run daily Asr-e Iran on April 19: "The wrong statistics could endanger people's lives and cause irreparable damage to people's lives and property, and bring about liability both legally and morally. If the NCCT officials do not provide accurate and clear information, they could be charged with manslaughter and should be held accountable for all these deaths for failing to make the right decision and perform duties properly."

On Sunday, state-run Aftab-e Yazd daily, while quoting Gholam Ali Jafarzadeh, a deputy of the regime's parliament, wrote: "We have a high unemployment rate in the post-Coronavirus era ... We currently have between 3 and 5 million unemployed. Just imagine what would be the situation if another one million is added, especially among the country's active population." "There will be a high

unemployment rate, closure of small and large enterprises, rise in prices of goods, horrifying inflation rate. We are going to have a terrifying post-Coronavirus era; fever in our sick economy will rise, and we will face a severe economic fever,” he added.

As it has been repeatedly said by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the president-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI): “People’s health and lives are worthless to Ali Khamenei and Hassan Rouhani, the mullahs’ supreme leader and president. Their only objective is to preserve their own rule and protect it against popular uprisings in Iran.”



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