



National Wrath Against Rioters Iranians stage mass rallies to condemn foreign-backed unrest

Gov't declares three days of mourning



Thousands of Iranians gather in the iconic Enqelab (Revolution) Square in Tehran, Iran on January 12, 2026 to denounce days of bloody violence by foreign-backed terrorists and rioters.
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National Desk

Iranian people in their millions flocked to the streets in major cities and towns across the country on Monday to denounce the latest bout of deadly terrorist acts by armed elements hijacking right-ful public demands and protests to destroy and set ablaze military and government buildings. The nationwide demonstrations — themed 'The motherland is our redline' — took place after two weeks of US-Israeli backed riots that seized on public protests against livelihood woes stemming from the national currency depreciation. Instigated by expressions of support on behalf of US President Donald Trump as well as Zion-

ist-relayed instructions, armed groups and individuals in various cities, including the capital Tehran, turned the protests into violent clashes by dispatching firearms and Molotov cocktails to streets, claiming innocent lives and destroying and setting on fire an assortment of economic centers, religious and public sites, busses, and urban amenities. In the Monday rally in Tehran, people converged on Enqelab (Revolution) Square to condemn the violent unrest, armed attacks by rioters, killing of people, acts of vandalism, attacks on military, administrative and medical centers, desecration of mosques, and burning of copies of the Qu'ran. Chanting slogans of denunciation of widespread havoc wreaked by

rioters, the demonstrators voiced their unbridled support for the Islamic Establishment and called on the Judiciary to severely deal with perpetrators of such terrorist acts. The participants also waved Iranian national flags and called out, "Death to the US", "Death to Israel", and "Down with seditionist instigator." Apart from Tehran, the biggest of rallies were held in Isfahan, Mashhad, Kerman, Tabriz and Zahedan. In a statement after a cabinet meeting on Sunday night, the government of President Masoud Pezeshkian declared three days of national mourning in honor of those who lost their lives in the resistance against the recent US and Israeli-incited

unrest in the country. The statement said the Iranian nation suffered firsthand experience of Daesh-style criminal and terrorist acts, which resulted in the martyrdom of "our beloved countrymen, including the Basij volunteer forces, police and security personnel." The statement underlined that such violence and crimes had not seen before, except in the actions of US-sponsored Daesh terrorists. Since December 28, the rioters backing monarchy have vandalized public properties, blocked streets, attacked the administrative buildings and Police stations, and killed or injured a yet-to-be-specified number of ordinary people as well as security and law enforcement forces.

FM holds US, Israel accountable for inciting violence in Iran

Tehran to prosecute terrorists killing police, people in riots: *Araghchi*



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (R) speaks at a meeting with Tehran-based ambassadors in the Foreign Ministry in the capital on January 12, 2026.
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International Desk

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Monday held the United States and Israel accountable for promoting violence in Iran.

"There is ample evidence indicating the US and Israel's involvement in acts of violence," Araghchi told a group of Tehran-based ambassadors from a number of countries including Britain, Germany, Russia, India, South Korea, Venezuela and Turkey.

He said Iran would present the evidence to the public and the international community.

Iran has been gripped by street protests since December 28 that turned into deadly riot in the past few days, with authorities blaming foreign-backed terrorists.

The top diplomat cited a post by former CIA chief Mike Pompeo on X in which he congratulated the New Year to the Iranians on the streets and "the Mossad operatives that move by them," saying the comment was an "explicit acknowledgement" that Israeli agents were "directing" the riot.

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Trump administration continues to misread Iran's capabilities

INTERVIEW US President Donald Trump took a hostile stance toward Iran during his both terms in office. In his first term, he scrapped Iran's 2015 nuclear deal and reimposed tough sanctions on Tehran. He later ordered the assassination of Iran's top commander General Qassem Soleimani during a mission in Baghdad. Returning to office in 2025, he reiterated his previous position, vowing to continue his maximum pressure policy. While hypocritically engaging in negotiations with Iran, he arranged and later joined an Israeli aggression against Iran in the middle of talks in June. American-Canadian political analyst, Robert Fantina, said in an exclusive interview with IRNA that Trump's actions against Iran are a serious threat not only to the security of the Middle East, but of the entire world. Yet, he added, it indicates that his administration continues to miscalculate Iran's power and capabilities.

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