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**In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful**

**Press Release**

**of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Bucharest  
regarding Recent Developments and Unrest in Iran**

Since late December 2025, a number of protests arising from difficult livelihood conditions and fluctuations in the exchange rate have taken place among merchants and the general public in the country. In the initial days, these protests centered on professional and livelihood-related demands and were held peacefully and within the framework of citizens' rights. However, between January 8 and 10, a large portion of the peaceful and lawful protests was exploited through the intervention of foreign elements and the presence of mercenaries affiliated with intelligence services, and in some cases escalated into violence, severe clashes, and even armed confrontations with law-enforcement forces at protest sites. It should be noted that substantial documentation regarding the involvement of armed elements and gunfire directed at protesters and law-enforcement personnel is available and can be made public.

Such actions, which bear no relation to the legitimate demands of protesters, have endangered public security, the lives of citizens, and public property. The Islamic Republic of Iran draws a clear distinction between peaceful and lawful protests and riots, violent clashes, and terrorist acts, and in accordance with international legal standards is obliged to simultaneously safeguard the rights of the law-abiding majority of society and public security.

At the same time, the Iranian government has placed on its agenda practical measures to address the economic roots of dissatisfaction, including dialogue with professional groups, support packages for vulnerable segments of society, and a comprehensive review of the management of recent incidents. Law-enforcement forces are also, according to official positions, required to observe the principles of necessity, proportionality, restraint, and accountability in dealing with unrest.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the current protests in Iran to be the result of years of direct, "illegal unilateral" sanctions imposed by the United States of America against the Iranian nation, which have exerted economic and livelihood pressures on the lives of ordinary citizens and given rise to the current socio-economic frictions.

The Islamic Republic of Iran also expresses its deep concern regarding the interventionist statements and actions of certain foreign officials. Threats of the use of force, encouragement of destabilization, or political exploitation of Iran's internal developments constitute a clear violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, national sovereignty, and the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states, and may lead to an escalation of violence and an increase in human casualties.

In conclusion, the Islamic Republic of Iran once again emphasizes its commitment to the rights of its citizens, including the right to life, freedom of expression, and peaceful assembly, while at the same time confronting any form of violence, terrorism, and foreign interference. It is expected that members of the media, by avoiding selective and politicized narratives, will report on developments in Iran with due regard for all facts, credible documentation, and observance of international legal standards.

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