

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the recent interim agreement between the United States and the Islamic regime regarding the release of 6 to 23 billion dollars in frozen assets in exchange for the liberation of innocent detainees.

While we are very happy for the unjustly held hostages and recognize the complexity of negotiations and the importance of diplomatic solutions, we were shocked to see the United States supporting and assisting a regime involved in numerous global terrorist actions, hostage takings, kidnapping and oppressive and totalitarian practices.

We strongly urge you to reconsider the course of action outlined in this agreement, particularly regarding the transfer of funds.

The agreement in question proposes the transfer of several billion dollars (between 6 and 23) of frozen Iranian assets from South Korea to Qatar. While the intention of this transfer is declared as humanitarian, intended for essential goods such as medicine and food, there are serious doubts about the true control and use of these funds.

How can we be certain about the use of the funds? Is it the Qatari regime who controls their usage?

Regarding Qatar, it is true that international organizations such as Amnesty International have raised concerns about human rights, particularly concerning women's rights, forced labor, unpaid workers, confiscation of immigrants' passports, and over 7,000 deaths among immigrant workers involved in the preparation for the 2022 World Cup.

Is this country legitimate to oversee the use of funds by the Islamic regime for humanitarian purposes?

The Islamic Republic has a long history of supporting terrorism, posing a significant threat to global stability and peace. Granting any form of ransom or concessions to such entities not only encourages further acts of terrorism but also goes against the principles of democracy and freedom that the United States represents.

Such a deal would only encourage the Islamic regime to continue kidnapping and killing more innocent people.

Here are some actions of the Islamic regime and its powerful military force, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), against the United States and the world:

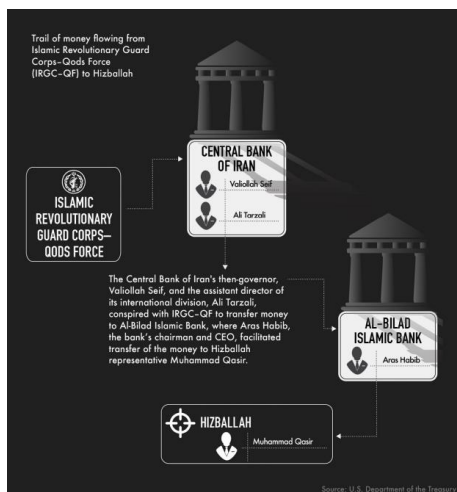
- 1979: Assault and hostage-taking at the US Embassy in Tehran: 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days.
- July 22, 1980 - Bethesda, MD, USA: An agent of the Islamic regime assassinated a former Iranian diplomat in exile, Ali Akbar Tabatabai, a vocal critic of the Supreme Leader of the Islamic regime at the time, Ayatollah Khomeini.
- 1983: Beirut Bombing in 1983: The IRGC was involved in the bombing of the US Marine headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, which resulted in 241 deaths, including 220 Marines.
- September 2009 - Glendora, CA, USA: An agent of the Islamic regime hired a hitman to assassinate a regime opponent.
- September 29, 2011 - Washington, DC, USA: The IRGC supported a plot to blow up a restaurant to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States.
- August 20, 2018 - USA: Two agents of the Islamic regime were indicted for conducting secret surveillance of Israeli and Jewish facilities in the United States and collecting identification information on American citizens and US nationals who were members of an Iranian opposition group.
- 2020: Flight PS752 (176 passengers): On January 8, 2020, 176 passengers, crew members, and an unborn child aboard Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 lost their lives. The plane crashed approximately 6 minutes after takeoff. Iran and five other countries lost citizens - Canada, Ukraine, Sweden, Afghanistan, and the United Kingdom. 138 of the passengers had close ties to Canada (citizens, residents, students, etc.).
- 2021: United States - New York: The FBI arrested a man armed with an AK-47 and 66 rounds of ammunition (Khalid Mehdiev) near the residence of Iranian writer and dissident Masih Alinejad.
- August 2021: Attack on the Mercer Street oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman.
- August 2022: Kidnapping plot against Iranian writer Masih Alinejad.
- Support for terrorist groups: The Islamic regime, through the IRGC, has supported terrorist groups such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Shiite militias in Iraq, which have carried out deadly attacks against US forces and civilians.
- Assassination of dissidents: The IRGC has been involved in the assassination of Iranian dissidents inside and outside of Iran.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Islamic regime's Shahed drones have been used by Russia to Ukraine. The Islamic Republic also provides some of its own ballistic or cruise missiles to compensate for the lack of Russian stocks and also supplies a large number of Shahed-136 kamikaze drones to the Kremlin.

Finally, less than a week ago (on August 9th), a truck belonging to the Lebanese Shiite terrorist group Hezbollah overturned near Beirut. It was revealed that the truck was carrying anti-tank missiles sent by the Islamic regime.

Are not these actions evidence of the hostility and violence of the Islamic regime and the IRGC towards the United States and individuals who oppose their regime ?

The organizational chart below is from the U.S. Department of the Treasury:



The individuals mentioned above have been replaced, but unfortunately, the process is still ongoing, and the Islamic regime continues to financially and logistically support the terrorist group Hezbollah through the IRGC and its international branch, the IRGC-Qods Force.

The Islamic regime does not hide its strategy of hostage-taking as an integral part of its economy. In January 2020, the former commander of the IRGC and head of the think tank Yaghin, Hassan Abbasi, revealed how the IRGC profits from hostage-taking :

*“So, look at how the IRGC generates funds. The IRGC detains a spy like Jason Rezaian. The U.S. pleads for him to be released. We say: No, you have to pay for him. Our government gets paid \$1.7 billion to hand over this spy. Thus, by detaining just one spy, the IRGC earns the equivalent of the \$1-2 billion it was supposed to receive from the government budget.”*

Thus, no one is safe and anyone could be the next hostage. It is crucial to recognize that giving in to ransom demands sets a dangerous precedent. By capitulating to the demands of the Islamic Republic, we inadvertently encourage further acts of terrorism, perpetuating a cycle of violence and putting more innocent lives at risk.

We urge you to carefully consider the consequences of your negotiations both domestically and internationally. Paying ransoms not only funds terrorist activities but also encourages new abductions and acts of violence, endangering innocent lives.

Therefore, we kindly request that you carefully reconsider this matter and take actions in line with the principles of justice and security. We remain committed to supporting efforts that promote peace, stability, and the well-being of individuals worldwide, so as not to perpetuate the following facts:



In October 2022, former President Barack Obama (during your vice presidency) admitted to making a "mistake" by not supporting the Iranian people's Green Movement in 2009 against the Islamic Republic :

*"In retrospect, I think that was a mistake. Every time we see a flash, a glimmer of hope, of people longing for freedom, I think we have to point it out. We have to shine a spotlight on it. We have to express some solidarity about it."*

Do not make the same mistake and be on the right side of the history. As the Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho says:

*When you repeat a mistake, it is not a mistake anymore: it is a decision*

You are a great politician, elected and reelected since 1972. We are impressed by your career, and your people have confidence in you. The whole world is watching you. The History is watching you. Do not put them at risk of further hostage-taking by making deals with the devil.

We strongly encourage you to continue diplomatic efforts that prioritize the security of American citizens and the world at large. Strengthening international alliances and partnerships, engaging in constructive dialogue, and utilizing economic and political pressures may prove more effective in countering the threats posed by the Islamic Republic and its armed and terrorist branch, the IRGC.