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FLASH: "THIS IS THE MONTH OF BLOOD"

Violence has broken out throughout Iran, notably in the cities of Isfahan (nuclear site)¹, Najaf Abad, Arak, Qum² (formerly "secret" nuclear site) as well as Tehran. Clashes in Tabriz reportedly killed 4.



Protester mounts the ASR SQUARE POLICE STATION. (This and all other photos are un-marked and taken by demonstrators whose identity we withhold for security reasons.)

Police opened fire into crowds when protesters broke into the ominous chant, "This is the month of blood." *BASIJ* militia cutthroats blocked off the embassies of Italy and the U.K. to ensure demonstrators could not run to safety. The massive demonstrations erupted on the Day of Ashura.³

¹ Ahmadinejad's motorcade entered the city of Isfahan 8 April to throngs of worshipping fans to celebrate "National Nuclear Day." We predicted, accurately, that announced a ramp-up from 6,000 centrifuges to thousands more (*cue: applause*) and his inauguration of the nuclear FUEL MANUFACTURING PLANT in Isfahan (*cue: wild cheers*). **The announcement basically meant that the Tehran regime mastered the tricky, final stage of producing nuclear fuel.** We thought the crowd itself was noteworthy: it was 100% male. There was not a single woman on the streets, in this or any of the other photos taken in Isfahan in April. (The Isfahan parade coincided with the regime charging Miss North Dakota (Roxana Saberi) with espionage.) Women are a massive problem for the Mullahcracy in Tehran – and we are gratified to report that women form the very core of the green freedom movement in Iran. From "Happy Iranian National Nuclear Day!" *FORWARD-LEANING INSIDER* 09-089 9 April 2009.

² "Busted: 'Tough' Words for Iran – 'Rough Ride' Ahead." (Thank you, President Sarkozy.) *FORWARD-LEANING INSIDER* 09-183 25 September 2009.

³ Shi'ite Muslims observe the day of mourning to remember Mohammed's grandson, Hussein, who was martyred in Karbala. Hussein's death was the event that split Islam into Shi'a and Sunni, some scholars assert. During Ashura observances, Shi'ite worshippers beat themselves with whips and chains, cut their heads and the foreheads of young boys, including infants. From "Knives Dull from Saturday's Observances?" *FORWARD-LEANING INSIDER* 08-052 29 December 2009.

The official FARS NEWS AGENCY described the current situation as “calm” – an imaginative use of the word given the situation as described by “Green Movement” participants:

- **Police cars are being torched.**



One protestor was killed, either shot or bludgeoned to death.

- At a Tehran college and elsewhere, **protesters are clashing with police.**
- **A young boy risks his life to drag down the image of Supreme Leader Khamenei.**
- A student named **REDACTED** posted on this observation sometime this morning, in Farsi, under the heading “Dozens Killed and Wounded in Tehran:”

According to witnesses ... Tehran hospital Njmyh Hafez a is full of wounded *Mojahed*.... mortality probability has gone up. A witness said those who are brought to the hospital were hit by bullets from head [to] chest....

The people in subway stations in [the surrounding area] have been treated violently by brutal dictator forces. Media outside of Iran cannot reflect the volume of crime and suppression.

With foreign reporters and cameras strictly prohibited in Iran, **protesters busily take still shots and videos** with their cell phones, emailing the results to TWITTER, FACEBOOK and other social media sites.

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