

Iranian Riots:

Three Articles from the last few days

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi [attributes](#) recent foreign-backed riots in Iran to an Israeli plot aimed at escalating the situation and prompting fresh American aggression against the Islamic Republic. The top diplomat made the remarks in an exclusive interview with Fox News' Special Report with Brett Baier on Wednesday.

In response to extreme claims of high death toll in Iran, as propagated by American and Israeli media outlets among others, Araghchi firmly stated that the number of fatalities was, in fact, in the hundreds. He explained that the violence was not a result of economic protests, but of external terrorist elements that infiltrated the demonstrations. These elements, he added, were responsible for escalating the situation by carrying out attacks against Iranian security forces and civilians: “These terrorist cells entered the protests, using Daesh-style terrorist operations. They shot at police officers, burned them alive, beheaded them, and targeted civilians,” he stated. “For three days, we were not fighting protesters. We were fighting terrorists.”

The official went on to assert that these rogue actors were deliberately trying to intensify the violence in order to provoke US military aggression. The aim, he noted, was to increase the number of casualties to try to justify

foreign involvement in the unrest: :They wanted to increase the number of deaths. Why? Because President Trump had previously stated that if there were killings, he would intervene. Their goal was to drag the United States into this conflict,” Araghchi said. “This was a deliberate Israeli plot. They sought to create more deaths by targeting ordinary people and police officers.”

He, meanwhile, reminded that the Islamic Republic was now in full control of the security situation in the country, referring to the outcome of security forces’ successful confrontation against the riotous elements.

1.

A [senior](#) advisor to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution has warned that last June’s missile strike on the United States military's al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar should serve as a reminder to President Donald Trump of Iran’s resolve and capability to respond to any act of aggression. “The president of the United States, who repeatedly brings up the futile attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities, would do well to also mention the plowing of the American al-Udeid base by Iranian missiles,” Admiral Ali Shamkhani said in a post on Twitter on Wednesday.

“It would certainly help create a realistic understanding of Iran’s determination and capability to respond to any aggression,” added Shamkhani, who was injured when his residence was targeted by Israeli strikes

during the 12-day aggression last year. His comments came shortly after US media reported that some personnel at al-Udeid had been advised to leave the base by Wednesday evening amid concerns that mounting tensions between Tehran and Washington could escalate into a military confrontation.

Iran struck the al-Udeid base, the US military's largest in West Asia, with missiles last June after the United States attacked Iranian nuclear facilities in support of the Israeli aggression against the Islamic Republic, which killed more than a thousand people, including senior commanders and nuclear scientists. The al-Udeid base, located outside Doha, serves as the forward headquarters for US Central Command and directs American military operations across the region. In recent days, Trump has repeatedly threatened to launch another strike as deadly riots, backed by Washington and Tel Aviv, raged in several cities.

Millions of Iranians marched nationwide on Monday to condemn the unrest and the destruction of public and private property, expressing support for the Islamic Republic. Calm returned to major cities following the rallies. On Tuesday, however, Trump urged rioters to seize state institutions, telling foreign-backed groups that "help is on its way." Iranian officials have warned that US bases in the region will be targeted if Washington launches any attack.

2.

There is something deeply disorienting about an intelligence service addressing a foreign population in the middle of live unrest, in their own language, telling them to take to the streets, and then casually implying that it is there among them. Mossad's recent message on Twitter does exactly that. It ischutzpah of an obscene order.

In late December 2025, as street protests were unfolding across Iran, Mossad posted a message in Farsi on its official account. *The Jerusalem Post* immediately amplified it, quoting its central lines urging Iranians to “go out together into the streets” and asserting that Mossad agents were “among you in the streets.” [*So Iranians are taking orders from the Mossad and the Post?*] Through that amplification, the message acquired international reach and functioned as a deliberate act of psychological pressure on the Iranian state.

The protests in Iran erupted amid genuine economic problems: the rial had fallen to roughly 1.42–1.445 million per dollar, inflation approached 42 percent, and basic necessities had moved beyond reach for large segments of the population. What began with shopkeepers shuttering stores in Tehran quickly spread nationwide. Into this volatile reality, an Israeli intelligence service — long practiced in the shadow theater of security alerts and covert murderous actions — inserted itself as a public political actor. Such behavior signals a shift in statecraft

that demands a name. *[it is doubtful protesters blame the state for any of this, they are well aware of the sanctions placed on their economy. The problem is also exaggerated. The state has just increased emergency food coupons etc. to get the country through the inflationary spike, a spike that might come from an over-reliance on oil. However, Israel has tried to destroy its nuclear power option].*

3.

Public intelligence messaging describes the new doctrine now on display. Under this model, an intelligence service abandons both diplomatic distance and covert restraint. It addresses a foreign population directly — in its own language, during live unrest — while openly asserting its identity as a spy agency and even claiming physical proximity to demonstrators. Psychological warfare moves from the back channel to the main stage.

Long subjected to external pressure — most notably American sanctions, reimposed and intensified through the September 2025 UN snapback mechanism and widely recognized as the primary driver of the currency crisis — and facing documented efforts at Israeli infiltration aimed at destabilizing the state, Iranian authorities recognized Mossad's unusually overt Farsi message for what it was: further confirmation of foreign incitement and active penetration. The result followed predictably — mass

arrests, sweeping internet restrictions, and violent crowd dispersals. Precisely the outcome Mossad's intervention sought to provoke.

The same dynamic unfolded in Venezuela. A bolívar that lost roughly 80 percent of its value in 2025, projected triple-digit inflation, and widening black-market exchange gaps produced acute social hardship. Against that backdrop, President Maduro explicitly framed sectors of the opposition as vehicles of Zionist influence, alongside invoking U.S. sanctions, alleged CIA drone strikes on Venezuelan territory, and public authorizations for U.S. operations. Those claims supplied justification for military deployments, mass detentions of opposition figures, and systematic criminalization of dissent as foreign conspiracy — a near mirror of the script now playing out in Iran. Across both cases, the intervening power incurred no meaningful cost. The target society absorbed the damage — economically, politically, and in human lives.

4.

The same pattern recurs across the region, at scale — and Mossad's intervention in Iran exposes the governing logic behind it. Syria's 2011 uprising fell quickly under regional intelligence competition and proxy warfare, converting a popular revolt into a prolonged national catastrophe whose humanitarian consequences persist

long after regime change in 2024. Iraq's 2019 Tishreen movement — a mass youth uprising against corruption, unemployment, and foreign domination — encountered lethal repression after foreign intelligence penetration, including Israeli and American operations, contaminated its political space and supplied the state with pretext for securitized suppression. Yemen's internal conflict became the foundation of an externally driven war in which Israeli and Western intelligence coordination with Saudi and Emirati forces transformed domestic fracture into mass displacement, systemic hunger, and new 2025 escalations blocking political settlement. Lebanon's economic collapse, compounded by the 2023–2024 war with Israel, now undergoes steady reshaping through near-daily Israeli strikes, American-backed disarmament demands, and sustained Israeli intelligence activity suffocating what remains of domestic political space.

Across each case, the same mechanism governs the outcome. Authentic popular movements collide with external intelligence agendas that penetrate protest space, contaminate legitimacy, and convert civic mobilization into geopolitical theater. Mossad's public incitement in Iran renders visible a system that ordinarily operates behind the curtain.

5.

Foreign intelligence “support” for protest movements

produces the inverse of its declared purpose. It strips movements of credibility, supplies authoritarian rulers with the architecture of justification for repression, and accelerates the collapse of political space. Where Mossad's message claims solidarity, it delivers exposure; where it promises empowerment, it generates isolation; where it gestures toward freedom, it manufactures the preconditions of crackdown. International rhetoric circulates in the language of democracy and solidarity; lived political reality delivers exhaustion, fragmentation, and despair.

This cycle emerges directly from the post–Cold War regional order. The United States and Israel preside over a system treating popular sovereignty across the Arab and Persian worlds as disposable. Palestine exposes the governing logic of that system. Its denied sovereignty — rooted in the singular post–WWI British Mandate that embedded the Balfour Declaration without any path to independence — functions as the cornerstone of permanent regional asymmetry. Israel's central strategic objective follows with clarity: prevent any cohesive political configuration capable of constraining Israeli military supremacy or consolidating resistance around Palestinian liberation.

Within this architecture, *The Jerusalem Post's* amplification of Mossad's Farsi message loses any appearance of anomaly. The act becomes legible. As a Zionist outlet, the *Post* extends the psychological

operation's reach: projecting Israeli penetration and strength, reinforcing domestic morale, signaling deterrence to adversaries, and exploiting authentic economic grievances — currency collapse, inflation, daily hardship — to destabilize Iran while remaining insulated from consequences imposed on Iranian civilians.

The “support” offered in such messages converts civilian hope into collateral damage and protest movements into expendable instruments of regional power competition. What began aschutzpah of an obscene order resolves into governing doctrine: calculated, unaccountable, and devastating to popular sovereignty. Modern empire no longer suppresses dissent solely through tanks and prisons. It governs dissent by contaminating it—by inserting intelligence power directly into civilian struggle, then watching repression follow inevitably.

That machine now operates in full view.