

Message of Reza Pahlavi

The Unity of Our Nation's Values

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My compatriots,

Desiring freedom, seeking justice, being kind to one another, and refusing to bow to oppression have always been among the most notable qualities of Iranian civilization. Today's movement for freedom, for which you have adopted the green vitality and happiness of our national spirit as a symbol, constitutes, despite its distinctiveness, yet another continuation of the brightest moments in our nation's history.

Iranians,

Today, our nation faces one of the most trying times in its history. United, through tolerance and non-violence, we persist in our struggle for sovereignty and separation of church and state. Together, we entered a challenging historic era, but I have no doubt that with our collective spirit and mind, we will come out triumphant, our heads held higher than ever before.

My dear compatriots,

The green movement for democracy belongs to each and every freedom seeking Iranian. It transcends all political preferences and religious beliefs, as well as any other dividing lines or characteristics. This movement has sprouted and blossomed, as have all of our nation's treasures, such as our tricolor lion and sun flag and our "marz e por gohar" hymn, from the drops of sweat of our nation's many patriots.

Just as Iran's historic lion and sun flag does not represent any particular ideology or system, but belongs to all Iranians, and just as "marz e por gohar," our glorious national hymn, does not belong to any particular party or group, but comes from the soul of our nation, today's green movement for freedom is the common denominator of all Iranians, without limit and without exception.

My compatriots,

It is my firm belief that the tricolor lion and sun flag, the hymn "marz e por gohar," and the beautiful, celebrated green movement can be the inseparable sides of a united national triangle. Let us never forget that we are all one and that the key to our success is our unity.

We will rebuild Iran together.

May God be with Iran.

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