



To: Esteemed Global Community of Philosophers, Thinkers and Academics

From: The High Assembly of Islamic Philosophy

Subject: Request for Urgent Response and Ethical Action Regarding Recent Aggressions and Flagrant Violations of International Law

Philosophers consider their most important mission to be the strengthening and expansion of *rationality*, and they always take pride in the exercise of reason. Instead of being a factor in social and political tensions, philosophers analyze these tensions and, with their deep rational thinking, analyze the various abnormalities and distortions in human behavior.

The dominance of instrumental rationality has led to a lack of rationality in the approaches and orientations of societies and governments whose activities have no basis other than caprice and the manifestation of anti-human evils.

In a world where irrationality is a source of pride for some, who stubbornly insist on it, it is philosophers who enlighten humans caught in the propaganda of the wealthy and the powerful, preventing them from becoming playthings of profiteers, masters of advertising, and hedonists. Through wisdom and rationality obtained with the help of philosophers, humans not only do not remain indifferent to crimes but take all necessary actions against oppressors and tyrants.

Enlightenment is the most important concern of philosophers. A concerned philosopher dedicates all his efforts to make sure that people think wisely, combat all evils in the world, and expose human wickedness to all.

We Iranian philosophers, who sustain our culture, history, and civilization through the living legacy of human history's rationality, wisdom, spirituality, and erudition, find the current world, devoid of any transcendent truth, to be the result of the "dominance of irrationality" and the "self-interest" of oppressors. These oppressors are not bound by even the minimum of rational logic and are prepared for any crime to achieve their interests. They desire others to be their slaves and strive to suppress any freedom and desire for independence through various military and media tools.

While in the past we saw evil in some corners of the world, the current oppressors have globalized their wicked acts. Now, the world is entangled in the oppression and villainy

of the powerful and the wealth-hoarders, who are dragging humanity towards irrationality and a lack of reason. Therefore, we call upon you philosophers in various parts of the world to raise a loud outcry against all this injustice and crime.

Israel's crimes in the genocide of Palestinians have driven them to new levels of bloodthirstiness. In this irrational and anti-human rights path, they have made America their encourager and follower. Throughout contemporary history, especially after the victory of the people's revolution in 1979, Iran has consistently faced the hostility of hegemonic powers. Over the decades of the establishment of the Islamic Republic, America and Israel have inflicted the most criminal aggressions upon the independent and civilized country of Iran, a government that has been and is supported by the decisive vote of the people.

The root of these hostilities stems from Iran's opposition to unilateralism and dominance-seeking, its defense of the oppressed, its resistance against aggression and occupation, and the preservation of its own freedom and independence. Over these years, various forms of crimes have been perpetrated against the Iranian people, including: inhumane medical, food, and financial sanctions; targeted assassinations of political and military figures, scientists, and some philosophers; attacks on some Iranian embassies; military attacks; and psychological and media warfare by these two regimes, which is a long-standing issue.

In the past eight months alone, we have witnessed two instances of overt, extensive military aggression by the United States and Israel against Iran and its independence-seeking, freedom-loving people. These attacks occurred while Iran was engaged in negotiations with the United States. However, they used the negotiations as a deceptive ploy to launch a military attack on Iran. In the early hours of the second military attack, which coincided with March 2026, they dropped their most advanced bombs on 8- to 12-year-old schoolchildren at a school in Minab city, tragically killing nearly 180 students. In recent centuries, no aggressor, not even the most bloodthirsty, has begun a war in this manner by killing young children.

In the recent war, the assassination of Ayatollah Khamenei, the supreme leader and religious authority of the world's Shia Muslims, constitutes a clear example of crime and hostility. Ayatollah Khamenei was considered a unique figure in various scientific, managerial, and cultural arenas, paying special attention to philosophy, science, culture, and preserving the standing and sanctity of thought and scholars. He always emphasized peace and friendship. He was a thinker, writer, and expert in various scientific fields. For the formation of a world free from violence, aggression, and betrayal, he had, for the first time, issued a fatwa (religious decree) prohibiting the production of nuclear weapons.

This fatwa, which took human-rights concerns into account, was issued on the basis of religious and rational principles, and the government and people of Iran, due to religious obligations as well as rational foundations, considered themselves duty-bound to carry it out. The United States and Israel, under a baseless pretext, openly violated Iran's sovereignty and attacked the city of Tehran. In a brutal act, they assassinated the supreme leader of the Islamic Republic. On what rational or legal basis can this crime be justified?

The recent military actions by the United States and Israel constitute war crimes against civilians and vital infrastructure in Iran. Attacks on schools, hospitals, universities, sports centers, mosques, libraries, emergency bases, fire stations, historical monuments, along with assaults on residential areas and the massacre of civilian citizens, further reveal the criminal nature of these aggressions. In these circumstances, can philosophers truly stand by as *humanity is slaughtered and rationality dies* without taking action against these crimes?

These crimes are not only a violation of international law and humanitarian principles but are also an attempt to suppress the will of the Iranian nation. Iran, as an independent country, has the right to defend its national interests. Unfortunately, some governments and countries have wrongly taken Iran's self-restraint for weakness, and the military attacks on Iran were based on this miscalculation. They thought they could occupy, divide, and change Iran's government in a short period of time, like some other countries. However, they did not know that the great Iranian nation, with its civilizational and cultural background and the depth of its religious beliefs, would never submit to oppression and tyranny. The people of Iran are neither aggressors nor do they allow others to aggress or attack their country. They are a people who, based on their rational and religious principles, consider themselves obligated to protect their country and its achievements, and they stand firm and resilient in this path.

The United States and Israel have extensively employed the tools of disinformation and media warfare. With their propaganda machine, they have fabricated news and disseminated false information to mislead public opinion, invert the truth, and switch the roles of the oppressor and the oppressed.

After the devastating wars of the 20th century, human beings realized the necessity of "world peace" and the replacement of "violence" with "dialogue" and "rational diplomacy." International legal and political institutions and instruments, such as the United Nations, have been designed to manage disputes and prevent conflicts. The use of military force is a reactionary step toward returning to a violent era, a regression that mocks "peace" and "humanitarianism."

Philosophers are not merely abstract theorists but are the carriers of the “rational current” and the “awakened conscience of society.” Committed philosophers defend “global reason,” “freedom of expression,” and “responsibility.” They stand against “injustices” and “crimes” and are the voice of truth and ethics. The silence of philosophers in the face of aggression and crime is a betrayal of the mission of philosophy and humanitarianism.

We request you, our esteemed colleagues around the world, to strongly condemn the recent aggressions against Iran, recognizing them as a clear violation of rationality, international laws, and ethical principles. By issuing statements, writing articles, and holding academic sessions, you are requested to emphasize the necessity of observing “world peace,” “non-violence,” the cessation of civilian killings, and respect for “human choice” and the “national sovereignty” of countries. We invite the global community of philosophers to utilize their intellectual influence and request that, through deep philosophical analyses, you counter violent narratives and irrational justifications for the use of force, thereby creating an atmosphere for dialogue and “peaceful coexistence.”

Dear colleagues, rest assured that history will remember these reactions with greatness. Conversely, it will record and condemn silence in the face of crimes; silence in the face of those who flee reason and oppose intellect, silence in the face of the oppression against women and children, and silence in the face of the tyranny and killing of innocent people. We are now very hopeful that, with the presence and activity of philosophers, the call of rationality and humanity will prevail over the flight from reason, opposition to intellect, and violation of the rights of others at this critical historical juncture.

With respect and hope for a future free from violence, based on justice and respect for the rights of all human beings.

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Note:

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