

# Foreign Intervention Behind Iran Protests. CIA Instigated Street Violence?

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*Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attributes days of violence to foreign intervention, saying:*

"The enemies of the Islamic Republic of Iran are angry with the glory, success, and the progress of the Iranian nation, and they have vowed to get the regional troubles into Iran, but, sure, the people and officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond to them."

Russia's Foreign Ministry expressed a similar view, saying

"(e)xternal interference destabilizing the situation (in Iran) is unacceptable."

Lethally shooting around 20 or Iranians through New Year's day, including at least one policeman, suggests foreign interference.

What's going on resembles March 2011 protests in Daraa, Syria. US-supported armed protesters fired on police, instigating conflict.

Security forces responded to violent armed insurgents, killing civilians and police, attacking government offices.

What began in Daraa, spread elsewhere in Syria, things escalating into Obama's war, unresolved nearly seven years later.

Events are also similar to late 2013, early 2014 Euromaidan violent protests in Kiev. The Obama administration's coup involved snipers, killing and injuring hundreds of civilians and police, firing on them with automatic weapons from Kiev's Philharmonic Hall.

Witnesses saw them carrying military-style bags used for sniper and assault rifles with optical sights.

Ahead of the uprising, Maidan leaders practically lived at Washington's embassy in Kiev. US-supported putschists toppled Ukraine's democratic government.

Fascist tyranny replaced it – the most brazen European coup since Mussolini's 1922 march on Rome.

Events in Iran also eerily similar to earlier CIA-instigated street violence in Venezuela, scores killed, hundreds injured – a US-orchestrated color revolution attempt to replace Bolivarian social democracy with fascist tyranny.

Tactics included shootings, roadside bombs, arson and other vandalism against state facilities, barricades of burning rubbish, blocking roads, destroying a food storage depot, and holding a maternity hospital under siege.

Later, a helicopter attacked the Interior Ministry and Supreme Court. Other disruptive tactics were used.

Since early in Hugo Chavez's tenure, Washington sought regime change. The Trump administration is committed to ousting President Nicolas Maduro, perhaps a renewed attempt to come this year.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Secretary Ali Shamkhani said a "proxy war" is being waged against the Islamic Republic on streets and via social media.

He blamed Washington, Britain and Saudi Arabia for what's going on.

"Based on our analyses, around 27 percent of the new hashtags against Iran are generated by the Saudi government," he explained.

Israel's dirty hands are involved, long wanting its main regional rival eliminated, pro-Western puppet rule replacing the Islamic Republic.

A "small and minority group" is responsible for rioting, lawbreaking and violence, Rouhani said.

Reportedly, Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) is now in charge of cracking down on elements responsible for violence if it continues – ongoing since December 28.

On Monday, a policeman was lethally shot, three others wounded from gunfire, the death toll mounting, anti-government armed gunmen responsible.

Maryam Rajavi from the so-called People's Mujahedin of Iran called on Washington, Brussels and the Security Council to intervene. The CIA-supported group calls for toppling the Islamic Republic violently.

Trump and Netanyahu expressed support for protesters. Reportedly, Washington and Israel may try to assassinate IRGC al-Quds Force commander General Qassem Soleimani.

He's in charge of Iranian anti-terrorist operations in Syria.

Things remain volatile. They bear the disturbing earmarks of an attempted US-orchestrated color revolution.

Iran is well aware of what's going on, its security forces trained and able to confront made-in-the-USA violence and instability.

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