



The Impact of the Ukraine War on the Reaction of the International Community to the Protest Movement of the Iranians

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Abstract:

Background: The impact of the war between Russia and Ukraine and its connection with the support of the international community, especially the Western countries, for the Iranian people's movement, which has not been investigated so far, can create the hypothesis that Iran is used as a tool to put pressure on Russia. **Results:** In fact, putting pressure on the Islamic Republic through numerous sanctions from around the world to support the movement "Women - Life - freedom" is a means to reduce Russia's economic power. **Conclusion:** In fact, after examining the 2022 movement and other protests movements of the Iranian people since the beginning of the 1979 revolution, it became clear that the widespread reflection of the protest cry of the Iranian people in the world and the support of the international community for them has a reason beyond the sense of humanity and altruism, which may be under pressure. Giving Russia may not be the only reason, but it is certainly not irrelevant.

Keywords: Iranian people's protest movement, Russia, Ukraine war, international communities, United States, United Kingdom, European Union, Sanctions

INTRODUCTION

How is the 2022 protest movement different from other protest movements of the Iranian people? What has caused the protest movements of 2022, unlike other protest movements of Iranian people, to have many reflections in the world? In this article, we will examine the answers to these questions by examining the conditions of the region, the war in Ukraine, and the relations between Russia and Iran, and you can find their connection by putting these data together like pieces of a puzzle.

BACKGROUND

The connection between the war in Ukraine and the widespread support of the international community for the protest movement of the Iranian people is an issue that has not been investigated by experts, and the purpose of this research is to examine this connection in detail, and this issue is important because the fate of Iran is the fate of the Middle East. It affects the fate of the whole world.

METHODS

During the comparison made in this research between the 2022 protest movement and other protest movements after the 1979 revolution, it was found that there is a clear difference between this movement and other protest movements, the most obvious of which is the support of the west for the people of Iran and the strong and auditory reaction towards the regime is the Islamic Republic. To find the reason for this difference, a comparison has been made between the spark

of this movement and the prevailing atmosphere of international societies. Finally, it became clear that due to Iran's comprehensive support of Russia in the Ukrainian war against Ukraine, it has declared war on the entire Western world, so putting pressure on Iran and numerous sanctions through supporting the protest movement of "Women - Life – Freedom "is actually to put more pressure to Russia.

DISCUSSION

The issue of the impact of the war in Ukraine on the international community's support for the protest movement of the Iranian people is an issue that has not been investigated by experts, and for the first time I researched the issue, I needed more resources and facilities to study so that I could conduct my research in the best possible way. The tenth; But due to the very low speed of the internet and severe and extensive filtering of Iran, which has been aggravated due to the protest conditions of the people inside the country and is getting worse day by day, I can hardly even access my email page and to do this the research had many limitations.

CONCLUSION

The results of this study show that one of the most important reasons for the widespread support of the international community, especially the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Union European, for the protest movement of the Iranian people is the weakening of Russia. The war in Ukraine, which has been going on for more than a year, has resulted in a lot of costs for the Russian government, and the only country that has provided financial support to Russia throughout this period was Iran. Therefore, putting pressure and sanctions against Iran under the pretext of supporting the "Women-Life-Freedom" movement is a suitable solution to put more pressure on Russia.

MANUSCRIPT

The war between Ukraine and Russia started on February 24, 2022. Russia's attack on Ukraine has been met with strong reactions from other countries, especially the United States, United Kingdom, and the European Union. These reactions include economic and military aid to Ukraine and the imposition of numerous sanctions against Russia, all of which are designed with the aim of weakening the Russia economy, depriving it of vital markets and technologies, and reducing the country's ability to fight. Joe Biden, the President of the United States, says about this "If Russia does not pay a heavy price for its actions, it will send a message to other possible aggressors that they can also seize the territory and subjugate other countries. ""We've learned throughout history that when dictators don't pay for their aggression, they create more chaos and engage in more aggression."

In this context, the European Union has even imposed sanctions against Belarus for its involvement in the attack on Ukraine and Iran for giving its drones to Russia for use in war. Zelensky, the President of Ukraine, said that more than 80 drones of the Russian army were shot down in Ukraine, made by Iran.

According to Emil Avdaliani, director of Middle East intelligence at Geocase, the war in Ukraine changed Russia's attitude towards its relations with Iran; Before the war, bilateral relations were characterized by ambivalence, many negotiations and little content. But the war in Ukraine has completed Russia's turn to Asia, and how Iran's support is vital in the Kremlin. This time, regional experts and American officials say that the deepening of relations between Russia and Iran will prolong the war and kill more people in Ukraine because Iran provides more resources to Russia

and by sending military trainers to teach how to use drones and Advising the Russian Armed Forces Provides military support.

At the same time, the Russian government could endanger US allies in the Middle East if it provides advanced weapons system to Iran. Hanna Notte, a senior researcher at the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, said "I think Russia will sit very comfortably to watch Iran move closer to what could be called a nuclear state. That goal is quite enough to keep everyone in the Keeping the Middle East on the sidelines would allow the American to continue to focus bandwidth resources on the Middle East and be able to fully focus on NATO's eastern flank and China."

"I think we are reaching a qualitatively different level in Russia-Iran relations compared to what we have seen in previous years, but the question is, will there be a breaking point?"

After the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini after being hit on the head by the moral police, Iran has witnessed the largest protest movement in recent years. For the first time in Iran's 2500- year history, something other than religion has brought people together. A kind of sense of patriotism that has made all Iranians inside and outside of Iran, regardless of their religion and ethnicity, shout one thing with one voice and bravely. The protest of the Iranian people can be clearly seen in the street gatherings, market strike, universities, schools, and sports competitions, especially the Qatar World Cup.

Ramyar Hassani, the spokesperson of Hangau Human Rights Organization, says "The women started the protest, but the others joined, and now the women and men of Iran are together and all of Iran is united."

According to Hassani, the security forces violently suppressed the protesters from the beginning of the protests. According to the Iranian Human Rights Activities News Agency in Americana, at least 458 people, including 63 children, have been killed, hundreds of people have been injured, and 18000 people, including students, teachers, journalists, photographers, doctors, lawyers, sociologists, and athletes, have been detained.

Since the beginning of the protest movement of the Iranian people, this protest has faced widespread reactions from all over the world, especially the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union, and these countries tried to offer their support to the Iranian people by imposing various sanctions. sanctioned ten Iranian individuals and one other institution to take more measures to audit and pressure the violation of human rights by the Islamic Republic regime in Iran.

The Maritime Administration of Panama, the largest ship registration body in the world, revoked the right to use this flag for 136 oil tankers related to the National Iranian Oil Company and stopped their registration. Reuters news agency reported on January 18, 2023 that this decision was due to the revelation by the "Alliance Against Iran Nuclear" organization about the Islamic Republic's use of oil tanker registration facilities in Panama to circumvent sanctions. Although this is not the first protest movement in Iran, it is the first time that it has received a lot of feedback from the international community. The most obvious and closest of them was the protest movement of 2019, which happened due to the downing of Ukraine International.

Airlines Flight 752 due to the firing of two missiles by the IRGC. It was a terrorist operation during which 176 people who were on the board this plane lost their lives, and this caused widespread demonstrations by the people of different cities of Iran and even Iranian outside Iran; But it did not receive much response from the international community, the human rights organization to the United Nations, and it was suppressed by the violence of the agents of the Islamic Republic regime. Now the question arises that despite the widespread protest movements that have been taking place since the beginning of the 1979 revolution and the change of government in Iran, why did none of them receive such a response from the international community?

Why did the 2019 movement, which was sparked by the murder of 176 passengers of Ukraine flight 752, not receive a response from the international community, but the 2022 movement, which started with the killing of a 22-year-old girl by the moral police, received widespread reactions not only through politicians but also received from artists, athletes, human rights activists, doctors and others? It seems that this case is not unrelated to the war in Ukraine. Since the beginning of the war, Iran has been the only loyal supporter of Russia and now, like Russia, it is considered a global danger. So, an effective solution to further weaken Russia is to put pressure on Iran. This is the difference between the 2022 protest movement and other protest movements in Iran and can be a good reason for the broad support of the international community, especially the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union, for the people of Iran.

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