

A Plea from Mothers for Peace in Iran

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In a heart-wrenching letter to the Secretary-General and the Security Council of the United Nations dated November 3, 2011, Mothers for Peace in Iran beseech the international community to respect Iran and the lives of Iranians in the face of economic sanctions, from which they have since begun to suffer. Military threats are increasing against Iran, as well. The full content of the letter can be seen in the blog section on the Fellowship of Reconciliation web site. <http://forusa.org/blogs>

—Editor's Note

Economic sanctions and military threats toward Iran will have one result: institutions in power will increase their pressure on people inside of the country. The outcome of this pressure is the militarization of society by authorities. Hence, the only effect of this kind of isolation is the weakening of Iranian society and delaying our path toward democracy and the establishment of civil society. It is obvious that the only results of isolation and violence are, first, the destruction and waste of wealth and life of the Iranian nation, and, second, more instability in the region.

The only result of economic sanctions is that they deter Iranians from reaching democracy and preoccupy them with achieving basic daily needs.

Without direct negotiations, warmongers will exploit the opportunity to create another war and violence in our region. So we strongly state to the international community the following points:

1. Iranian Mothers for Peace expect the international community and international organizations to use all their legal, civil, and international powers to prevent hostilities by dominant governments toward the Iranian nation.
2. Iranian Mothers for Peace expect you to take action based on your basic and important responsibility in the international arena; to stand in support of Iranians during this new wave of economic sanctions and threats of military intervention.
3. We strongly condemn all national and international activities that seek to build hatred and violence inside Iran and among the international community.

The only victims of the promotion of violence are the Iranian people and our national interests.