

Are Israelis a Modern Day Cyrus for the Iranian People?

JERUSALEM, Israel – As Israel escalates its military campaign with “Operation Rising Lion” targeting Iran’s nuclear and military infrastructure, global attention is riveted on headlines like “Iran Fires Drones at Israel” and “Israel’s Military Takes Dead Aim at Iran’s Nuclear Facilities.”

Yet, amid this grim escalation, an unexpected chorus has emerged – a chorus of Iranians, both inside Iran and within the diaspora, aligning themselves through social media with Israel’s strikes. Their hope? With the weakening of the Ayatollah’s regime, Iran might rediscover liberty in a new dawn.

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Iranians Voice Support on X

Within hours of the strikes, the hashtag **سپاس اسرائیل** (“Thanks Israel”) surged in Iranian posts showing appreciation for dismantling the IRGC (Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps). As Reuters confirms, many Iranians are torn between fear and burgeoning optimism that this could trigger regime change.

Tousi TV Founder Mahyar Tousi (@MahyarTousi) pointed out that some Iranian people are thanking Israel: “Iranian people are thanking Israel, for destroying the IRGC, on X by using the hashtag: **سپاس اسرائیل**”.

Shila (@Shah____la), from inside Iran, went even further by thanking PM Netanyahu: “Thank you prime minister @netanyahu **سپاس اسرائیل #سپاس نتانیا هو**”

And voices from the diaspora also continue to rise in support

of Israel; Journalist Sarbaze Shah (@anialedo) (in London): “Long Live The SHAH #KingRezaPahlavi #CyrusAccords.”

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This groundswell underscores the yearning among many Iranians – a longing for freedom, respect for Jewish–Persian bonds, and a nostalgia for alternatives to the Islamic Republic.

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The Modern Cyrus: Israel as Liberator

This mood resonates with a powerful historical metaphor: Cyrus the Great. In *Isaiah* 44:28 and 45:1, centuries before his reign, God names Cyrus the liberator of Israel:

*“Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped...
‘I will go before you and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron.’” (ESV)*

Here, Cyrus is anointed to free the Jews from exile. In our moment, Israel appears as a modern Cyrus – dismantling the oppressive forces of Iran’s clerical rulers, and in doing so, offering Iranians the chance to return to home, identity and liberty.

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A Pivot Point in Iran’s Future?

Echoing the 1978–79 Iranian Revolution – which toppled Shah Pahlavi and brought the Ayatollahs to power – many now wonder if today marks another such pivotal moment. That revolution

changed Iran's course dramatically; today's crisis might do the same. Social media hints at a revival of Pro-Shah sentiment, mingled with hope for a democratic and peaceful future.

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