

‘Don’t Leave us Here Alone’: 3 Weeks into Protests, People Defiant as Iran Regime Arrests Tens of Thousands

JERUSALEM, Israel – As Iran’s uprising enters its third week, the Islamic Republic is trying to smother the protests through a sweeping campaign of mass arrests and intimidation. The war of words also continues between Washington, Jerusalem, and Tehran.

Iran’s top police official issued an ultimatum on Monday, demanding that the protesters hand themselves over or face the full force of the law.

Tens of thousands of protesters have been apprehended in a nationwide manhunt, while regime forces patrolling the streets are threatening to shoot anyone who comes outside.

Despite the Internet shutdown, some reports indicate that the killing continues. One doctor reportedly described the crackdown as “genocide under digital darkness.”

Yet, one Iranian woman told a radio talk show that many remain defiant.

“Don’t think everything is over here,” she insisted, and added, “We are not finished. Don’t leave us here alone at all. Don’t be silent at all.”

She continued, “They killed 20,000 of my beautiful

compatriots. Can I sit at home and not talk? I can't stand them anymore. We started this path ourselves. We are moving forward ourselves, and we must finish it ourselves."

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian warned on Sunday that any U.S. strike on the country would provoke a "harsh response," and that any attack on its Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei would be "tantamount to a full-scale war on the Iranian nation."

In a Knesset speech in Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a warning to Iran.

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