

Historic Delegation of Iranians Bring Vision of Peace to Israel

For decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran has committed great time and resources to the destruction of Israel. Over the years, cracks in support of the Islamic regime continue to grow. That helped lead to a historic visit to Israel this week by a group of Iranian ex-patriots.

The group's trip came at a tumultuous time for Iran. Demonstrators in the country's southwest are protesting the government's decision to limit their water supply. Several people have been killed and more protests have spread throughout the country calling for regime change.

"As we heard on the streets of Iran, people were shouting against the Iranian government, 'Israel is not our enemy. America is not our enemy. You are'—referring to the Iranian regime—'our enemy.' People in Iran realize who is their enemy and they are trying to do their best to get rid of the Iranian regime," Dr. Amir Hamidi, a member of the delegation, told CBN News.

While these protests continue inside the country, Iranians are showing support to Israel for the first time.

"They want to mark history," said Ellie Cohanin, senior fellow at the Center for Security Policy.

The group came with the Institute for Voices of Liberty, which is dedicated to encouraging democracy in Iran. Cohanin's family fled the republic when she was 5 years old.

"They are here to tell the people of Israel that they support them, and they reject the Iranians regime's antisemitism and

genocidal desire to wipe Israel off the face of the earth,” said Cohanim.

In 1979, the revolution led by Ayatollah Khomeini turned Iran from a pro-Western power to a country dedicated to destroying Israel and spreading its Islamic beliefs worldwide. The Iranians on this delegation call the past 42 years an aberration in Iran’s long history.

“Unfortunately, this regime is at war with Iranian history, culture, civilization and, most importantly, the Iranian values of tolerance and acceptance,” said Dr. Ben Tabatabaei, an international business and economist. {eo}

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