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Abdanan: A Cry of Protest Against the Islamic Republic

The Patriotic Educators of Iran extend their condolences to the families of the 13 workers who lost their lives in the Dehloran tragedy and express their solidarity with the protesters in Abdanan.

Following this tragedy, the people of Abdanan took to the streets, and their protest against the authorities was accompanied by openly anti-Islamic Republic slogans.

Chants of “Long live the Shah,” “This is the final battle; Pahlavi will return,” and “The Islamic Republic must be abolished” demonstrated that the protesters’ demands extend beyond accountability for a single incident: they are calling for a change in the country’s political system.

Meanwhile, published reports describe confrontations between security forces and protesters, as well as the arrest of citizens.

The Patriotic Educators of Iran state their position unequivocally: We do not regard the Islamic Republic as a legitimate government or as a representative of the freely expressed will of the Iranian people. We call for an end to this system and a peaceful transition to a free, secular, and democratic Iran.

In our view, the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic has been in question from its inception, as its founders came to power on the false promise that an Islamic government would bring democracy to Iran and prosperity to the country’s lower-income communities.

Our association recognizes Prince Reza Pahlavi as the leader of the transitional period and affirms the right of the Iranian people to determine their country’s future political system through a free vote.

Long live Iran

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