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The present report has been compiled with the aim of providing information appertaining to the cause of the death of Mahsa Amini and the facts on the ground regarding the exploitation of the issue in question to spark off riots and insecurity in the society and violate people's right to security.

Statement Released by Legal Medicine Organization on Cause of Death of Mahsa Amini

Following the transfer of the foregoing person to hospital, the Forensic Medicine Organization – on the order of the Tehran Prosecutor – immediately sent a specialized team to handle the case and conduct a detailed examination of her therein. Once informed of the death, the body of the deceased was transferred to the Dissection Hall of the Tehran Province Diagnostic and Laboratory Centre where physical examination and autopsy were performed thereon. In dealing with the case, all the criteria and indicators for determining the cause of the death, physical examination and internal organs of the body as well as samples taken from the tissues and internal organs thereof were sent to specialized laboratories so that – as soon as the results of the tests were received and taking into account the results of the examinations and the autopsy, the contents of the hospital file and her medical records, as well the opinions of experts in related fields, all of which were gathered under the supervision of a special medical commission formed in the Forensic Medicine Organization by the order of the Tehran Prosecutor – the real cause of the death would subsequently be unraveled and notified to the judicial authority.

In a statement released on 7 October 2022, the Legal Medicine Organization explained the cause of the death. The statement stipulates that her death was not caused by blows to the head or any vital organs and parts of the body. The

statement reads: “A brief description of the report of the cause of the death of the late Mahsa Amini submitted to the judicial authority based upon the hospital record of brain surgery for craniopharyngioma in Milad Hospital back in 2007, the medical record of Kasra Hospital at the time leading up to her death, the description of the physical examination of the body and autopsy, the results of toxicology tests and pathology, judicial investigations and numerous specialized and sub-specialized expert committees, are hereby announced as follows: After undergoing craniopharyngioma surgery to remove a brain tumor at the age of 8, the deceased developed a disorder in the important hypothalamus-pituitary axis and the glands under its’ command, including adrenal and thyroid. Due to the underlying disease, the deceased was treated with hydrocortisone, levothyroxine and desmopressin. On 13 September 2022 at 19:56, she suddenly lost consciousness and subsequently fell to the ground. Given the underlying disease, the deceased did not have the necessary ability to cope with an get a hold of the situation; therefore, she developed disorder in her heart rhythm and suffered from a decrease in blood pressure and subsequently decreased level of consciousness. A cardio-respiratory resuscitation operation proved ineffective, and in the first critical minutes, she suffered from severe hypoxia and brain damage as a result. Notwithstanding the recommencement of heart function following the resuscitation operation conducted by the emergency room personnel, the respiratory support proved ineffective and despite her admittance to the hospital and efforts invested by the medical staff of Kasra Hospital, the patient was pronounced dead on 16 September 2022 given multiple organ failure caused by cerebral hypoxia. It should be noted that on the strength of hospital medical documents, the examination of CT scan of the brain and lungs, the results of physical examination of the body and autopsy as well as pathology tests, death was not caused by blows to the head or any vital organs and parts of the body.”

Remarks Made by Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on Death of Mahsa Amini & Ensuing Events

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, delivered a speech on 3 October 2022 during a joint graduation ceremony for the cadets studying in the academies of Armed Forces, in which he touched upon the death of the deceased and stated: *“In the incident that took place, a young girl passed away. Well, it was a bitter event. It saddened me very much too. But the right reaction to this incident, before investigations could take place, before anything was certain yet, was not for some to come out and make the streets insecure. It was not to create insecurity for people, to disrupt security, burn the holy Qur’an, pull off women’s scarves, and to set fire to mosques, hussainiyahs, banks, and people’s cars. This kind of reaction to a case, which was unfortunate, was not normal. This was not a natural response. These riots had been planned. If the incident with the young girl had not taken place, they would have found another excuse to create insecurity and riots in the Country in the beginning of the month of Mehr¹ this year. Who designed these plans? I openly state that these schemes were designed by the U.S., the usurping, Zionist regime, and their mercenaries. Riots take place all the time around the world. If you look at Europe, especially France, massive riots occur every now and then on the streets of Paris. I want to ask you: Has the U.S. President or the U.S. House of Representatives ever supported European rioters? Have they ever issued a statement saying we stand with you? Is there any record of the mass media - which is affiliated with American capitalism, the U.S. government, and their mercenaries, like some of the governments in the region unfortunately, such as the Saudi government - is there any record of them supporting the rioters? Is there any record of them announcing that they will provide this hardware or that software for the internet and put it at the disposal of rioters so that they can easily communicate with each other and*

¹ Mehr is the seventh month of the Solar Hijri calendar, the official calendar of Iran. The month of Mehr starts from 23 September to 22 October. New academic year officially kicks off on the first day of Mehr.

carry out their plans? Is there a history of such a thing happening anywhere in the world, in any country? But it happened here, and not just once or twice. [It has happened] many times, over and over again. Well, how can you not see foreign hands at play? How can an attentive person not sense that there are other hands behind the scenes of these events, and other policies are at play? Of course, they falsely pretend that they care that someone has passed away in the world. They're lying. They're not upset by this at all. In fact, they're happy. They're happy because they have a pretext for creating unrest. Here, the Heads of the Three Branches of Power (executive, legislative, judicial) expressed their sorrow and sympathized with the grieving family. Then, certain elements murder other people who are innocent and have not committed any crime. The Judiciary promised to follow up on this to the end. This is what investigations are all about. It means following up on a case, seeing the results, and seeing if anyone was guilty of something or not. And if someone was guilty, identify them. Now, what is the motive of these foreign governments? My perception is that they feel that the Country is progressing toward achieving a comprehensive power, and they cannot tolerate this. They can feel this and see it. They can see things being done that can neutralize the barrage of sanctions, which is currently the enemy's only weapon. They can see these things. In order to stop this progress, they're making plans. They have plans for universities and plans for the streets. They have sat down and made plans. These things show the enemy's true intentions. This is the enemy that claims in its diplomatic statements that they do not want to attack Iran, they do not want to change the system of the Islamic Republic, they're not our enemies, and they are with the people of Iran. The inner reality of that enemy is what we are seeing. The inner reality of this enemy is conspiracy, creating riots, disrupting the safety of the country, and provoking those who can be easily excited to take to the streets. This is the enemy's inner reality. They're not just against the Islamic Republic. They're against Iran. The U.S. is against a strong Iran and against an independent Iran. They like the Iran of the Pahlavi era, a milking cow that is submissive to their orders. They want a king in Iran who for a simple decision

system must give the final opinion. Their opinion is legally valid. During this period, comments, suggestions and criticisms have been made in the media, newspapers, real and virtual space regarding the implementation of the [Hijab] law. Basically, opposing and favorable views, opinions and viewpoints are raised regarding the method of implementing the law or the modus operandi of making a decision or taking an action or nonfeasance. The views should not be feared. It is okay for people or institutions to have different opinions about the law enforcement method. Expressing views in this regard can help improve the implementation of law. In my opinion, the authorities must pay attention to these views, which are put forward in order to correct things, with a positive view and must not limit the expression of views. What's wrong with opening up centers in universities, scientific institutes and circles for discussion, criticism and even protesting against a decision? I believe that this can seriously contribute to the health and promotion of how we handle things. Another point is that the boundary between protest and riot must be defined. Sometimes there are protest, criticism and opposing words; there is nothing wrong with them and they should be heard, as listening to them helps improve things. But riots, disrupting State security, creating chaos and trespassing against people's property and lives cannot be accepted anywhere in the world. Attacking people's property, life, business and disrupting people's lives is not acceptable at all. The important thing is to see who are sparking the riots today? A country whose government has buried alive indigenous children, has now become a human rights defender and invites people to riot in the streets. No one, not even an expert, investigates the reason for violating the rights of 81 women who have been killed during 28 weeks in a certain country. The United States, the police of which have killed more than 1,000 people every year since 2015, today claims to be defending human rights; it incites misguided people to jeopardize the security of the society, it officially teaches in its' media outlets how to create insecurity, unrest and make explosives – these are not acceptable anywhere in the world. Sanctions and chaos are two sides of the same coin. The death incident will definitely be investigated by the responsible

agencies; however, it is unacceptable for certain people to create chaos and spark riots in the Country and endanger the security of the people under such a pretext. The people of Kurdish-inhabited areas do not forget the chemical bombing of these regions and the Halabja massacre by Saddam . The same countries that gave chemical weapons to Saddam have now allocated their media outlets to rioters and want to create doubt in people's hearts and provoke them.”

Statement Released by Ministry of Intelligence Regarding Riots Under Pretext of Death of Mahsa Amini

The Ministry of Intelligence released a statement on 30 September 2022, the points of which are enumerated hereinunder, to inform the public opinion of some of the discoveries and arrests made on and behind the scenes of the riots:

1. Over the last days, 49 agents and associates of the Monafeqin terrorist group (MKO) have been arrested. According to the orders issued by the Albanian-based terrorists, the arrested individuals have been engaged in producing provocative fake news for the rioters, organizing assassination and destruction, having direct presence in the scenes of street riots and destruction of public property, providing various equipment to confront the police and incendiaries to set ablaze places and public and personal vehicles.
2. The arrest of 77 terrorists in Kordestan, including the official mercenaries of the Zionist-led terrorist groups known as Komalah, Democrat, PAK, PJAK and some of the high-ranking officials of the abovenamed terrorist groups who were conspiring against the innocent people of Kordestan on both sides of the western borders of the Country. Among those arrested, there is a prominent member of one of the terrorist groups stationed in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. He has received military training in the U.S.-Zionist bases located in the said region and is regarded as a military commander. He was designing, organizing and directing the riotous cells for the western region of the Country, but was arrested and transferred to predetermined locations during a surprise operation and is currently incarcerated.

3. The arrest of 5 members of Takfiri terrorist groups along with 36 kilograms of explosives, who tried to detonate bombs at places of public gatherings and riots during the unrest and attribute the explosions to each side in order to exacerbate conflict therebetween. In addition to a plan to assassinate one of the Country's top officials, the terrorists in question had plans to detonate a bomb in a mourning congregation in Shiraz as well as the Martyrs Square in the city of Mashhad, but the plans were foiled.
4. The Baha'i spy organization, following an order issued by its' headquarters which is based in the occupied Haifa, has largely been involved in the chaos and disorder, encouraging vandalism and destruction of public places. In recent days, the main and secret core of the Baha'i spy organization, including three leaders and two members of its' media team, have been arrested.
5. 92 individuals belonging to the disgraced Pahlavi regime and prominent monarchist have been identified and arrested during the riots and behind the scenes of the unrest.
6. 9 foreign nationals from Germany, Poland, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, etc. have been arrested either during the riots or behind the conspiracy scenes.
7. Elements affiliated to foreign media outlets who took part in the riots in Tehran and various provinces have been identified, with some of them arrested and summoned. A record file was also opened for some others so that after receiving the permission from the judicial authority, they will be summoned or arrested.
8. While monitoring the embassies whose agents had the slightest involvement in the riots, the relevant diplomats were duly warned, including the embassies of Germany, France, England, Sweden, etc.
9. 28 thugs who have a history of incarceration, drug dealing and consumption, hooliganism, rape, etc. have been identified and arrested during the riots. The

attack carried out by the thugs in question against security forces and inflicting injuries thereupon have been documented. Moreover, two Molotov cocktail production units belonging thereto have been discovered.

10. A significant number of pistols, various types of machine guns, cartridges and shotguns have also been seized from the rioters.

As stated, the aforesaid list of individuals only includes terrorist, sectarian, organizational and foreign agents and does not include the arrest of dozens of rioters with predetermined targets (or those tasked with on-the-scene target killing of a certain individual), but the preliminary investigations of the defendants in question prove that various terrorist groups and professional killers had been organized and prepared in order to take advantage of any event, irrespective of the type and place of occurrence thereof, or whether it is natural or fabricated. As the tragic death of the foregoing person at this point was merely an excuse for a big conspiracy project designed to incite people from all walks of life, terrorist and Takfiri groups were brought into the scene to carry out acts of sabotage and killings all in the framework of the “Zionist model of maximum violence”. However, prior to the death of the abovenamed person and during the unrest, other preparations took place to spark or further fuel the rebellion, some of which are enumerated as hereinunder:

1. In the past few months, certain western spy agencies and the Zionist regime had held specialized training courses dubbed “subversion trainers” for a number of related and predetermined terrorist elements. In these courses, some of which were held in regional countries and some outside the region, trainings on how to fight against the Islamic Republic establishment, civil disobedience and subversion were provided, and the trained individuals were supposed to transfer what they have learned to other terrorist elements inside the Country. However, a number of these terrorists were identified by the Ministry of Intelligence from the very beginning, with several others having been arrested over the past months, all of whom have

explained the scenario played out by the global arrogance. It deserves a mention that the two French nationals arrested back in May had entered Iran precisely to organize, train and link opposition trade unions and non-governmental organizations to each other;

2. The plan to explode a sensitive industrial center in the last two months was part of the preparations before the big unrest conspiracy, about which limited information was released;

3. Sabotaging two passenger planes in order to crash them, which was thwarted thanks to God's blessings;

4. According to reliable information, the U.S. intelligence authorities have issued detailed instructions to their agents and those working in Persian language media outlets – all of which are led by the U.S., Britain and Saudi Arabia – since the beginning of the riots. The provisions and contents of the U.S.-issued instruction are as follows:

- Strengthening the content and expanding the time of foreign-based Persian language media outlets, bolstering cooperation therebetween and providing joint and broader coverage of the riots;
- Increasing the budget for VPNs and other means of providing access to the Internet;
- Having increased by at least tenfold the capacity of publishing tweets for each user in one hour and canceling some other restrictions, the Twitter network has tried its' best to help publish its' desired news, conduct psychological operations and intensify the activities of organized bots (similar to the Saudi Institute for Moderation and Albanian-based terrorists) against Iran;

- Increasing and revealing the support of the American, European officials and their celebrities for the rioters;
- Encouraging strikes and once again bringing up the issue of so-called human rights sanctions against the Iranian people to affect the Country's economy;
- The foreign-based Persian language channels, especially the UK-led BBC Farsi and the Saudi-funded Iran International, have changed their regular programs since the first day of the riots, added special news sections to their fixed programs, and focused their entire news and analysis programs on fabrications, fake news, lies and exaggeration about some events in Iran and provided trainings on how to fight and confront the police, make hand-made bombs, and incited rioters to press ahead with and expand their acts of violence; and
- Conducting dozens of large-scale cyber attacks that can only be carried out in the form of technological warfare by certain governments such as Stuxnet, which is a malicious and multi-part computer worm.

Directive of Attorney-General on Handling Defendants' Cases

The Attorney-General, Hujjat al-Islam wal-Muslimin Mohammad Jafar Montazeri, issued and signed off on a directive dated 28 September 2022 for prosecutors across the Country on how to handle the cases of those arrested during the recent riots. The Attorney General, while encouraging compliance with the legal standards and swift and accurate handling of all cases, emphasized that there are people who do not have any criminal record, adding that in their cases, there are not documents, evidence, reports of witnesses and those of law enforcement, intelligence and security officers or convincing evidence, and those the expert committee has commented on lack of role thereof in the riots should all be released after being justified and receiving necessary instructions. The Attorney General further emphasized that those who have martyred or inflicted injuries upon security

guards and the people, the leaders and subordinates in the scene and the individuals whose presence in the riots was organized, those who attempted to destroy private and public properties and places, offices, banks, gas stations, ATMs, etc., those who have attacked military, law enforcement and security headquarters and places, individuals who have a history of participating in unauthorized gatherings and riots in previous periods, thugs and mobs with criminal records, cyber space activists who played a prominent role in provoking, inciting and organizing the rioters and foreign nationals who were present in the riots, shall remain in custody until the court is held and a final verdict is issued if their case has sufficient documents and evidence therein, and trial thereof shall be conducted in an accurate and swift manner followed up on decisively, and to request the court to issue the necessary rulings. The directive also stipulates that with regards to the detained students, a decision shall be made with the opinion of the security expert and the university dean, and the students who have played a role in the riots and disrupted public security inside or outside the university, shall be released on bail or be held under temporary detention according to the role they have played and personality files thereof, adding that other arrested students shall be bailed out in line with the role they have performed and personality files thereof.

Paying Visit to Place of Detention by Vice-President of Judiciary for International Affairs & Secretary-General of High Council for Human Rights

Kazem Gharibabadi, the Vice-President of the Judiciary for International Affairs and the Secretary-General of the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran, together with other authorities of the HCHR and the Head of the State Prisons Organization, visited the place of detention wherein those detained during the recent riots in Tehran are held and had a face-to-face conversation therewith. During the meeting, the Secretary-General of the HCHR was informed of the requests of the detainees and the latest status of cases thereof. During a separate meeting with the officials of the State Prisons Organization and the judicial authorities stationed in the Greater Tehran Penitentiary, the Vice-President

of the Judiciary for International Affairs emphasized the need to determine the status of the detainees *tout de suite*. During the meeting, he stated: “*Those who have been deceived or took part in the gatherings on the outburst of emotions and did not commit riotous actions and did not destroy public and private property should be differentiated from those who violated the right of people and society to security. Albeit the first group has committed illegal acts, their freedom can be granted owing to Islamic leniency.*” He called upon the prison authorities to pay more attention to respecting the rights of the arrested persons including but not limited to contact with immediate family members, indictment and access to lawyer. During the said meeting, the prison authorities reported that free phone cards were provided to the detainees for the first three days, and they have been able to make phone calls to their families without any let or hindrance since they arrived in the Greater Tehran Penitentiary and they have free access to the phone after wards. Furthermore, although investigations into the cases of the detained individuals are underway, they have been granted the opportunity to meet with their families. It is noted that the Secretary-General of the HCHR has sent a letter to the chief justices in all provinces asking them to fully protect the rights of the detainees and the accused such as: explanation of charges, notifying the family and contacting and meeting them, access to a lawyer during all stages of proceedings, the principle of presumption of innocence, enjoyment of medical and health services.

Release of Half of Detainees

Addressing the Supreme Council of the Judiciary with the chief justices and the prosecutors of provincial centers in attendance on 5 October 2022, Gholam Ali Mohammadi, the Head of the State Prisons Organization, stated: “*Nearly half of the detainees of the recent unrest and riots have so far been released from prisons.*”

Final Points

1. The Forensic Medicine Organization in any country is considered the most competent and specialized institution to produce opinion on issues such as cause of death. Certain human rights mechanisms and countries have unfortunately been prejudiced and judgmental from the very beginning and talked about blows to the head of the foregoing person and even claimed that she was murdered. Albeit it was crystal clear in the first days that there was no beating, now with the statement of the Forensic Medicine Organization, it is seriously expected that they will immediately rectify their mistake which has been made either on purpose or thoughtlessly.

2. Certain human rights mechanisms and countries have described the riotous gatherings that disrupt security and public order as peaceful and supported the rioters. Of course, their political objectives are no mystery to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Now that more dimensions of the riots and the hands at play have been unraveled – especially following the statement of the Ministry of Intelligence – they are seriously expected to change their positions. As explained in report No. 1, the peaceful gatherings that took place in different parts of the Country following the death of the foregoing person have unfortunately morphed into riots and vandalism. In the meantime, certain European countries and the United States started to intervene and support the rioters by openly interfering in Iran's internal affairs in a completely unconventional manner and contrary to international standards. Other external factors such as terrorist groups and foreign-based Persian language networks also directed their agents and capacities in the riots and provided support thereto. During the riots, certain individuals, led by anti-Establishment and terrorist movements, resorted to the worst kind of violence against the people and the police, brandishing combat rifles, *armes blanches* and incendiaries, while diverting people's requests and demands. The rioters used social media networks to organize the riots and carry out acts of destruction, thereby inciting and provoking everyone to confront the police. During the

disruptive riots, many public and private properties were set ablaze or looted; some law enforcement officers and ordinary people were also killed or injured by *armes blanches* and firearms brandished by the rioters. Defenseless administrative centers and public services such as banks, ATMs, ambulances, public transportation, police vehicles, fire engines and religious places were widely attacked, many of which were destroyed and burned.

3. It is obvious that using firearms, perpetrating violence against people and police forces, attacking and setting aflame public, government and private properties and places, blocking public roads as well as looting and attacking people's property – all of which result in prosecution and entail criminal responsibility – are not considered peaceful protests. Public order requires that any decision to stage gatherings be notified to the police, as they are the ones tasked with maintain security and public order. The presence of the police in gatherings is of paramount importance because it is to ensure that no harm is inflicted thereupon, to safeguard security thereof, and to maintain public order and guarantee the public security of the society. Nevertheless, the police never resort to force in the first place and take a five-pronged approach to deal with rioters and illegal gatherings: a) exercising tolerance and restraint, b) calling for calm via delivering speeches and verbal warnings, c) dispersing gatherings without resorting to deterrent means, d) using control equipment according to the law, if deemed necessary, e) and placing rioters under arrest.

4. As stated by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the riots have nothing to do with the death of Mahsa Amini, hijab and women's rights. The enemies of Iran used this pretext and sparked chaos and riots with their continuous plans. In the meantime, those who did not commit acts of sabotage and security-disturbing measures are basically separate from those who entered the riots under the command of certain elements. That is why half of the detainees have hitherto been released based upon Islamic leniency.

5. The Iranian people have over the last four decades been exposed to severe violations of their human rights in the most cruel way. The United States' imposition of cruel unilateral sanctions and the 17,000 victims of terror as a result of terrorist operations carried out by the terrorist groups that are now living in the safe havens provided by the U.S. and Europe, are only two of the main examples of the egregious human rights violations of the Iranian people. The same countries that are at the forefront of imposing and implementing sanctions on Iran and supporting terrorist groups, instead of apologizing to the Iranian nation and rectifying their destructive behavior and actions, now claim to be championing the human rights of the Iranian people!

6. Now that it has become clear that the death of the abovenamed was not caused as a result of allegations of beating, and considering the support of the United States, certain European countries and some so-called media outlets for the riots and vandalism, all of these countries and the media networks are responsible for the damages caused to public and private property, facilities and equipment, as well as the blood of innocent people who lost their lives or were injured; and, the Islamic Republic of Iran will follow up on this matter in appropriate ways until the rights of its' people are fulfilled. In the same framework, the Islamic Republic of Iran advises the human rights mechanisms to observe impartiality, fairness and professionalism and refrain from entering into the political agenda of certain countries.

7. The Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to protecting the basic rights and freedoms of its' people according to the accepted laws and obligations; and therefore, it will seriously pursue any restrictions or violations of rights. In this regard, additional reports pertaining the destruction of public and private property and how to deal with judicial cases will be compiled and presented.