



## **Light will prevail over darkness**

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For 47 years, you have endured unimaginable hardships, watching your beautiful country fall under the control of an oppressive regime that has denied you your rights, your dignity and your prosperity. But today, I see the spirit of Iran rising stronger than ever. I see the youth, the men and women from every corner of this great land, standing up and speaking out with a united voice that can no longer be ignored.

Your courage, your strength and your resilience fill my heart with pride. You are not alone in your struggle. The eyes of the world are upon you and your call for freedom and justice resonates beyond the borders of Iran. Do not fear, for the darkness of oppression cannot last forever. You are the true heart and soul of this nation and your hopes as well as your desire for change cannot be extinguished.

The road ahead will be difficult, and the challenges are great. The pain of these years is real, and the consequences of oppression have been deep, but your will is greater than any obstacle and your love for your country will lead you to victory.

We are a people with a proud history of culture, art, intellect and innovation. Iran was once a beacon of hope and progress and it will be again. The future belongs to those who dare to dream, who dare to fight for a better tomorrow. I have full faith that you will reclaim your land, your freedom and your dignity. To my fellow Iranians, hold onto your faith in each other. Stand together, with love in your hearts for this beautiful land and for the generations yet to come. Your struggle is not in vain. This moment is yours. This time will be remembered as the turning point, when the Iranian people took their future back into their hands. I call on the security forces to join the people in this movement.

**Farah Pahlavi**