

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

## Warning – Strategic Blunder!

While the world community's attention is focused on crises in Ukraine and Russian illegal aggression in Europe, another hot-spot is slipping away from the free-world with disastrous consequences. Entire Middle East is endangered by presence and infiltration of Russian and Chinese governments' agents in Iran under disguise of commercial activities, while establishing strong military presence in the region. Their appetite for control of energy resources of the region is planned to control the energy needs of the Western nations, and ultimately strangling the democratic nations and values of affected societies. In this process, Russia and China are using Iran as their hub to establish military bases of operation in the Persian Gulf and throughout the country, with the aim of expanding their control all over the Middle East. They have chosen Islamic regime of Iran as their puppet to create a hub in support of their expansionist policies, and ultimately, political and economic control of the democratic nations. Presence of Chinese or Russian forces in the Persian Gulf would signal an exit strategy for the Western countries from the region, or creating long-term military conflicts in the area!

Under illegal concessions granted by Islamic regime to their supporting countries, Russian and Chinese governments are offering long-term guarantee of support to extend the rule of Islamists in Iran. Chinese are settling an initial 5000 of their military personnel in Iran in support of, and protection of their interests, and manning their base in the Persian Gulf. This number is planned to even increase to about 30,000 armed personnel in support of their activities in the country, which is contrary to existing International laws. Similarly, Russia is planning to enforce its presence by establishing a number of military bases in Iran, including one in the Persian Gulf, using its military forces. This is Russian grand strategy to expand beyond Ukraine invasion.

Conversion of fossil fuels to green sources of energy to suffice the energy need of many countries cannot materialize over-night; it might take a few decades. In the meantime, natural gas or oil supply from the Middle East would be good resources to rely on, provided a secure and stable environment is established in the region. Ignoring this fact is a strategic blunder in foreign policy. A democratic Iran does not need any nuclear arsenal, and as a reliable partner can provide such an environment by conducting meaningful negotiations with the United States and European countries to establish a sustainable peace in the region. This would be a prerequisite for any investment or development programs to succeed, either in Iran or in the Middle East, in partnership with interested and concerned governments of free-world. It is well established that **the most dangerous tool the Islamic regime of Iran has in its arsenal has been TERRORISM, to create crisis across the region and beyond.**

*Iranian people believe that the volatile situation in the region demand immediate attention by the international community. Iranian people are seeking international support to conduct a free election in Iran for a fundamental political change in governance of the country, replacing the totalitarian and suppressive Islamic regime with a secular democratic form of governance, and terminate the Russian and Chinese influence in the region.*

Attached diagram indicates the corridor of influence Russians have created in the Middle East, and INLF proposal to establish a new pipeline to supply energy need of Europe in partnership with the U.S. and European allies.

**Iran National Liberation Front.**



**Affiliated & Supporting Organizations:** Royal Council of Iran (UK); Voice of Iranian Nation (Sweden); National Iranian Freedom Movement (NIFM-UK); Nahal Solidarity Movement (UK); Iran Secular Democratic Party (Germany); Pan-Iranist Organization - Abroad; Coalition of Cyrus Force Movement (USA)