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Cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Internal Council of Ministers of Iran

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**I Introduction:**

The year 1394 (Gregorian calendar 2016) looks to bring unprecedented challenges for the Islamic Republic, its people and the revolution. Obstacles facing Iran are greater in number and scale than we have seen since the years of the 1978-79 revolution and the 1980-88 Persian Gulf War with Iraq. With the survival of the revolution, the welfare and honor of the 78 million Iran people in doubt, Iran faces unprecedented domestic debate and uncertainty, which our enemies welcome and can be expected to exploit. The cabinet of our great President Hassan Rouhani, as well as both Islamic, political and military officials will be convening for emergency meetings. Now must be the time for the Islamic Republic to reach its full potential. This crisis simulation begins in December 2015.

**II: History**

The Islamic Republic of Iran has a long and glorious history. Its civilized history begins as far back as 5000 B.C according to radiocarbon dating in the ancient city of Susa. Several vast empires would spread the world over with beautiful ancient capitals, like the legendary city of Persepolis. From then on an array of historical heavyweights reigned over this mighty land. From King Cyaxares to Cyrus the Great. From the Achaemenid Empire, to the Parthian Empire, to the Pahlavi Dynasty, Iran had a strict dynastic system in place. The people were repressed, and Islamic guidance was not the law of the land. Until in November of 1964 when a man named Ruhollah Moosavi Khomeini was arrested and exiled by the monarchy. His arrested galvanized a holy movement. This movement blossomed into the greatest revolution of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The



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revolution forced the Shah to flee Iran, like the coward he was. This ushered in the triumphant return of Ruhollah Khomeini, who now thanks to a national referendum became the Supreme Leader of Iran, the Ayatollah on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1979. The steady hand of Ayatollah Khomeini guided the people of Iran for a decade, until his untimely passing in 1989. He was succeeded by Ali Khamenei, the man who currently serves as our Supreme Leader. A man whose wisdom knows no limits, whose mercy and forgiveness reach levels most men could never attain. The people of Iran were truly blessed by Allah to have had such wonderful leaders in succession. Ayatollah Khamenei has led the people of Iran for nearly the past three decades, turning Tehran into a modern Metropolis, and the Republic of Iran into a global super power.



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**III: Current Situation**

The world recognizes the exploits and excellence of the Islamic Republic of Iran. With two notable exceptions. The United States and the Zionists of Israel continue to be a thorn in the side of the Republic. While peace with the Zionists will never be achieved as long as they continue to antagonize and threaten, a relationship with the United States has had some recent developments. The United States along with their sheep the United Nations, slapped on illegal and crippling sanctions to our economy. Now as an olive branch the United States with the backing of several other nations has proposed an end to the financial sanctions, in exchange for



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our abandonment of our nuclear proliferation program. Although we signed their agreement, we have no intentions of slowing as a nuclear power in the world. If our enemies can be armed, than so can we. We find ourselves at a pivotal time in our history. We will not bend, and we will never bow to any nation or international body that attempts to negotiate by intimidation. We agreed to put an end to these sanctions without going into all-out war. However, we will work day and night to make breakthroughs in our nuclear program to gain level footing with the West.

**IV: Issues facing the body**

The Islamic Republic of Iran is facing a variety of issues from our western enemies. They threaten us physically, as well as economically on many occasion. The American led plan to remove Iran from S.W.I.F.T (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) left the Republic in damaged financial shape, forced to only using cash transactions when doing business outside of our country. Some of the harsher financial sanctions have since been lifted. Our financiers have the task of rebuilding our economy, as well as deal with several other crippling sanctions leveled down by the international community. The Americans with the support of the Zionists of Israel are threatening violence if we break the nuclear agreement signed in 2015. They pledge to send independent inspectors to our nuclear sites, to make sure that we aren't weaponizing our nuclear energy. They show their distrust for us with agreements like this. Treating the powerful Islamic Republic like children who cannot manage their own affairs. They wish more than anything to shame us to the public, and leave our great nation in a state of perpetual instability. Just as they left Iraq. We saw what happened the last time the US



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thought a country had nuclear potential, the only difference between mighty Iran and lowly Iraq, is that we are already in the final stages of being able to develop a nuclear weapon. It is our responsibility to keep this top secret to the outside world, and even those uninitiated within our own country. Trust few outside of this committee, and remember we can do anything if Allah wills it to be. We now place our fate into the hands of the Ayatollah who guides us. God is Greatest. Allahu Akbar!!!



**V: Characters**

## **IRANIAN CABINET**



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These men have been selected for their loyalty to the Republic, as well as their intellect in their respective fields. The future of Iran will be in the hands of these men who comprise the greatest cabinet in history. They will work together to use all resources available with the goal to further the interests of the Ayatollah, who they eternally serve.

**Ali Khamenei-** The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The overseer of the cabinet, and the guiding light of the Republic.

**Hassan Rouhani President,** (Crisis Chair) Joseph Espinoza

**Ali Akbar Salehi, Vice President and Head of the Atomic Energy Organization-** A leading diplomat and scientist with over 35 years of experience. Fluent in English and Arabic (along with his native tongue of Farsi), Salehi was schooled at the American University of Beirut receiving a Bachelor's degree in physics, before moving to the United States to obtain his PhD in Nuclear Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (MIT) A long time high ranking official of the Republic, he is on his second term as the head of the AEO. He served as the Iranian representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1998 to 2003. (IAEA) Years later that same body levied sanctions against Salehi, placing him under a temporary travel ban (since lifted) due to alleged withheld information regarding Iran's nuclear program. An intelligent scientist, as well as diplomat Salehi's years of international diplomacy have prepared him to tackle various issues facing the Republic. He has the respect of his peers in the cabinet however his laid back demeanor as well as time in the US have led some to question his loyalty, wondering if he has become just a bit "Americanized".

**Hossein Dehghan, Minister of Defense and Logistics-** General Dehghan is a loyalist of the Republic through and through. Appointed to his position in 2013 by President Rouhani, Dehghan has had a long and courageous career fighting for Iran. He served as a commander in the Revolutionary Guard forces during the 1979 revolution. He was one of the highest ranking military officials serving at the command of the late great Ayatollah Khomeini. Along with being a tactical military mind, he is also a shrewd calculated leader having received his PhD in Management from the University of Tehran. The Western world and even some in Iran may think his methods are a bit violent and outdated, but his results cannot be argued with.

**Ali Jannati, Minister of Islamic Guidance and Culture-** A lifelong politician, Ali Jannati is no stranger to protecting the values of the Republic. He is the son of Ayatollah Ahmed Jannati, the leader of prayer in Tehran, and close associate to the late great Ayatollah Khomeini. With his father being a close friend and mentor to the current Grand Ayatollah Khamenei, some consider Jannati untouchable. The former Commander-in-Chief of the Armed forces in the



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Khorasan Province during the Revolution, he cut his teeth in the military before making the switch to broadcasting, joining the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting network. (IRIB) Serving a short stint there Jannati was named Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait. It is there that he received numerous contacts in the oil industry, as well as several other business avenues. Those connections have led to his becoming one of the wealthiest men in Iran. He now serves as the top authority in the government on all things Islam. Only the Ayatollahs cast a larger shadow in the Republic when it comes to the sanctity of Islam. If Minister Jannati were to question the piety of any man, it could prove disastrous for them.

**Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs-** Mohammad Javad Zarif left Iran for the United States at age 17. Upon moving to California he attended San Francisco State University where he received his bachelors. He then later attended the University of Denver where he earned his PhD in International Law and Policy. He began his political career as a member of the Iran mission to the UN. It was there he forged his path as a master negotiator, bridging the gaps between the US and Iran. This skill led him to becoming the Iranian ambassador to the UN from 2002-2007. He spent most of that stint cleaning up the messes left behind by former President Mahmood Ahmadinejad. He now has the title of Minister of Foreign affairs, acting almost as the Secretary of State would in the United States. It is he who visits other nations, and hosts foreign leaders here at home. He pulled off a diplomatic deal that garnered much praise in the West as he was one of the key men behind the brokering of the nuclear deal of 2015, the *Joint Comprehensive Agreement on the Iran Nuclear Program*. Now with Iran accepting the guidance of our great Ayatollah Khomeini, we find ourselves in direct violation of that deal. It will be up to Minister Zarif to put out the diplomatic fires that will

**Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh, Minister of Industries and Business-** An engineer by trade, this is Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh's third spell as the minister of Industries in Iran. He first held the position from 1980-81 and again from 1989-97. His role sees him as a leading voice in the country in regards to trade both foreign and domestic. Along with his overseeing of Iranian trade, he also has deep political ties as well as ties with the elites of Iran. He gained these ties during his tenure as campaign manager for sitting President Rouhani. His excellent networking skills and previous involvements within the highest levels of the Parliament allowed him to help navigate Rouhani's path to the Presidency. As the Republic will be facing several foreign threats perhaps even financial sanctions, Iranian leadership will look towards Nematzadeh to keep Iran's trade sector from complete collapse.

**Mahmoud Alavi, Minister of Intelligence-** With PhD's in both Law as well as Islamic Studies Mahmoud Alavi holds the religious position of Hojjatoleslam. (An official authority on Islam) He





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has held several positions in the Iranian Parliament as well as within the military over his long and distinguished career. In August of 2013 Alavi was appointed as the new minister of Intelligence. This puts Alavi in charge of the VAJA. (Iran's equivalent to the CIA) The VAJA has been given reign by the government in the past to do things that some other countries would consider heinous and unwarranted. The Islamic Republic of Iran feels whatever is in the best interest of the Republic cannot be heinous or unwarranted. It is necessary. As head of the VAJA Alavi finds himself tasked with collecting sensitive data on all those deemed enemies of the Republic.

**Hamid Chitchian, Minister of Energy-** The former head of Intelligence, Chitchian assumed his role as the Minister of Energy in 2013. His duties include overseeing the entire energy grid of Iran, and the overseeing of future energy solutions for the Republic. Unknown to the West, it is believed within some inner circles in the local scientific community that Iran is on the cutting edge of various energy solutions that can help drive Iran into a prosperous future. This is due to the pragmatism and professional approach taken by Hamid during his term. An additional note on Chitchian is that his apparent liberal politics have endured him to the youth of Iran, with Universities all over the Republic fighting to book the Minister for speaking appearances. At the relatively young age of 58 (young by Iranian parliament standards) Chitchian is seen by the youth of the nation as a potential leader of Iran.

**Mohammad Ali Jafari, Commander of the Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution-** Holding the rank of Major General (the highest rank in Iran) Jafari heads the most dangerous, and perhaps well-funded paramilitary group in history. As effective and intimidating as the former German SS, the Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution is the pinnacle of military effectiveness. With unflappable devotion to the Republic, this group of brave men protect and preserve the values of Islam within the borders of Iran, and when necessary, prevent foreign influences from entering our borders with the intent to pervert or refute the teachings of Islam. With access to military aid, modern technology, and vast financial resources the Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution are prepared to do whatever it takes to keep the teachings of the Ayatollah Khamenei as the law of the land. Jafari himself is a trusted, reliable figure in the Republic. Some consider him a brute, a relic from another time, willing to interrogate his mother if it meant getting information that his superiors needed.

**Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, Head of the National Iranian Oil Company-** A member of the Revolution of 1979 Zangeneh began his career in the oil industry of Iran as a high ranking



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advisor, personally overseeing the redevelopment of the oil business following the devastation left behind in the wake of the Iraq-Iran War (1980-88). Zangeneh quickly moved up the ladder, assuming the office of Minister of Energy in 1989. During his first term as HNIOC Zangeneh only was interested in generating money, foreign or domestic. Taking loans and garnering money from all over in attempts to help stimulate the national oil business. In the decades to come Iran's oil industry became a world leader, the primary source of domestic energy, and an extremely lucrative profit center for the nation. During the sanctions and oil embargo placed on Iran in 2012 by the EU it was Zangeneh's guidance in 2013 and beyond that helped Iran make it through that difficult period, which saw oil prices collapse. With rumors he has amassed a personal net worth estimated as high as in the hundreds of millions, Zangeneh's personal life is shrouded in mystery. Leading to wild rumors and accusations from some of his more jealous contemporaries.

**Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli, Minister of the Interior-** The man who has been tasked with keeping Iran flowing in a collected manner has been Abdolreza Fazli. A straight-laced and by-the-book character, Fazli is not tempted by anything. Before taking his current title Fazli held the position as President of the Supreme Audit Court of Iran. This put him in charge of controlling and monitoring the financial activities of all ministries as well as private companies. With access to such sensitive financial information he did not steal a dime during his five years in the position. As well as consistently whistleblowing whenever anybody, no matter rank, wealth, or position within the government whenever finding any irregularities within the records. His role as the Minister of the Interior now sees him in now tasked with monitoring elections, and unlike other countries the Iranian Minister of the Interior is also in charge of the Police force within the Republic. This makes Fazli a figure to be feared by those thinking of transgressing from the teachings passed down from the Ayatollah. Fazli due to his career record and demeanor has been deemed as "incorruptible" in the eyes of both the public as well as national officials.

**Mohammad Sarafraz, Head of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting-** An integral of the IRIB for the past 25 years, Mohammad Sarafraz has a duty and responsibility that is of the upmost importance to the Republic. The state television is where the Iranian government can send reminders to the public of just what threats face them on a daily basis, and just how hard the government is working day and night to keep the people safe. Sarafraz has had restrictive measures placed against his potential entry into countries within the EU due to alleged "human rights violations". This is due to the baseless claims they have made against Sarafraz, saying that he worked in collusion with the Iranian security services in taping forced confessions of prisoners and foreign detainees, to later be aired on state TV. These claims are totally baseless



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as it has already been proven in Iranian courts that any confessions made were done so by admitted criminals and terrorists whose goal was to destabilize the Republic. Sarafraz is a loyal soldier in the eternal war for the hearts and minds of the great people of Iran. No matter how Supreme and perfect our Ayatollah is, enough Western and Zionist lead propaganda can turn even the most devout civilians against their nation. Sarafraz must show the people exactly what they need to see on a nightly basis, and show the rest of the world exactly what they fear. A strong, and unified Iran. Sarafraz himself saw his two older brothers die in the Iran-Iraq War fighting for the Republic. He now finds himself waging war on a different, yet equally important battlefield.

**Ali Tayebnia, Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance-** Iran has faced crippling and illegal financial sanctions in recent years from the West and their Zionist puppets with the intention of turning Iran into a third world country. One sanction went as far as removing Iran from SWIFT (the online digital banking system) effectively turning Iran into a cash only economy. Iran could easily have collapsed into economic ruin if it was not for the actions of Ali Tayebnia. The Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance must make sure that no matter what, the country remains solvent in these increasingly turbulent times. If the economy were to buckle under these foreign pressures, we will not be able to mount any sort of competent defense of ourselves. As a politician Ali is very popular, receiving a vote of over 96% (a record) from the Majilis. This is due to his reform-minded approach to economics. He is believed to be the perfect fit for the task at hand. Receiving his PhD from the University of Tehran, and being schooled at the world renowned London School of Economics, it is believed Taybnia has the perfect understanding of how to take the Iranian economy to levels equal to or greater than top Western nations.

**Ali Rabei, Minister of Cooperatives, Labour, and Social Welfare-** In times of conflict it is of the utmost importance that the business remain status quo domestically. The nation must keep its people employed and fed no matter what the situation is. It is up to Rabei to make sure employment stays at acceptable levels, and that our people do not want for anything. It is this branch that holds the social security program for the citizens of Iran. A fund that in the event of conflict may be dipped into in order to fund the war efforts. Ali Rabei himself is a man with great ambition, some consider him a schemer. A man dissatisfied with his position within the government. Having been involved Labour since the Revolution, Rabei may be thinking it's time to branch out. However, he must always keep focus on the wellbeing of the people of Iran.

**Mostafa Pourmohammadi, Minister of Justice-** A man who is no stranger to Western propaganda, Mostafa was accused by Reporters without Borders and the Human Rights watch



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for his part in the 1988 execution of political prisoners. The late Ayatollah Khomeini gave an order, and Mostafa carried it out. Plain and simple. What the West is claiming is false, these prisoners were many things, “innocent” is not one of them. Mostafa is as loyal as it gets, as he is one of the only members of the Cabinet who can claim to have been part of not one, but both Ayatollah’s inner circles. His role as the Minister of Justice is a fitting one, he cast down final verdicts on all cases brought forward to the government. He himself has seemingly over the years become above the law. With a background in intelligence, Mostafa still has some assets left over from the 80’s. A time that saw he and his assets carry out several assassinations, of course, non without the consent of the Ayatollah. His closeness with the Ayatollah Khamenei has left some thinking he perceives himself untouchable.

**Mahmoud Vaezi, Minister of Information and Communication-** The man in charge of all forms of communications in Iran is Minister Vaezi. No phone call, email, text, or website can go through Iranian servers without Vaezi’s people getting hold of it. Iran has all of our communication government monitored and distributed to make tracking information instantaneous. If anyone were to post something inflammatory of the Ayatollah (God forbid) they would be discovered immediately through advanced algorithms. Our cyber-monitoring of civilian activities is so advanced that China has recently approached Ministry of Communication for assistance. Vaezi made the jump from private sector communications to the government. He has been instrumental in reporting fringe youth groups with their pro-Western propaganda to the proper authorities. Helping those terrorists receive justice before they even strike.

**Mohammad Farhadi, Minister of Science, Research, and Technology-** Perhaps the most important Ministry for the long term good of the Republic, the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology is tasked with cultivating the brightest minds from around the country and putting them to the best use, helping further the interests of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Constantly on the cutting edge in all scientific fields, the MSRT is made up of the best citizens, hungry for knowledge. Mohammad Farhadi is the man in charge of it all, and specifically choosing which fields to be concentrated on. In the vision of Farhadi’s master plans Iran recently has developed the framework for advancing the national space program. Farhadi is not a politician, and he is not a cleric, he is a scientist in every sense of the word. All he dreams of is seeing Iran at the forefront of the scientific community. He set aside his personal life in order to dedicate his years to the lab. He did the name of science, and for his country. His early life is rather sketchy to the general public, as his story is only documented in any real detail after he gained his PhD in Quantum Physics from MIT. It is known to trusted members of Iranian Government that Farhadi spent his 20’s training as an assassin. His training took place during



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the height of the Revolution, and he spent the years after exterminating any officials who opposed the Ayatollah Khomeini. Some estimates say he killed nearly 100 officials in a five year window. As the dissent against the Ayatollah dissipated, his services were no longer needed and he was quietly thanked by the Clerics as well as Khomeini himself for his heroism before finishing his schooling.