

Good morning.

My name is Hassan Doughty, Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hong Kong and Macao.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, just one day away, I am pleased to share a message with you through this video, reflecting on the arrival of Nowruz, the Iranian New Year. The new year commences at the start of spring, and Nowruz is regarded as a treasured cultural heritage of Iran and the broader civilizations within its sphere of influence.

It is one of the oldest celebrations in the world, with a history spanning more than three thousand years. It is not only a national holiday for Iranians but also a symbol of hope, peace, friendship, and the rebirth of nature for many across the region. Each spring, as flowers blossom, Iranians gather to celebrate joy, unity, and the promise of a brighter future.

This year, however, Iranians are unable to celebrate Nowruz with their customary peace and happiness. The ongoing US-Zionist aggression has cast a heavy shadow over the holiday, depriving many families of the chance to cherish these precious moments. The situation has profoundly affected daily life in Iran and has raised serious concerns regarding regional stability and even global security.

My message to you is this: Nowruz is not merely a national festival; it is a cultural and human heritage that reflects values shared by all humanity.

I hope the international community will hear the voice of the Iranian people—will unequivocally condemn the aggressors against my country, the same lawless actors that have been conducting a genocide in Gaza and violating the sovereignty of other nation states from Lebanon to Yemen, Syria and Iran, and commit to restore peace and security, and bring accountability for all the violence inflicted upon the people of our region.

Nowruz reminds us that even after the harshest winter, spring always returns. The people of Iran deserve to celebrate this spring with joy and hope, not with fear and anxiety.

Let us all—transcending borders, nationalities, and differences—honor Nowruz as a universal symbol of peace, renewal, and human solidarity.

Let us join hands and strive together for a future defined not by fear, but by peace; not by injustice, but by the realization of justice; not by oppression, but by the dignity and freedom of all people.

A future where peace is not merely a wish, but a reality—for every nation.

That is the promise of spring. That is the message of Nowruz. And that is our shared hope for all humanity.

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Thank you.