

The Islamic Government of Iran Is Afraid of You

Dear xxxxx,

This is what Mahdi, a recently retired high court judge in Iran, told me when I asked him “how does the Islamic Government of Iran feel about Iran Alive?”

Mahdi had just come to know Jesus through our ministry and was eager to talk with me. His love for the Lord was evident as he spoke. It was obvious that as a judge, he had a deeper understanding—and appreciation—of what Jesus had done for him to pardon him of all his sins. I also was excited to talk with him and could not wait to ask him some key questions. Below are his answers to some of those questions:



Hormoz: *How did you come to Christ?*

Mahdi: *My daughter and her husband were in an abusive relationship and at the verge of divorce. After I saw a dramatic transformation of their lives, and the healing in their marriage in such a short time, I was interested to know how it happened. They happily shared with me that they have found Jesus through Iran Alive’s broadcasts and that He has changed their lives and healed their marriage. That is when I started watching your programs—and after a while I came to believe in Jesus.*

Hormoz: *You have been a part of the Iranian Government’s judicial system for so many years. What does the Islamic Government of Iran think about Iran Alive?*

Mahdi: *They do not know what to do with you. You do not speak against them or against Islam on your TV programs. You speak about love and even loving your enemies. You actually pray often for the top government officials on the air. But I must tell you, **the Islamic Government of Iran is afraid of you.***

Hormoz: *Why are they afraid of us?*

Mahdi: *Because you are capturing the hearts of millions, leading people away from them and towards Jesus. You are building a deep trust with a large number of people in Iran. Although you are not political, they are afraid that in the future, if you ever choose to turn political, you could cause them a big problem by opposing them.*

Hormoz: *Well, there are other Christian TV channels as well. What do they think about them, and how come they jam our signal more often?*

Mahdi: *Because they believe that **other channels have programs, but you have a strategy and a plan** to impact Iran with Gospel.*

My Personal Appeal to You:

My dear partners and friends, we are humbled to hear this from a high court judge. We feel honored that God, by His Grace, is giving Iran Alive—and you—an opportunity to make a historical impact in Iran for the Gospel. We are in this together.

The Government of Iran is right: We indeed have a “strategy and a plan to impact Iran with the Gospel”. But we need your help to implement that strategy. We feel we have just begun. There is so much God has called us to do, but we need the resources to accomplish it all.

“Operation World Manual,” a well-known mission manual, in its latest edition, has put Iran as “the fastest growing evangelical population in the world.” The time is short and as history shows, this window of opportunity will not last long. As Jesus said, “As long as it is day, I must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work.” (John 9:4, NIV) A day has a limited time span. There is a beginning and an end to it. We must move fast while the spiritual heaven over Iran is so open.

Matching Gift Challenge:

For the next two months (August and September), we are launching a gift matching campaign. Some of our partners have challenged the rest of us with an \$80,000 matching donation. Let’s rise up together to meet that challenge. So, any gift you give in the next two months will have double impact for His Kingdom. Perhaps you can even add to this matching challenge an additional \$10,000 or \$20,000 to raise the challenge to \$100,000 or higher for others. To do this, please add a note “Add to Matching Gift Challenge” to your donation.

Would you prayerfully ask the Lord what He wants you to do?



Your Partner In Making History in Iran,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hormoz Shariat". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hormoz Shariat, Ph.D.
President & Founder, Iran

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