



## **Nationwide uprising in Iran - 13<sup>th</sup> day: June 25**

### **People clash with suppressive forces while chanting death to Khamenei**

Military helicopters were reported hovering over the Vali -Asr street in Tehran Thursday afternoon. Clashes were reported in the street and people were shouting “Death to Khamenei”.

The suppressive forces tried to push crowd back in Enqelab street but they were resisted. Bassij force was seen to be mobilized in Daneshjou Park to attack people demonstrating.

### **Heavy presence of security forces in Baharestan**

Baharestan Square, facing the regime’s parliament, were reported to be packed by security forces. Gun shots are heard and the situation at 20:45 local time is reported tense.

According to people on the scene, those who attack people were members of the Qods Force of the Iranian regime’s Revolutionary Guards Corps. This is the force responsible for terrorist operations in Iraq. They were heard to be speaking in Arabic to each other.

An accurate number of killed, wounded or detained is not yet available due to severity of the repression. Regime’s authorities do not respond to public enquiries on missing individuals.

### **Tabriz Bazaar closes in protest**

In protest to the killing of defenseless people in the course of the current nationwide uprising, shopkeepers in Tabriz Bazaar kept their businesses closed since Wednesday. They refused to open their shops despite threats and pressures by the suppressive forces. The shopkeepers pledged to continue with their strike on Friday.

## **Other News**

### **Maryam Rajavi at Neda's memorial ceremony at Auvers sur Oise**

*Reuters, June 25, 2009* - Head of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) Maryam Rajavi looks at a display of pictures of street demonstrations following a memorial ceremony for Neda Agha Soltan at Auvers sur Oise, near Paris June 25, 2009. Neda, whose image is being used as an icon of the demonstrations in Iran, was shot dead during a street demonstration by protesters contesting presidential election results in Tehran.



### **Stop using Basij militia to police demonstrations**

*Amnesty International, 22 June 2009 (excerpts)*

Amnesty International is calling on the government of Iran to stop using the Basij militia to police demonstrations with immediate effect. The call follows reports that the members of the militia have used excessive force against demonstrators and is made in the light of the history of abuses committed by this unaccountable branch of the security forces.

The Basij militia is a volunteer paramilitary force of men and women under the control of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC). Its members are found in schools, universities, state and private institutions, factories, and even among tribes. Basij forces are widely used to help to maintain law and order and repress dissent, and have frequently been accused of using extreme brutality.

Following the speech from Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Friday demanding an end to the protests, there were further demonstrations on Saturday in Tehran and other cities and towns across the country. 13 people were killed according to the authorities and many more were injured. According to the government, over 400 people were arrested. A another demonstration of about 1,000 people in Tehran on Monday has been met with tear gas and arrests .

**Turmoil in Iran in pictures**

