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Greetings to all loved ones

Eight years ago, on a day like this, my daughter, Nahal was born to be the best and most magnificent day of my life to date. The day she was born for a few hours a strange and magnificent state of being was created within me. I could not feel the earth beneath my feet, I was feeling weightless and filled with pure joy, this mood never happened to me again.

Like all children in the world, Nahal's birthday is the best and most exciting day of her life and she usually



thinks and talks about her birthday for months and months, but this year, days before her birthday she asked me: dad would you be having a birthday party for me? I said yes why we shouldn't, she said but dad don't have a party this year, don't ask my friends, my classmates to come, just buy a cake for ourselves, I asked why? She said dad people are mourning; it is not nice if we party...

I really don't know whether to be happy or sad for this level of Nahal's intelligence that understands what is happening around her. But the more I think about it, the sadder it is, all parents trying for their child not to feel sad, they always try to make their child not feel the sadness upon their family so they can grow up happy...

But so painful what has happened to our country, when our children also see and understand the extent of the grief over the atmosphere of the country, and nothing can be hidden from them, What has happened to us is that happiness itself is sad too ...

No authority feels guilty about this, and today, instead of standing with the people and comforting them and making our children happy, the State's TV and Radio Broadcasting has officially become a military garrison with its security chiefs, reporters, and security officials. Lying is a defence of happiness.

But to Nahal and all the lovely children of Iran, I tell you to laugh and be happy, the burden of life is on us adults, we are obliged to strive for your better living and bear the suffering. Today, if we have the strength, we will fight to change the atmosphere of grief and slavery, if we can fulfil our human and moral duty. If we can't, we will be ashamed of history, forgive us ... "

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