

News From Iran, Both Silly and Sinister

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Ayatollah Khomeini's Dating Do's And Don'ts

What would we do without Iran, the laughingstock of nations, having this year beaten out North Korea yet again for that title? Iran, the country that warns Israel that it is coming for it, only to find that the tiny Jewish state's Mossad has been running circles around the Islamic Republic for more than a decade? Iran, where the spiritual guide and founding father of the regime, the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, gave advice to the lovelorn – call it Khomeini's Dating Do's 'N Don'ts – as, for example, this unforgettable statement, published in his *Tahrirolvash*, Vol. 4, Darol Elm, Qom, Iran, 1990: ‘ “A man can have sex with animals such as sheep, cows, ewe, camels and so on. However, he should kill the animal after he has his orgasm. He should not sell the meat to the people in his own village; however, selling the meat to the

next door village should be fine.” That qualifies as an example – there are others –of Khomeini’s patented blend of the Silly and the Sinister..

Presidential Candidate Mohsen Rezaei Presents His Economic Platform

For unadulterated silliness we have Presidential candidate Mohsen Rezaei. In the runup to the upcoming Presidential election in Iran, Rezaei, a perennial candidate, recently offered his “solution” to the country’s economic problems. His brilliant idea – how many Iranians must be groaning and saying to themselves “now, why didn’t I think of that?” –is reported on previously at Jihad Watch [here.](#)

Mohsen Rezaei, a conservative candidate for the Iranian Presidency, said in a recent interview that his plan to boost the country’s ailing economy was to kidnap 1,000 Americans and demand several million dollars in ransom per hostage.

Iranian journalist and activist Masih Alinejad posted a video of Rezaei’s statement to Twitter. “This is surreal. Mohsen Rezaei, candidate for Iran presidential elections, said he’d take 1000 more American hostages to boost iran’s economy. For every hostage he’d ask several (million dollars) as a solution to Iran’s failing economy,” she tweeted.

In the video, an anchor said in Farsi, “So he’d take hostages to extort money.” The video cuts to a clip of Rezaei who says “We’ll take 1,000 Americans hostage. America will have to pay several billions to get every single one freed.” “This is how we can solve our economic problems,” he added.

Rezaei was described by Saeid Jafari writing for the Atlantic Council as a “perpetual candidate” for the presidency.

He first ran for president in 2005. He also ran in 2009 and 2013.

Reza [sic] was the Iranian Republican Guard Corps commander-in-chief for 17 years....

An absurd idea, but not too absurd for Mohsen Rezaei or those who will vote for him. And Mohsen Rezaei is not someone who can be dismissed as a figure of no significance. For 17 years, he was the commander-in-chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and thus the most important military man in the Islamic Republic. This is an example of Iran the Silly.

The Persecution of the Afkari Family

Sinister, and not a bit silly, is the story of Navid Afkari.

Navid Afkari was an Iranian, a champion wrestler, and a patriot, who wanted only the best for Iran. In 2018, he and two of his brothers attended a peaceful protest – it was put down violently by Iranian security forces – against the miserable state of Iran’s economy. For that brief nonviolent appearance, Navid Afkari was falsely accused of killing a security office who was monitoring the protest. There was not a shred of evidence to support that charge. Nonetheless, Afkari was sentenced to death; he was hanged in September 2020.. A report on how the Iranian regime continues, even after his death, to torment his family, is [Jihad Watch](#).