



ISOLATED AND VOICELESS

War is no longer a distant threat for the people of Iran; it is a daily reality. And behind the headlines, ordinary families are paying the price.

In recent weeks, what began as widespread unrest over economic collapse and government corruption has escalated into something far more devastating. Military strikes, growing instability, and continued unrest have left millions of Iranians vulnerable—struggling not only with fear, but with the basic cost of survival.

As the situation intensifies, the economic crisis has deepened. The value of Iran's currency has plummeted even further, sending the price of food, medicine, and everyday essentials soaring beyond what many families can afford.

But statistics alone cannot capture what people are truly experiencing. We recently heard directly from our Youth Ministry Team inside Iran, and their words reveal the human reality behind the current crisis:

"These days, the emotional and psychological state of people here feels extremely heavy. After the killings and

the painful events that have taken place, a deep sense of grief, shock, and exhaustion has settled over us. Many of the young people around me are living with a constant sense of fear and insecurity. Some of us are unable to sleep at night. Others are dealing with severe anxiety. And for many, hope for the future is fading. It feels like nothing is predictable anymore, and that conditions could worsen at any moment.

Economically, the situation is extremely critical. In some areas, essential food items are either scarce or being sold at unbelievably high prices. We go to the store not knowing what we will find—or what we will be able to afford. Banks have imposed strict limits on cash withdrawals, so even accessing our own money has become difficult.

At the same time, the rapid rise in the dollar exchange rate is pushing prices higher every day. Buying and selling has almost come to a standstill.

The market is in deep recession. Many people I know have lost their jobs, and others have seen their income

significantly reduced.

The Internet has also been heavily restricted and unreliable. Many young people, including some close to me, who depend on online work, have lost their source of income. Most online businesses have collapsed and it has become very difficult to communicate with people outside the country.

Beyond the financial pressure, the Internet shutdown has created a deep sense of **isolation and voicelessness**. It feels like we are not being heard, and that we have been cut off from the rest of the world."

Editors Note: The above information is provided by our ministry partner *Iran Alive*.



VENEZUELA

Testimony from Broadcaster

Since the removal of President Maduro, the country has visibly breathed a sigh of relief. Oppression has dwindled, and the common people have felt hope for the first time in decades. On the streets, the people are calling their female interim president "PRESIDENT TRUMP."

If you want to be encouraged, watch a video of the winning baseball team: Team Beisbol Venezuela <https://www.facebook.com/reel/35385137267751752>



MIDDLE EAST

Dr. Edgar Feghaly (pictured right), a Lebanese Christian, has quietly been advancing the cause of Christ in the Middle East and North Africa for decades. He asks for prayer for the persecuted Christians.

1. Iraq: The banks have basically closed. All global transferring of money has been blocked. CRI cannot send the monthly support for its seven stations in Iraq.
2. Kurdistan: An Iranian bombing of an American military base did much damage but did not touch CRI's nearby radio tower.
3. Yemen: One hundred Christians in an underground church have been arrested. No news has been received since their capture. The pastor and his family have fled to a different area where they are in hiding. They move continually to escape detection.
4. Sudan: Ongoing war has forced Christians to run. Some congregations have escaped to South Sudan or Egypt where the pastors are continuing to preach the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO STAND FAITHFULLY DURING PERSECUTION!

URGENT PRAYER

Barbara Zarris, the editor of *The Broadcaster*, has been extremely sick with lung infections and chronic fatigue for two months. She is so ill that she sleeps about twenty-two hours per day. Her treatment includes both chiropractic and holistic medicine. Please pray for Barbara!

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