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Subject: Mehdi Karrubi's open letter to the people

***Karrubi: I will stand by the people and the revolution, until the end of my life.***

To the great and understanding people of Iran:

First I see it necessary to apologize to the people of Iran... We drove our society away from illogical fears and encouraged everyone, on this side and the other side of the Iranian borders to discussions. You accuse this popular movement of being a velvet revolution, while enjoying the complete backing of the state owned media. What kind of velvet revolution is this, the leaders of which are two of the oldest and most experienced aides of the late Imam [Khomeini] and have furthermore been approved by the Guardian Council, as candidates, as well as the Supreme leadership and enjoyed at least 15 Million votes, according to their own tallies??

I feel the pain of the people of Iran.

With the activities conducted by the government, before and after the elections, as well as by the Guardian Council and a few public entities, in addition to the process of the elections, the government's interventions and the superficial way of addressing complaints, by the Guardian Council... I see these and other actions as the foundation for the annulment of the elections and I will not recognize the legitimacy of the government which has resulted from this process and will not participate in any of its processes, in any way.

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