

Editorial

In recognition of the importance of this ancient rite, which has been celebrated for over 3000 years, Nowruz was inscribed on UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009 and at the suggestion of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in collaboration with countries of Central Asia, Caucasus, and Indian Sun-continent, in 2010, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March as the International Nowruz Day.

For hundreds of years, millions of people from the above-mentioned regions have been celebrating the beginning of spring and the end of winter at their national level, so that families can renew their spirits, remove bad feelings towards each other, get together, and live a lively, happy, and colorful life in the year ahead.

The selection of Nowruz, as the beginning of the New Year, which coincides with the first day of the new rotation of the earth around the sun and the first day of the Solar Hijri Year, shows the expertise of astronomy scholars of ancient Iran and the social and psychological effects of the customs of this Iranian-Islamic festivity on families.

Nowruz is one of the milestones of Iranian-Islamic Civilization; a civilization that inspires originality and connects it to vitality, humanity, nature, control of instincts, monotheism, spirituality, ethics, justice, freedom, peaceful coexistence, resistance, etc.

But, unfortunately, the spring of this year is still under the shadow of global sadness about Gaza and Palestine, the genocide of innocent people by Israel, and the occupation of the Palestinian land by this fake regime with the support of Western civilization.

What is happening in Palestine is a test for Western civilization; a civilization that allows brutality towards Palestinians that has hurt the hearts and souls of the free people of the world.

Undoubtedly, the people of the world will compare the Islamic civilization and the Western civilization with regard to Gaza and the values these two civilizations stand for. They also examine which of the two are actually beneficial to humanity.

In the end, I would like to extend my congratulations on the occasion of the coming Nowruz and the concurrence of the spring of nature with the spring of worship, i.e. the holy and blessed month of Ramadan, which is the great month of God.

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