

# Russian Foreign Ministry Slams U.S. Over Iran Protests

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Russia's Foreign Ministry has castigated the United States for supporting anti-government protests in Iran, after the U.S. envoy to the United Nations pledged to support the protesters.

At least 21 people have reportedly died in nationwide demonstrations, the largest wave of unrest to sweep Iran since protests against election fraud in 2009. U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said late Tuesday that it plans to call an emergency UN session in support of the Iranian protesters.

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.@USUN Ambassador Haley: In these first days of 2018, nowhere is the urgency of peace, security, and freedom being more tested than in [#Iran](#). It takes great bravery for the Iranian people to use the power of their voice against their government. [pic.twitter.com/feHu152sGd](https://pic.twitter.com/feHu152sGd)

— Department of State (@StateDept) [January 2, 2018](#)

Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova responded on Facebook [saying](#), "no doubt that the U.S. delegation has a lot to tell the world."

"For example, Nikki Haley can share the American experience of dispersing protests, tell us details of how mass arrests and the crackdown on Occupy Wall Street were made or how Ferguson unrest was quelled," Zakharova wrote.

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[#Zakharova](#): [@nikkihaley](#) said [@USUN](#) would be seeking emergency session of the [#UNSC](#) and [#UNHRC](#). No doubt that [#USA](#) has a lot to tell the world.  
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A day earlier, Moscow [warned](#) that foreign interference in Iran's affairs would be "inadmissible," after U.S. President Donald Trump called for "change" in the Islamic republic on Twitter.

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